



Congratulations to our children this half term for all their achievements in sport, work in class, bikability and representing our school outside of school. Well done children!

### First Holy Communion

If your child is a baptised Catholic and you wish him/her to make his/her First Holy Communion, then please see Mrs Holden who will be happy to give you details of your child preparing for first communion this year. A parents' meeting will be held in school on Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> at 3:15pm. This is an important meeting for parents to attend.



### Black History Month

During the month of October the classes across the school have been learning about key figures in history. The children have enjoyed their research and learning about people who have made a difference in history.



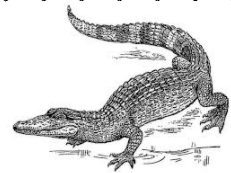
### Film Month

During the month of November classes across the school will be visiting various cinemas where they will have the opportunity to watch a movie that is linked to a topic in their class.



### Exotic Zoo

Foundation and KS1 had a wonderful day when the Exotic Zoo paid us a visit with their amazing endangered animals and unusual dinosaur artefacts. The children had a hands on experience holding meerkats and crocodiles which brought their learning to life.



The workshop covered various elements of the curriculum. The hands on experience provided not only a day to remember, but was a superb way to help the children learn.

### Poppy Appeal

After the half-term break we will be selling poppies on behalf of the British Legion Poppy Appeal. Please give your children at least 20p donation for a poppy. This year we are also selling various kiddie items such as bracelets, flexi rulers, wristbands, bugs, tattoos, hairclips and more. Prices range from 50p - £1.00. Items are limited, therefore, it will be first come first served. Thank you in advance for supporting this worthy charity.



### A Healthy School

Please can I remind you to help our children make healthy choices during snack time and in lunch boxes. We are still seeing a number of crisps, **cakes** and **sweets** in school. Please include healthy snacks in the children's boxes and bags. We try to encourage the children to choose healthy snacks and we are very proud of our Platinum award for being a Healthy School. We are noticing also that children are not eating well at lunchtime when they have packed lunches. Please check your child's lunchbox to see what they have eaten.



### 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 children arrive at school please ensure that they are safely inside the gates of the school. At the end of the day please ensure that your children are collected and leave with an adult to ensure their safety. If your child is at an afterschool club please collect him/her 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.



### Parking

With the ongoing construction work in Messenger Road, the road has been closed at different points over the last few weeks. Please be careful around the school when dropping your children off, as the area can become very busy throughout the day.



### Dates for your Diary and Forthcoming Events



**Christmas Bazaar** - Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> November in the school hall 12-2pm. Come along and join in the fun.

**Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> December** – Enrolment Mass for the children who are making their First Holy Communion.

**Monday, 15th December**—Theatre group in school performing 'Cinderella'.

**Christmas Productions**—details to follow

**Thursday, 18th December**—KS2 Carol Concert

### SCHOOL TERM DATES

Date	Event
<b>Autumn Term 2014</b>	
Wednesday 22 Oct	Break up for Half Term
Thursday 23 Oct	Teacher Training Day
Friday 24 Oct	Teacher Training Day
Monday 3 Nov	Pupils return to school
Friday 19 Dec	Break up for Christmas
<b>Spring Term 2015</b>	
Monday 5 Jan	Pupils return to school
Friday 13 Feb	Break up for Half Term
Monday 23 Feb	Pupils return to school
Friday 27 March	Break up for Easter
<b>Summer Term 2015</b>	
Monday 13 April	Pupils return to school
Monday 4 May	May Day Holiday
Friday 22 May	Break up for Half Term
Monday 1 June	Pupils return to school
Friday 17 July	Last day of Term Break up for summer

### JOKE OF THE WEEK

Why did the picture go to jail?



*Answer: Because it was framed!!*

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

*Mrs Hinton*