



We are coming to the end of our academic school year this week. I would like to say a huge thank you for all the support you have given to our school this year. I would also like to share with you how proud I have been of all our children here over the year. We have so many visitors in school and all have said that our children are wonderful, and polite young people.

Staffing for September 2017

Last week, the children had the opportunity to visit their new classes and spend time in their new classes with their teachers.

For September the teaching staff for the classes will be:

- Year 6 - Miss Reaney
- Year 5 - Mr O'Connor
- Year 4 - Miss Lewis
- Year 3- Mr Geary
- Year 2- Mrs Evans
- Year 1 - Miss Anslow
- Reception- Miss Young
- Nursery - Mrs Hill

Farewell to Year 6

A fond farewell to all our year 6 children who will be leaving St Philip's Catholic Primary School this Friday. We wish them all good luck for their future as they enter into the next chapter of their lives to join their Secondary Schools in September.

Farewell

A farewell to Mrs Holden who is taking up her first headship in September. We say goodbye to Mrs Katri who is retiring and Miss Beckford who is our lunchtime supervisor moving to a new role. We wish them all the very best for the future.

Lost property

There will be some boxes of lost property left outside on the playground for you check through. Please take your time look through the clothing as it may belong to your child. If the clothing is unclaimed, you can take some items for your child's uniform in the new year.

Polite reminder for September

Thank you for your continuing support with our school uniform, please ensure that the children are wearing appropriate footwear when they return to school in September and **not trainers or unsuitable footwear** to school. Please ensure that you have labelled your child's clothing in the new year to avoid losing items of clothing. **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.

Leave of Absence

Due to the changes in the Education Regulations 2013 for absence, you must complete a new leave of absence form for, any absence from school for holidays or exceptional circumstances, at least 10 weeks before the leave is due. Please **do not** book any travel arrangements until the response to your request. **No holiday request will be authorised as this is not an exceptional circumstance.** You are able to obtain forms from the office and Mrs Hitch will be able to give you further information.

New academic year

The new term starts on **Monday 4th September 2017**. All children from Year 1–6 return to school to start their new term. Nursery children and Reception children will have phased starting points and letters have been sent home to explain this. If you have not received this information, please pop into the office and Mrs Hitch will share the information with you.

Medication in school

Please collect your child's medication that is in school currently before we break up. Parents can you check the expiry dates and ensure that all inhalers etc have the correct dates on.

PE Kits.

The government have announced that extra funding have been given to all schools with PE Premium money. This money in school is used to support the PE curriculum across the school. Please ensure that your child has his/her PE kits in school in the first week, so that they can participate in the PE activities. Swimming for Y2 and Y3 will be taking place September a letter will be sent home the first week with your child, please ensure they have appropriate swimming kit.

After School Clubs

Our afterschool clubs will start again in the Autumn term. You may be aware within the news of the huge budget cuts school all over the country in our schools. This is going to affect our school and in order to support this, there will be a minimum paying fee for afterschool clubs starting in September. When the timetable of clubs are shared with you in September there will be a small cost attached.

DATES of new academic year

Monday 4th September 2017 - Pupils return to school
Wednesday 18th October 2017 - Pupils break up for half term
Thursday 19th October 2017 - Teacher training day
Friday 20th October 2017 - Teacher training day
Monday 30th October 2017 - Pupils return to school
Tuesday 19th December 2017 - Break up for Christmas
Wednesday 20th December 2017 - Teacher Training Day
Tuesday 2nd January 2018 - Teacher Training Day
Wednesday 3rd January 2018 - Teacher Training Day
Thursday 4th January 2018 - Pupils return to school
Friday 16th February 2018 - Break up for half term
Monday 26th February 2018 - Pupils return to school
Thursday 29th March 2018 - Break up for Easter
Monday 16th April 2018 - Pupils return to school
Monday 7th May 2018 - May Day Bank Holiday
Friday 25th May 2018 - Break up for half term
Monday 4th June 2018 - Pupils return to school
Friday 20th July 2018 - Break up for summer

I wish you all a very happy summer break and hope that we will be lucky to enjoy some lovely weather. Thank you parents for all your support this academic year.

Mrs Hinton