



Welcome back to school and the start to a busy term. I hope you had a happy Easter and a lovely holiday.

### Welcome

We welcome Mr O'Connor in year 5 and Mrs Hill in Nursery to our school. They are our new permanent teachers in KS2 and EYFS this term.

### Our School Website

There is lots of information and some wonderful examples of the children's work and activities that the children have been involved in whilst in class and visiting our community. Please log on and have a look. You and the children can also post a message on the guest book page to let us know your thoughts about our lovely school and website.

The address is : [www.st-philips.sandwell.sch.uk/](http://www.st-philips.sandwell.sch.uk/).

### Lost Property

We have seen a rise in lost property around school. At the end of each month and half term, Mr Ziobrowski will display the lost property outside. So if your child has lost any uniform in school please take a look. Please can I remind you to label your children's clothing with their name to avoid them losing their belongings. Thank you.

### Healthy Choices

We are very proud of our Platinum Healthy School Award. **Please support your children to make healthy choices for break times and at lunchtimes in their lunch boxes.**

We are seeing an increase in crisps, chocolate and sweets. These are not healthy choices for everyday. Please choose the children's snacks with a careful thought. Thank you for your support.

### 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

The school photographer is in school next Wednesday, 27rd April. They will be taking class group photos. I am sure that you will want the best photo taken of your children so please send them in looking smart in their full school uniform. If you require a school tie they are available in the school office at a cost of £2.

### Safeguarding

Recently there has been an increase in children not being collected from school on time at the end of the day. If this is a regular occurrence it can be deemed as abandonment of a child/ren, therefore, for safeguarding reasons, we will have no alternative but to contact Social Services and inform them of our concerns. If you cannot collect your child/ren at the end of the school day you should make arrangements with a family member or friend to collect them for you.

### Hairstyles

Please continue to support our policy on appropriate hairstyles for school. There should be no hair sculptures or tram lines, shaving, highlights or hair colouring of any description. Extreme hairstyles should only be considered at the beginning of the summer holiday. Thank you so much for your support.

### Safeguarding

Please ensure that you drop your children 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. If you have any concerns with safeguarding, then please speak with a member of staff. Thank you.

### Car park

Can I remind parents, for the children's safety, not to drive onto the staff car park at the front of the school during the day. It is the main entrance and exit for adults and children to and from the main entrance of school. Thank you.

### Visitor/Pupil Signing in System

You may have noticed inside our reception area we have a new screen for our visitors and parents to use. If your child/ren are late for school you will be asked to register them by using the screen. Also, if you need to collect your child for a medical appointment etc you will need to sign them in or out using the screen. This new technology is to make our school a safer place to be.

## SUMMER TERM DATES 2015/2016

Date	Event
<b>Summer Term 2015</b>	
Friday 29 April	Teacher Training Day
Monday 4 May	May Day Holiday
Friday 27 May	Break up for Half Term
Monday 6 June	Pupils return to school
Friday 21 July	Last day of Term Break up for summer

### Dates for your diary

**Sunday 24th April**—School Parish Mass  
**Wednesday 27th April**—School Photographer  
**Monday 9th May**—KS2 SATS week.  
**Sunday 22nd May**- First Holy Communion Mass  
**Monday 6th June**- Brilliant in Britain week  
**Monday 13th June**—Phonics testing week  
**Sunday 19th June**- School Parish Mass  
**Friday 10th July**—Queen's official birthday celebration  
**Monday 20th June**- Multi Faith 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*