



The summer term is passing by very quickly and lots of things to celebrate. A huge well done to all of the children this term for your achievements in sport, work in class or being a super star in other areas of school life. Well done children.

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 you. The Designated Safeguarding leaders in school is Mrs Hinton and Mrs Holden is the deputy safeguarding lead. Our safeguarding policy is available on our website. Thank you.

Your Child's Safety

Please ensure that you safely bring your child into the school gates and ensure that they have entered the school. Please **DO NOT** leave your children at the school gate or at the top of the road to walk to school on their own. It is your responsibility to ensure that your children are safe at all times, before and after school. Your children's safety is so important to us that we do not want any accidents to occur.

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, especially that there are a number of classes out of school on school trips over the next two weeks.

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. All leave of absence forms should be completed and seen by Mrs Hinton **before** you make any travel arrangements.

After School Clubs

Afterschool clubs finish at the end of this week and will resume in the autumn term. The booster classes for year 5 will finish on **Wednesday 12th July**. There will be a small charge for afterschool clubs from the Autumn term.

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.

Farewell and Goodbye

We say a farewell to Mrs Twigg who has retired from the post of cleaner at St Philip's school. She has been part of the cleaning team for 12 years. We thank Mrs Twigg for all her dedication to St Philip's School and wish her all the very best for her retirement.

We will also be saying a fond farewell to Mrs Katri who will be retiring at the end of this term. Mrs Katri has served as a teacher at St Philip's for 16 Years, she has been dedicated to our children particularly working for most of her career here in Nursery and Reception classes. We thank Mrs Katri for all her hard work, support and dedication to St Philip's School over the years and we wish her happiness in her retirement.

Lastly, we say goodbye to Mrs Holden who has served St Philip's Catholic School for over 5 years as our Deputy Headteacher. Mrs Holden will be taking up a headship in Walsall in September time.

Congratulations to Mrs Holden on her new appointment and we wish her the very best for the future in her new role as Headteacher .

Healthy Choices

We are 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.** We are seeing an increase in crisps, sweets and chocolate in school. Please choose the children's snacks with a careful thought. Thank you for your support.

Parking

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.

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/.

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. Please be reminded that if your child is not picked up promptly, this could result in safeguarding issues.

Joke Of The Week

Who did Frankenstein's Monster bring to Prom?

His Ghoulfriend

Interesting Fact

Did you know a tigers skin is stripy under it's fur

Date	Event
Autumn Term 2017	
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
Spring Term 2018	
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
Summer Term 2018	
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

Forthcoming events

5th July –7th July - Edgmond Hall Trip

Friday 7th July - EYFS Sports day 1.15pm

Monday 10th July — Music Concert, times for your child's class will be sent by text message.

Wednesday 12th July — New Reception Parents meeting at 2:15pm.

Friday 14th July — Trip to Edgmond Hall for 100% attendance

Monday 17th July -Year 4 trip to Essington Farm

Tuesday 18th July—EYFS school visit to Umberslade Farm.

Wednesday 19th July—year 2 trip to Essington Farm

Wednesday 19th July - Year 6 end of year production 2.00pm

Thursday 20th July - Y6 End of term Mass 9.15am

Friday 21st July - Y6 Graduation 9.30am

Friday 21st July — Children break up from school for summer at 3:00pm.

Please keep it in a safe place for future reference.

Mrs Hinton