

St Philip's Catholic Primary School

Working and learning together through Christ



School Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers

We have come to the end a very busy term. I would like to congratulate our children on all the wonderful achievements they have achieved this term in sporting events, academic achievements and taking part in activities where they have represented our school. WELL DONE CHILDREN!

Lent Fundraising

Thank you for your support with our Lenten fundraising this year, we have raised £27.83 for the Good Shepherd Appeal. We have also helped the parish of St Philip's to raise awareness of the Food Bank Appeal for families in our local and wider community. THANK YOU.

School Day

The school day starts at **8:50 am** and children should in line ready for their class teachers to greet them. **Please ensure that you stay with your child/children until they are in line to enter school when the bell goes.** This is important for the safety of our children.



Safeguarding

St Philip's Catholic School is committed to safeguarding all children. It is very important that our children are safe when they arrive and leave school. When your child arrives at school please ensure that are safely inside the gates and they are lining up ready to start school. At the end of the day please ensure that your children are collected and leaves with an adult to ensure their safety. If your child is at an afterschool club please collect them at the end of the club from the school reception. If you are unavoidably late then please telephone the school office to let us know.

Baptismal Certificates.



If your child has been baptised a Catholic then it is very important that school has received a copy of their Baptismal Certificate. If you need any advice or support you can speak to Mrs Howell at the school office. If you are thinking about Baptism for your child, then Father Erasmus is happy to support you and your family. You can contact him on 0121 558 1065.

Sacramental Preparation



This year, our children are preparing for the Sacrament of Holy Communion and Confirmation. The dates for these very special occasions are: First Holy Communion is on Sunday 11th May at 10:00 am and Confirmation is on Thursday 5th June at 7:00pm. Letters will be sent to you with information about a parents' meeting and other important information.

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.



Year 2 and year 6



Year 2 and Year 6 are classes that take part in statutory testing during May. It is very important that your all children are in school on time to start their day. Year 6 SAT's week is week beginning Monday, 12th May to Thursday 15th May. Year 2 SAT's will be delivered throughout the month of May. It is very important to note that the children cannot re-sit the tests if they are absent.

School Uniform



A huge thank you for sending our children into school so smartly in their school uniform this term and for following our uniform policy. A polite reminder that we do not allow hair sculpting, tramlines, engravings or patterns of any description. Please also remember that nail varnish, jewellery of any description and trainers are not allowed. Your support really is appreciated – visitors always comment on how smart, kind and well behaved our pupils are. THANK YOU!

Goodbye



We say goodbye to Mr Simmons and Miss Vanstone this term. Both Mr Simmons and Miss Vanstone have been valued members of St Philip's School. They both are moving on to new schools after gaining promotions. We wish them both the very best for the future. Year 6 will be taught by Mr Robinson and Reception will be taught by Mrs Jagpal. These two members of staff have been a valued part of St Philip's Community.

Healthy Schools



After the Easter holiday, tuck sold from the kitchen at mid-morning break will no longer be available to our children. This will be a trial period for the summer term. We would like children to choose healthy choices from home to eat at mid-morning break. Snacks to bring could be for example, raisins; cereal bars; fruit; yoghurts and other healthy foods. I hope you will support us in trying to keep our children healthy.

Dates for your Diary

Easter Holidays	–	Monday 14 th April – Friday 25 th April
May Bank Holiday	–	Monday 5 th May – School is closed.
First Holy Communion	–	Sunday 11 th May
Year 6 SATS week	-	Monday 12 th May to Thursday 15 th May.
Confirmation	–	Thursday 5 th June
Sports Days	-	Nursery and Reception Monday 9 th June pm. KS2 – Tuesday 10 th June KS1 – Wednesday 11 th June.
Whitsun Holiday	–	Monday 26 th May – Friday 30 th May
Teacher Training Day	–	Friday 20 th June (School is closed to pupils)
Alton Castle	–	Monday 30 th June – Wednesday 2 nd July
End of school year	–	Friday 18 th July



We will notify you of other dates and information through texts and letters home. Please check that you have given school your most up to date details and telephone numbers so that you have all the information school sends out.

School re-opens on Monday, 28th April

Myself, staff and Governors of St Philip's wish you and your family a happy and peaceful Easter break.

Mrs Hinton