



I hope you have had a lovely half term break and we look forward to a busy rest of the term.

Our Lenten Charity

During the season of lent we as a school choose a charity to support. This year we have chosen the Good Shepherd appeal and CAFOD for family fast day. The work that CAFOD does around the world is wonderful. Over the coming weeks we will be dedicating almsgiving to CAFOD and The good shepherd appeal. Thank you parents for supporting.

World Book Day

We celebrated world book day last Thursday 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.

Science Week

Next week is national Science week and during the week the children will be involved in investigative experiments within the classroom and around school. Miss Anslow will launch a competition and the children will be invited to dress up as a Scientist on Wednesday 15th March. If your child is interested in Science and has done experiments at home with you then let us know. We would love to hear about the this.

Beat the Street

Sandwell has re-launched the healthy project to encourage children to walk to school and enjoy walking as an exercise. This was a great success last year and all children enjoyed being part of this. 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. 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. You never know we may be the best school in Smethwick!

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. 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 2nd May 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. Could you also please ensure that children don't have hairstyles that include patterns and lines. 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 and this is potentially dangerous for our children. If you have a concern about your child, please come and see us. We want to support you to ensure that our children are happy and safe in school. Thank you.

Online Safety

We are working with the local authority to ensure our children are safe when using computers and social media. Over the next few weeks we will be offering workshops for classes in KS2 and a parent workshop for you to come along, listen and speak to us about any concerns or worries you may have.

Thursday 23rd March—Year 2 and 3 parents workshop and meeting 9:00 -10:00 in the hall.

Friday 24th March year 4 and 5 parents workshop and meeting in the hall at 9:00-10:00.

Please try and attend these important meetings to help us understand the potential dangers.

Dates for your diary

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

Sunday 19th March — School Parish Mass

Tuesday 4th April — Confessions for Years 4, 5 and 6 .

Week beginning 3rd April - Holy week assemblies. (A flyer will be sent out for times and dates. Please join us)

Thursday 6th April — Easter Bonnett Parade for KS1

Friday 7th April — School breaks up for Easter at 3:00pm

Monday 24th April - Children return to school.

Wednesday 26th April — Athlete in School.

Thursday 27th April — MAC Feast mass for St Catherine of Siena MAC schools. at 10:00 am You are most welcome to join us .

Thursday 27th April — As part of British Values week, Councillor Steve Ealing is in school to talk to the children.

Monday 8th May — KS2 SATS week.

Wednesday 17th May-19th May — Ingestre Hall visit for year 5 & 6 children.

Sunday 21st May — School parish mass.

Friday 26th May - School breaks up for half term at 3.00pm

Monday 5th June - Children return to school

Sunday 18th June — First Holy Communion

Wednesday 5th July—7th July — Edgmond Hall visit for year 3 & 4 children

Friday 21st July - School breaks up for summer holiday 3.00pm

Monday 24th & Tuesday 25th July - Teacher Training Days

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

Mrs Hinton