



Dear Parents/Carers

Happy New Year to you all and I hope you had a lovely Christmas break.

Welcome back to a busy term at St Philip's, with a lot of exciting things happening in school.

Uniform and PE Kits



Thank you for your continued support with our school uniform. Teachers have noticed that there are still children who don't have their PE kits in school. PE is an important area of the curriculum for the children to be involved in. Please check that your child has a white t-shirt and blue shorts and pumps for PE.

Contact Details

If your contact details have changed since you have returned the pink forms, Please ensure that you let the school office know of new numbers and other information for us to contact you directly. It is very important that we can contact you if your child is ill, had an accident or is late being picked up from school.



Parking/dropping off your child at school



As work continues around the school, it is really important to take care as you approach the school in cars and by foot as you accompany your children into the building. Please DO NOT leave younger children to walk into the school unaccompanied.

Money in School

From January onwards please ensure that any money for lunch, school trips, nursery fees etc are popped into a sealed envelope with your child's name, class, amount and what the money is for on the envelope and given directly to the school office. Please do not pass money to teachers, only to the office. Thank you.



After school clubs



The Spring afterschool clubs have started with lots of exciting activities. If your child has signed up to clubs it is important that they are committed to the activity weekly. Please ensure that you pick up your child after the club is finished from the school office. If you are delayed, please make alternative arrangements to pick your child up and inform the school. Thank you.

School Mass

Every Thursday we celebrate mass, the children lead with the readings and hymns. Mass is at 9:15 am in the school hall. Please join us.



Young Voices



The children in the choir during last term have been preparing for the Young Voices concert at the LG Arena. The children had an amazing time and were so excited to be part of a wonderful event. Well done children and thank you to the staff who have prepared the children and accompanied them.

French lessons have started

As part of the new curriculum, languages are very important, therefore, last week Yrs 2 - 6 started their French lessons. The children enjoyed the lessons very much. If any of parents/carers are French speaking please do try to practice with your children it will help them so much.



Leaving



We say goodbye to Mrs Stevens who is leaving at the beginning of February. Mrs Stevens has been at St Philip's School for 8 years. We wish Mrs Stevens all the very best wishes for the future and in her new job.

Rights Respected School Award

This year St Philip's is aiming to become a Rights Respecting School. Pupils have been chosen to represent each class from Years 2 to 6 and, out of those children, they will be responsible for reporting back to Nursery to Year 1. The children and staff will be working towards achieving the Rights Respecting Schools Award (RRSA).



The Rights Respecting Schools Award (RRSA) recognises achievement in putting the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) at the heart of a school's planning, policies, practice and ethos. A rights-respecting school not only teaches about children's rights but also models rights and respect in all its relationships: between pupils and adults, between adults and between pupils.

We hope you will support your children as we begin our journey to becoming a rights respecting school.

Safeguarding our Children



At St Philip's School we have a responsibility to ensure all children's safety with cyber, social, mobile phones and internet usage. Please ensure that if your child has a mobile phone or access to the internet that as parents you are able to monitor your child's usage. During this term there will be a focussed week on the safety of online and cyber usage at home as school has to deal with home usage and comments that has caused upset to other children.

Unforeseen School Closure

In the event of the school being closed due to unforeseen circumstances such as heavy snowfall you will receive a text as soon as a decision has been made to confirm that the school is closed. If no text is sent to you then the school is OPEN AS USUAL. Please rely on the text service we provide for you and DO NOT telephone the school to check if it is open. Excess telephone calls on these mornings stop other calls coming through from external agencies etc. Please also keep your contact numbers up-to-date so you don't miss out on important information. Thank you.



SCHOOL TERM DATES

Date	Event
Spring Term 2015	
Friday 13 Feb	Break up for Half Term
Monday 23 Feb	Pupils return to school
Friday 27 March	Break up for Easter
Summer Term 2015	
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

COMPETITION—'Find the Sentence'

Read this newsletter and find the sentence printed below. The first 2 children in each class to tell Mrs Holwell on Monday morning which paragraph the sentence appears in will win a key-ring. The sentence is

'The children had an amazing time and were so excited to be part of a wonderful event.'

Best of luck!

JOKE OF THE WEEK

Teacher: 'If I had ten apples in one hand and twelve apples in the other hand, what would I have?'

Pupil: The biggest hands anyone's ever seen!



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

Mrs Hinton