

St Philip's Catholic Primary School

Working and learning together through Christ



School Newsletter

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School entrance on Messenger Road

Please can I remind 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 school.



Children's Safety

When you drop your children at school in the morning please ensure that you see them 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.



Contact Details

Please ensure that the school office has your most up to date details. We have had a number of cases that we have tried to contact parents and the mobile or land line number is unavailable.



Wednesday Word

St Philip's have purchased the Wednesday Word. It is a Colourful A4 double sided sheet that your child will receive each Wednesday. It follows the calendar of the catholic liturgical year and, at the moment, it follows the season of Lent. It has the Gospel focus for the week and reflections to read through as a family. There are also activities for you and your children to complete. Please take the time to read and enjoy.



Website

We are working on our new school website and we will notify you when it is launched and you can access it.



Can you make a difference?

There is a vacancy for a parent governor. If you would like to be involved in finding out more about school life and making a difference, then please see Mrs Hinton for more details about the role of being a parent governor.

Parents' Evening

Our next Parents' Evening is on Tuesday 1st April. Letters will be sent out shortly for you to choose a suitable appointment time. Parents' Evenings give you the opportunity to speak with your child's teacher about his/her progress, behaviour and achievements this term. I hope you will be able to attend.



Healthy Snacks

We are very proud of our platinum award for Healthy Eating at St Philip's. We have lately noticed a big increase in unhealthy snacks in lunch boxes and at playtime. Please help your children by providing healthy snacks for them to eat in school.



Achievements

During this term children across the school have participated in sports activities, writing competitions, citizenship programme, and many more. Congratulations to all the children that have achieved this term. Well Done.

YESSmethwick Netball League Results (group 2)

St Hubert's 0—St Philip's 5



YESSmethwick Football League Results (group 1)

St Matthew's 1—St Philip's 10



Sainsbury's Vouchers

We are yet again collecting vouchers for free PE equipment for the children. Please ask friends and relatives to collect vouchers and send them into school with your child. Every little bit helps.



CHARITY FUNDRAISING

Thank you to all parents who have supported our recent fundraising days.

DOODLE DAY

We raised £67.40 which will be forwarded to Epilepsy Action.

MUFTY DAY

This day raised plenty of tinned food which will be taken to Brushstrokes to be handed out to the needy.

Free Trip to Weston-Super-Mare

Thank you to those parents who returned their applications for the trip to Weston-Super-Mare. The application process has now closed.

Four workshops are to be completed by parents who applied. Workshops will start week beginning 17th March and will be held at Shireland Collegiate Academy. Times will vary and will be held either on weekdays or at the week-end. A full list of workshops will be available shortly.



Parish Masses

Please join us on Sunday for our school parish mass. Please send your child to the front left side of the church where the teachers will be there to greet them. The children take part in our school parish masses through singing , altar serving or reading. Please join us.

Parish Masses for the remainder of the school year are:

- Sunday 16th March**
- Sunday 11th May - First Holy Communion.**
- Thursday 5th June - Confirmation**
- Sunday 6th July - End of School year mass.**

SCHOOL TERM DATES



DATE	EVENT
Spring Term 2014	
Friday 11 April	Pupils break for Easter
Summer Term 2014	
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

JOKE OF THE WEEK

What do you get when you cross a karate expert with a pig?



Answer: Pork chops!!

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

Mrs Hinton