



We are mid way through our Spring term and I would like to congratulate the children on all their achievements this term and thank you parents for your support.

Our Lenten Charity

During the season of lent we as a school choose a charity to support. This year we have chosen CAFOD. The work that CAFOD does around the world is wonderful. Over the next two weeks, on our fundraising days, all monies raised will go towards CAFOD. Thank you parents for supporting.

World Book Day

We celebrated world book day last Friday with the children and staff really getting into the spirit of dressing up as their favourite characters. The children enjoyed a variety of activities to share the love of books and reading. A lovely day was had by all !

Beat the Street

Sandwell has launched a healthy project to encourage children to walk to school and enjoy walking as an exercise. The children have been given a map and fob which they can use at certain points around our local area to gain points for our school. This has been a huge success with our children. We ask that you continue to take part in the project over the next few weeks and gain as many points for St Philip's School!

Our School Website

Our school website is full of useful and up to date information. Please log on and have a look. You can post a message on the guest book page to let us know your thoughts.

The address is : www.st-philips.sandwell.sch.uk/.

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.

School Photos

Braiswick Photographer will be in school on 20th April to take class group photos of the children. We will remind you closer to the time.

Polite reminders!

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. Also we have noticed a rise in inappropriate footwear in school, please remember that we ask the children to wear sensible black shoes. Trainers are not permitted. We appreciate your support in sending our children to school dressed smartly.

Safeguarding

Please ensure that you drop your child off at the school gates and not at the top of the road. There is still a lot of traffic with the construction sites and this is potentially dangerous for our children. Thank you.

AMMENDED TERM DATES 2016/2017

Date	Event
Autumn Term 2016	
Monday 5 September	Pupils return to school
Wednesday 19 October	Pupils break up for Half Term
Thursday 20 October	Teacher Training Day
Friday 21 October	Teacher Training Day
Monday 31 October	Pupils return to school
Friday 16 December	Break up for Christmas
Spring Term 2017	
Tuesday 3 January	Teacher Training Day
Wednesday 4 January	Pupils return to school
Friday 17 February	Break up for Half Term
Monday 27 February	Pupils return to school
Friday 7 April	Break up for Easter
Summer Term 2017	
Monday 24 April	Pupils return to school
Monday 1 May	May Day Bank Holiday
Friday 26 May	Break up for Half Term
Monday 5 June	Pupils return to school
Friday 21 July	Pupils break up for Summer
Monday 24 July	Teacher Training Day
Tuesday 25 July	Teacher Training Day

Dates for your diary

Monday 14th March—Brilliant in Britain Week

Wednesday 16th March—Cake sale for the whole school.

Thursday 17th March—Mufti day—wear something Green for school saint, St Patrick.

Friday 18th March—Confessions for Years 4,5 and 6 .

Week beginning 21st March- Holy week assemblies. (A flyer will be sent out for times and dates. Please join us)

Thursday 23rd March—school breaks up for Easter at 3:00pm

Monday 11th April - Children return to school.

Monday 9th May—KS2 SATS week.

Monday 16th May—Multi -faith week.

Sunday 22nd May—First Holy Communion

Monday 27th June—Sports week.

Tuesday 28th June—Confirmation.

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

Mrs Hinton