



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

**P** I cannot stress enough to take care as you approach the school in cars and by foot whilst you accompany your children into the building, the car park area at the back of the school is very busy in the morning and at home time. Please **DO NOT** leave younger children at the top of the road to walk into the school unaccompanied. We would like the children to get into school safely.

### 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.

### French lessons

As part of the new curriculum, languages continue to be very important. Children from year 1-5 this term do French. The children enjoyed the lessons very much. If any parents/carers are French speaking please do try to practice with your children it will help them so much.



### Healthy Lifestyles

As part of our focus on keeping healthy, our school is involved in lots of activities within the week to help to achieve a healthy lifestyle. This half-term, in PE, year 4 and 10 children from year 2 are learning to swim. The school has also provided every child with a skipping rope to support them with their skills. Also, we will be welcoming a Famous Athlete to our school to inspire our children to have a love for sports. Further details about this event will follow later in the week.

Also a huge well done to the children who took part in the Swimming Gala. The children had a great time and enjoyed being part of the gala event. Well done to all the children!

## AMERICAN THEMED LUNCH



On Thursday this week the school cook will be preparing an American Themed Lunch for the children. If your child currently brings sandwiches for lunch and is in Yrs 3–6 they are welcome to purchase a meal for £2. If your child is in Reception–Yr2 and normally bring sandwiches just let the office now and he/she can have a free meal.

### 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, 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 is increasingly having to deal with home usage and comments that cause 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

<b>Spring Term 2016</b>	
Friday 12 February	Break up for Half Term
Monday 22 February	Pupils return to school
Thursday 24 March	Break up for Easter
<b>Summer Term 2015</b>	
Monday 11 April	Pupils return to school
Friday 29th April	Teacher Training Day
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

### JOKE OF THE WEEK

*What goes up and down but does not move?*

*Answer: Stairs*



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

*Mrs Hinton*