



Welcome back to a new half term this summer term. Thank you for sending the children into school so smartly in their uniform.

### Polite reminder — 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.

### Healthy Choices

We continue to be 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.** Please choose the children's snacks with a careful thought. We are seeing a rise in unhealthy snacks across school. Please check your child's lunchboxes and this will give you an indication of how much your child has eaten. Thank you for your support.

### Our School Website

Please remember to visit our school website which 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/](http://www.st-philips.sandwell.sch.uk/).

### After School Clubs

You should have received an afterschool club letter sharing with you the new clubs school offers this term. The clubs start new each half term which means that your child **DOES NOT** automatically get a place if they were in the same club before the half term. To ensure fairness to all children, please ensure you complete and sign the letter to highlight what club your child wishes to attend. When your child signs up for an afterschool club this half term please ensure that he/she attends as many sessions 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 as there are always waiting lists. Thank you.

### Contact Details

It is very important that school has the most up to date contact details of you telephone numbers. If you have changed contact details, please pop into the office and let the school know. We want ensure that we can contact you directly in the case of an emergency.

### Parking and Safety

Please ensure that you ensure your child/children are safety inside the school gates and not at the top of the road. There is a lot of traffic around school. Please ensure that you park safely and do not obstruct residents drives or park on the zig zag lines. There are traffic wardens and PCSOs that are active around the school. Breakfast Club children must be accompanied into the reception area to ensure their safety.

### Safeguarding

We are dedicated to safeguarding our young people. If you have any concerns with safeguarding, then please speak with a member of staff or myself and we will endeavour to help and support. The Designated Safeguarding leader in school is Mrs Hinton and Mrs Holden is the deputy. Our safeguarding policy is available on our website. Thank you.

### Attendance

Any absence affects the pattern of a child's schooling and regular absence will seriously affect their learning. Please ensure that you endeavour to get your child to school and in on time. The playground opens at **8:40am** and the school day starts at **8:50am**. If your child arrives to school after the registers close they will receive a late mark. Please remember that taking holidays in term time will affect your child's schooling and we ask for your co-operation to not take your child away in school time.

### Multi-Faith Visits

As part of our religious education and multi-faith curriculum, the classes across the school will have the opportunity to visit places of worship within our community. The Birmingham Diocese wish to promote the visits for all children to participate in. The visits that have been taking place previously have been enjoyed by all the children, by experiencing other faiths and values of different communities within our local area. If you have concerns about the trips please come and see the class teachers, Mrs Holden or myself or put it in writing. Please do not leave the decision with the children to share with school.

### Brilliant in Britain week

This terms focus has been on Democracy and Tolerance. The children in school have been learning about different aspects of living within the UK and how we live in society that promotes British values. All the children have enjoyed being involved in this project across the school and thank you Parents for joining us in our assemblies.

### First Holy Communion

Thank you parents for attending the Communion meeting. Please remember that your child/children will be making their Sacrament of reconciliation on **Tuesday 13th June in the church at 3:15pm**. It is very important that you join your child in the church for this special Sacrament. Please meet your child in the church, where the children will be ready after a practice session with Miss Anslow. After the service has finished, you can take your child home. Please look out for information sent home about the sacrament of reconciliation and arrangements.

### End of the day!

If you are unable to pick your child up on time at the end of the day or there is someone else picking up your child, please telephone the school office to let them know. We want to ensure the children are released safely and securely.

### We really need to ask for your help and support - before and after school - children playing

For safety reasons - children are not allowed to play on the Early Years play equipment before and after school. Please do not allow your child to play on the equipment or play areas before or after school. A number of Key Stage 2 (Year 3, 4, 5 and 6) children are venturing into the Early Years area and playing on the equipment. This is not allowed for safety reasons - older children are too big to be playing around our youngest children and this can be very frightening for our 3 and 4 year olds. Please talk to your Key Stage 2 children and make sure they remain with you under your strict supervision at all times.

### Hot Weather - sun cream, sun hats and drinks!

When we are lucky enough to have some hot sunshine please remember to apply high factor sun cream to your child before school. Please send a cap or sun hat that will provide shade. Please also remember that your child can access water throughout the day. Check with your child if they have their water bottle in school, if this is not the case then we are happy for you to send a water bottle in school for your child.

### Joke Of The Week

Who won the skeleton beauty contest?

Nobody

### Interesting Fact

Did you know that your heart is the same size as your fist!

Date	Event
<b>Autumn Term 2017</b>	
Monday 4 September	Pupils return to school
Wednesday 18 October	Pupils break up for Half Term
Thursday 19 October	Teacher Training Day
Friday 20 October	Teacher Training Day
Monday 30 October	Pupils return to school
Tuesday 19 December	Break up for Christmas
Wednesday 20 December	Teacher Training Day
<b>Spring Term 2018</b>	
Tuesday 2 January	Teacher Training Day
Wednesday 3 January	Teacher Training Day
Thursday 4 January	Pupils return to school
Friday 16 February	Break up for Half Term
Monday 26 February	Pupils return to school
Thursday 29 March	Break up for Easter
<b>Summer Term 2018</b>	
Monday 16 April	Pupils return to school
Monday 7 May	May Day Bank Holiday
Friday 25 May	Break up for Half Term
Monday 4 June	Pupils return to school
Friday 20 July	Pupils break up for Summer

Please keep it in a safe place for future reference.

*Mrs Hinton*