

We have reached the end of the first half of our spring term. A big well done to all of children for your wonderful achievements this half term.

Vocations week

This week has been Vocations week and our theme for the week has been 'What is God calling me to be?' during the week the children will have the opportunity to meet a variety of visitors from all vocations to talk about their calling in life. The children will then be involved in a variety of planned activities throughout the week focusing on vocation and using their gifts and talents.



P.E Kits

Physical Education is an important lesson in school. We have seen a number of children not bringing in their PE kits to take part in this important aspect of the curriculum. Please ensure that your children have their PE kits at the start of the school week to participate in the lessons. Sadly the children who do not have their kits are not able to participate in the lessons. It is only children who have a recognised medical condition who are under consultation from the hospital that miss PE. If this is the case, then can please let your child's teacher know. PE may sometimes take place outside, as it may cold at times your child is able to wear tracksuit bottoms and long sleeved tops.



Healthy choices

A polite reminder to support your child into making healthy food choices at break time and in their lunchboxes. We are very proud of our platinum healthy schools award and making healthy choices is one thing that we were celebrated for. Thank you for your continuing support. Remember, one apple a day keeps the doctor away.



Safer Internet Day

Last week the children were involved in activities focussing on being safe on line. The children were given tips about how they can be safe. Please talk with your child and discuss how to continue to be safe on line. Thank you to the children who joined in with our competition, winners announced this week.

School Uniform

We need to ask for your continued support in order to maintain the high standards of uniform. Please can we respectfully remind you:

- No hair sculptures or tram lines, borders, engravings, shaving, highlights or hair colouring of any description.
- Hooped earrings and jewellery is not allowed.
- Nail varnish is not to be worn during the school week.
- School shoes are to be worn and not other types of trainers. Thank you

School day - collection of children:

Please be reminded that the school day runs from 8:50am to 3:00pm and in Nursery 8:45am—11:45pm and 12:15pm — 3:15pm and all children need to be collected on time. If you cannot collect your child on time yourself and you have made arrangements for a family member or friend to collect him/her from school. Please ensure that these are firm arrangements and that your child is not left for lengthy times unsure of who is collecting him/her. You must inform the office of any alternative arrangements and ensure your password is up to date in the office and the person collecting has the password for when the teacher releases your child.



Date	Event
Spring Term 2018	
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

Key Dates

Saturday 16th February - half term starts.

Monday 26th February—Children return to school. After school clubs start.

Thursday 1st March — World book day and themed lunch day. Children to dress up as their favourite book character.

Sunday 4th March—School/Parish mass at 10:00 am. All welcome

12th March—Year 3 and 4 children visit to Edmond Hall.

Tuesday 13th March—School penitential service for confessions. KS2 classes 1:30pm in the church.

Monday 19th March — Parents Evening

Thursday 29th March—Break up for Easter .

Monday 16th April—Children return to school for new term

Safeguarding our Children

At St Philip's School we have a responsibility to ensure all children's safety with cyber, social, mobile phones and internet usage. Please ensure that, if your child has a mobile phone or access to the internet, as parents, you are able to monitor your child's usage. **Concerns** If you have any concerns or you need support with anything that is a growing problem or concern, we will do our utmost best to help and support you and your family to ensure that the matters are resolved effectively. Please come forward and speak to us with your concern.

Sacraments of Communion and Confirmation 2018- dates for your diary

- First Holy Communion is on **Sunday 13th May at 10:00am** in the church.
- Confirmation is on **Thursday 12th July at 7:00pm** with Bishop Pargetar leading.
- Parents meeting for First Holy Communion Children is **Tuesday 1st May at 3:15pm** in the school hall.
- Sacrament of Reconciliation for First Holy Communion Children is **Tuesday 8th May at 3:15pm** in the church. Parents to attend.

School Website

Please visit our school website where it gives you up to date information and a glimpse of what we do in school. There is a facility to leave a comment about our lovely school and the website in our guestbook section. The address is

www.st-philips.sandwell.sch.uk



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