



### Sporting Achievements

Congratulations to all the children who have achieved a sporting award this term. The children have been involved in competitions for athletics. The KS1 children won the Sainsbury's Sandwell indoor athletics games. They now qualify for the Black Country games in 2015. KS2 children came 3<sup>rd</sup> out of 11 schools in the north Sandwell. One result for football, was St Philip's 2 Shireland Hall Academy 1. So well done to St Philip's children.

### Contact details

Please keep the school informed of any changes to your contact details, in particular your telephone numbers, in the case that we may have to contact you in an emergency. Thank you.

### Collection of your child

If you are unavoidably late or you are asking someone else to pick your child up from school. Then please let the school office know of the arrangements so that staff are aware.

### After school clubs

Please ensure that you pick up your child after the club is finished from Reception. If you are delayed, please make alternative arrangements to pick your child up and inform the school. If you have given your child permission to walk home from the after school club, then please let Mrs Howell know in the school office. Thank you.

### Class Masses

You are very welcome to join our school masses weekly on a Thursday at 9:15am in the school hall. The children prepare the masses with their teacher during the week and come together to celebrate mass on a Thursday morning. **Please join us.**

### First Holy Communion

Thank you parents for joining us for the communion meeting last week. If you have any further questions then please don't hesitate to speak with Mrs Holden or myself.

If your child is a baptised Catholic and he/she is in a another year group or have recently joined our school and you would like them to make the sacrament of Communion next year then please don't hesitate to speak with Mrs Holden . Alternately you speak with Father Erasmus or telephone him on 0121 558 1065.

### Film Month

Classes from across the school have had the opportunity to visit the Cinema this term. The Films that the children have seen were free and part of movie month. The movies the children saw are linked to their topic within the curriculum. The children have thoroughly enjoyed the experience of the Cinema and watching the movies!

### Month of Remembrance

A big thank you Parents and children for donating to the poppy appeal. As this year was a special year of commemorating 100 years of the first world war, the children were able to contribute by buying poppies, rulers, pencils, hair clips, bracelets amongst other things. Once a total comes into school of how much we have donated I will let you know. Thank you. On November 11<sup>th</sup> the school had a curriculum focus day on remembering WW1. The children wrote stories, poems, created some art work and made a poppy with a prayer that Father Erasmus blessed in our prayer garden. You are welcome to look at the poppies in the prayer area in KS2.

### Curriculum Parents' Workshops.

Thank you parents for joining your children for the workshops. It was clear that you and the children had lots of fun doing lots of activities that were linked to the children's curriculum topics. There will be more dates coming soon, so please try and join us!

### Anti -Bullying Week

This week is national Anti-Bullying Week. During the week the children will be joining in workshops to look at aspects of all bullying, cyber, phone and other aspects of bullying. We hope that by the end of this week the children have a clear understanding of how to identify signs and what to do to get help.

### Parish Christmas Bazaar

A huge thank you parents for supporting the Parish Bazaar so far with contributing to mufti days. The Christmas Bazaar is on Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> November from 12:00 - 2:00pm in the school hall. Please join us, there will be lots of fun to be had by all!!!

### Children's Christmas Lunch

The Christmas dinner for the children this year is on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December. The cost of the school lunch is £2:00. If your child currently has sandwiches for lunch and you would like him/her to join us for Christmas dinner on that day please complete and return the flier sent home with payment of £2.00 by Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> November.

### Dates for your Diary

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November**— Christmas Bazaar 12.00 - 2.00pm

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December** -Year 1 - Telford Wonderland

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December** - Enrolment Mass for the children making their First Holy Communion

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December** - Children's Christmas Lunch

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December** - EYFS Christmas production

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December** - KS1 Christmas production

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December** - EYFS visit to Hatton Country Farm

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December** - School pantomime showing the performance of Cinderella

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December** - KS2 Carol Concert

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December** - Children's Christmas parties

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December** - End of term mass at 9:15am

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December** - End of term and children break up at 3:00pm

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2015** - Children return to school.

### JOKE OF THE WEEK

*Doctor, doctor, my son has just swallowed a bullet. What should I do?*

*'To begin with, don't point him at me!'*



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

*Mrs Hinton*