

# St Philip's Catholic Primary School

Working and learning together through Christ



## School Newsletter

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I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a happy new year and to let you all know that I have returned to work from my maternity leave. While I was away, the school had a successful Ofsted and Re Inspection. A huge thank you to all the staff, Governors, Parents and Children and for all your support in making St Philip's School a wonderful place.

### Basic Skills Reward

We achieved our Basic Skill Renewal Quality Mark Award this half term and I would like to thank the parents who supported us and the all staff and children who helped us achieve this award for the third time. Well Done !!

### School Uniform

Thank you to all our pupils for making such an effort to dress smartly after our whole school assembly on presentation. It is so pleasing to see our pupils take such pride in their appearance and trying to ensure they are always dressed in accordance with our home school agreement on school uniform.



### Hats and Scarves

As the weather is very cold and blustery please ensure that your child is dressed in warm outdoor clothing for when they go out on to the playground. Please remember to name all your child's clothing.



### Attendance

If your child is absent from school through illness or other reason please telephone the school on the first day of absence and leave a clear message on the answer machine stating your child's name, class and reason for absence. Please remember children need to be in line on the playground at 8.50 am for our school day to start.



### Children's Safety

When you drop your children at school in the morning please ensure that you see them in through the gates to ensure their arrival into school. School starts at 8:50 am and we ask you to stay with your child until the bell is rung at 8:50 and your child's teacher is ready to collect them on the playground. If your child is attending an after school club please ensure that there is an adult to collect him/her after the club has finished. If you are unavoidably delayed could you please contact school at your earliest convenience.

### School entrance on Messenger Road

Please can I ask parents not to drive on to the front car park of the school on Messenger Road. For safety reasons this could potentially be putting pupils and adults at risk if you are reversing during the beginning and end of the school day. The car park needs to be kept clear for STAFF and DELIVERIES ONLY! Please do not park on the yellow zig zag lines outside the EYFS entrance as this is endangering children's safety. The PCSO officers are also monitoring the parking around the



### Staffing

We say goodbye to Mrs Grigg in year 4 this week and Mrs Holden at the end of the month as they start their maternity leave. We wish them the very best and luck for the future. We welcome Miss Anslow who will be taking over from Mrs Grigg in year 4 while she is on maternity leave.

Mrs McKenzie had a beautiful baby girl and we wish them all the very best.



**SPORTS PREMIUM**

**What is Sports Premium?**

The Government is providing funding of £150 million per annum for the academic years 2013/14 and 2014/15 to provide new, substantial primary school sport funding.

This funding is being jointly provided by the Departments for Education, Health and Culture, Media and Sport, and will see money going directly to primary school Head teachers to spend on improving the quality of sport and PE for all their children.

The sport funding can only be spent on sport and PE provision in schools.

**Purpose of the Funding**

Schools will have to spend the sport funding on improving their provision of PE and sport, but they will have the freedom to choose they do this. Possible uses for the funding include:

- Hiring specialist PE teachers or qualified sports coaches to work alongside primary teachers when teaching PE.
- New or additional Change4 Life sport clubs.
- Paying for professional development opportunities in PE/sport.
- Providing cover to release primary teachers for professional development in PE/sport.
- Running sport competitions, or increasing participation in the school games.
- Buying quality assured professional development modules or materials for PE/sport.
- Providing places for pupils on after school sport clubs and holiday clubs.

**Nut Allergies**

Please ensure that **NO NUT PRODUCTS** are brought to school by your children this includes; food, Vaseline, lip balm, and other oily products that contain nuts as this is a danger to some pupils.



**Healthy Lunches**

We are a platinum healthy school and we are very proud of our achievement, however, we have seen an increase in crisps, sweets, chocolate and cakes coming into school. Parents are reminded that any children with unhealthy snacks will be asked to take them home. Please speak to Mr Padoton if you are unsure of which snacks your child can have.



**SCHOOL TERM DATES**



DATE	EVENT
Friday 14 February	Break for half-term
Monday 24 February	Pupils return to school
Friday 11 April	Pupils break for Easter
<b>Summer Term 2014</b>	
Monday 28 April	Pupils return to school
Monday 5 May	School closed for May Day
Friday 23 May	Break for half-term
Monday 2 June	Pupils return to school
Friday 20 June	Teacher Training Day
Friday 18 July	Break for Summer

I do hope the children enjoy a well-earned break and return to school on Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> February 2014 feeling refreshed. Well done to all our children this half term for all their achievements and rewards they have received.

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

*Mrs Hinton*