

St Philip's Catholic Primary School

Working and learning together through Christ



School Newsletter

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Presentation

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the children and parents of St Philip's School for the tremendous effort you have all made on the children's presentation. Many visitors have commented this half term on how smart the children are. Please can we keep up this excellent start to the new academic year.



Building Improvements

Just a brief update on some of the school's building improvements. The school has recently purchased a new altar to replace the existing one, as it was in immediate need of replacement. We have also added an external focal point to our quiet area in the form of a wooden cross and gazebo. Lastly, we are currently replacing the external screening to enhance the safety of our young people.

Barratt Homes

I met with Stuart Stokes, Senior Site Manager of Barratt Homes, on Monday 21st October. He has informed me that there will be major disruption outside both the school and our church in the second half of the Autumn term. As you may be aware there is a sewage tunnel underneath Messenger Road which has caused the road to collapse from time to time. This needs to be replaced and will mean Messenger Road being closed off in stages, starting in a week or so. He did stress this will be for a limited amount of time but we need to prepare for this disruption. I appreciate your cooperation and patience in advance.



Parents' Evening

Many thanks to all our parents who came to our consultation meeting on Tuesday, 22nd October. It was really useful to meet with you to discuss how your children are progressing in school. It was also a great chance for you to meet your child's new teacher. I would like to thank all those parents who took the time to complete our questionnaire on how we as a Catholic school cater for pupil needs. The results were overwhelmingly positive and we really do value and appreciate your continued support.



Many thanks

I would like to convey our thanks to Mrs Hayley Chilton who attended our recent parents' evening. Hayley represented Barratts in Stuart Stokes' absence. She took time to answer questions about the current housing project and allay any of your fears.

RE Inspection

We have been informed by the Birmingham Archdiocese that we will have a two day RE inspection on 14th and 15th November. Our inspector is Mr Paul Nutt. I will inform you in due course of the inspections findings.

Holiday Clubs

As usual Shireland Collegiate Academy are providing a holiday club on Wednesday during the half-term break for our 9-11 year olds and their families. The activities will include Study Skills; What on Earth; Make your own Hand Cream and Card Making. I'm sure the children and their families who have enrolled for the club will all have an enjoyable time.

Visits

Over the last 3 weeks the following visits have taken place



Yr2— visit to a Buddhist Temple
Yr4—visit to Cadbury World
Yr5—visit to the Black Country
Museum
Yr6—visit to a Mosque

Forthcoming Events

05/11/13—Yr 3 visit Hindu Temple
05/11/13—Holy Communion and
Confirmation meeting
30/11/13—Christmas Bazaar
03/12/13—Yr 1 visit Anglican church
09/12/13—Yr1 visit Wonderland
19/12/13—Carol Service in church at
2.00pm

Packed Lunches

If we could remind parents that any snacks brought into school must be healthy ones such as cereal bars or fruit.



Also, if your child has a packed lunch please ensure that they only contain healthy options such as sandwiches, a piece of fruit, cereal bar and maybe a yogurt—they should not contain any chocolate, crisps, biscuits or highly coloured drinks. This is a national directive, not just a school one. There are still a few children bringing inappropriate things to eat for dinner. For children to be ready for lessons in the afternoon they need to eat a balanced lunch. For this reason, if they bring in chocolate, crisps, etc. they will be taken off them and returned at home time. A school dinner will be provided if the only things in the child’s lunch box are inappropriate such as just chocolate and crisps—parents will be contacted before this happens as they will be required to pay for the lunch.

National School

Meals Week –

mission:nutrition

Sandwell IPS will be launching their new school meals brand mission:nutrition during National School Meals Week which runs from 4th – 8th November 2013. To celebrate the launch, all children staying for a meal on Thursday, 7th November will receive a free mission:nutrition pack.



If your child currently brings a packed lunch to school and you would like him/her to have a school dinner on Thursday, 7th November please book and pay £2.00 at the school office. Your child will then receive a free mission:nutrition pack along with the other children who have school meals.

Year 2’s Food

Tasting Experience

As part of Year 2’s ‘Come Dine With Me’ topic the children had a wonderful experience last week when chefs from a local Bangladeshi restaurant called ‘Little Bangla’ on Langley High Street paid them a visit. The children were able to help prepare the food, the chefs then cooked it ready for the children to taste. A wonderful time was had by all. Well done Year 2 and a big thank you to ‘Little Bangla’.



AUTUMN/SPRING TERM DATES

DATE	EVENT
Autumn Term 2013	
Monday 4 November	Pupils return to school
Friday 20 December	Break for Christmas
Spring Term 2014	
Monday 6 January	Pupils return to school
Friday 14 February	Break for half-term
Monday 24 February	Pupils return to school
Friday 11 April	Pupils break for Easter

Awards over the last 3 weeks have been given to the

Alexandra Dinoo	Thy Pham	Mutsa Chamoko
Caia Lompoko	Serena Abena	Poppy Sharman
Rihanna Knight	Ali Sina Saeedi	Denise Owusu
Nii Ayi Anafu Aryee	Jemma Warren	Remona Gwayi
Tejai Simpson	Dawid Kmiec	Layshawn Williams
Alice Ngo Gwoudoc	Kasia Burris	Evans Boi
Ellie Louise Dalzell	Aleebah Nasir	Brandon Cole
An-Marie Maketo	Zachai Bortlik	Lance Foster
Brandon Lika McDonald	Chude Ndozi	Raechel Boahene
Blessing Ndongala	Keira Darby	Ocean Hyman
Nathaniel Maxfield	Zuliha Khan	Charicha Bortlik
Leyla Kabera-Frank	Jacob Robinson	Jesam Kady
Liedson Kabera-Frank	Reya Basi	Zulhia Khan
Christopher Mark	Dejhaan Johnson	Amina Barrie
N’Cairo Francis	Olivia Marku	Lance Foster
Aaron Jarosz	Benedict Balole	Jaeden Comrie
Aaron Hills	Flavia Muka	Tomijo Maxfield
Hysni Cani	Joshua Obeng	Philtricia Boahene
Leighton Nzessi	Bethany Sowden	

**following pupils:
WELL DONE CHILDREN!**

Please have a good half-term break and we will see you on **Monday, 4th November.**

Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter. Please keep it in a safe place for future reference.

Mr Murphy