



Welcome back to a new half term. Hope you have had a lovely break and the children are ready for a busy half term up to Easter.

Congratulations to our School Staff, Parents and Children

On 26th January 2015 I received a letter from Rt Hon David Laws MP who is the Minister of State for Schools. Rt Hon David Laws wrote to congratulate our school on our schools improvement in the Key Stage 2 results of our pupils since 2011. He states that we, as a school, are highly effective in educating our disadvantaged pupils. He further states that our staff have provided our children with a good start in life and prepared them well for secondary school.

In 2013 I received another letter from Rt Hon David Laws MP who wrote to me to congratulate us as being within the top 250 schools in the schools for progress of disadvantaged pupils.

Wow! what a wonderful achievement for our school! I am so very proud of this achievement. The letters will be uploaded to the website where you can read them fully.

Our School Website

I am absolutely delighted to announce that our school website is now live and has been re-launched after months of being modernised and updated. The address is www.st-philips.sandwell.sch.uk/.

Please visit our website and navigate around the different sections giving you support and information about our school. You can post a message on the guest book page to let us know your thoughts.

Polite reminder!

Could you please ensure that your child is not wearing dangly earrings or jewellery to school. We are seeing an increase in children wearing jewellery and this could be potentially dangerous if your child is involved in an accident in school. Thank you for your continuing support with our school uniform, but please ensure that the children are wearing appropriate footwear and not trainers to school.

Thank you Parents

I would like to thank you for your support with attending meetings and workshops for your children. Over the last term we have held, PEAL projects in reception, parent workshops and parents meetings on the new curriculum and SATS. These have been very successful with your support! Thank you.

After School Clubs

We offer a variety of after school clubs over the year and the clubs are very popular. Please ensure that if your child has signed up for a club that they attend as many as possible. I understand that circumstances change and if this is the case, could you let the school office know then another child could be allocated a place. Thank you.

Physical Education

The PE curriculum across school involves dance, gym, competitive sport amongst other skills. During dance and gym lessons the children participate in activities that are bare foot. Please make the school aware of any foot problems your child may have for example: verruca's. If this is the case then let your child's teacher know and cover up the affected area of the foot so this ensures that infection does not spread.

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

Mrs Hinton

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 3rd March - Parents' Evening

Thursday 5th March - World Book Day

Wednesday 18th March - EYFS Multi-Cultural day.

Monday 24th March - Tag Rugby tournament with KS2 children.

Wednesday 25th March - Easter Bonnet Parade for Years 1 and 2.

Thursday 26th March—Easter Bonnet Parade for Nursery and Reception.

Friday 27th March - Children break up for Easter at 3:00pm

Monday 13th April - Children return to school.

SCHOOL TERM DATES 2015/2016

Date	Event
Autumn Term 2015	
Wednesday 2 September	Teacher Training day
Thursday 3 September	Pupils return to school
Thursday 22 October	Break up for Half Term
Friday 23 October	Teacher Training Day
Monday 2 November	Pupils return to school
Friday 18 December	Break up for Christmas
Spring Term 2016	
Monday 4 January	Pupils return to school
Friday 12 February	Break up for Half Term
Monday 22 February	Pupils return to school
Thursday 24 March	Break up for Easter
Summer Term 2016	
Monday 11 April	Pupils return to school
Monday 2 May	May Day Holiday
Friday 27 May	Break up for Half Term
Monday 6 June	Pupils return to school
Thursday 21 July	Last day of Term Break up for summer