



We hope you and your family had an enjoyable Easter break. Welcome back to the new term of the Summer Term. This is always a very special time in school as we are in the season of Easter, having enjoyed observing lent and holy week before we broke up.



### Our School Website

Please log on and have a look at our school website. The website offers you key information about our school. Please go to our guest book page and encourage the children to post a message to let us know your thoughts. The address is:  
[www.st-philips.sandwell.sch.uk/](http://www.st-philips.sandwell.sch.uk/).

### Polite reminder!

Thank you for your continuing support with our school uniform, please ensure that the children are wearing appropriate footwear and **not trainers or unsuitable footwear** to school. **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.

### Parking

Please ensure you park safely to drop your children to school at all entrance to school. Please **DO NOT** park on the zig zag lines, on the school car park or over drives and H bars that are outside houses. Please be patient and park safely.

### Healthy Choices

We are very 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. Please talk with your children about making healthy choices. It is important that your child has a healthy lunch. **The new Summer menu for your children's lunches are available.**



### 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.



### Parent Pay

Letters were sent home with your child last week to introduce you to the new parent pay system. At the moment dinner money is able to be paid through this system for your child/ren. We will be introducing payments for breakfast club, nursery and school trips shortly. We advise that all Parent/Carers sign up to this service as we will soon stop taking money in the school office. If you require any further information please contact Mrs Hitch in the office.

## SATS

During the month of May, the children in year 6 and 2 will be completing the statutory SATS tests. The year 6 tests will commence on Monday 14th May—Thursday 17th May. Year 2 children will start their tests during the same week and will continue the activities during the week of 21st May. Can you please ensure that the children are in school and on time and to participate in the tests.

## 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. 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.

## First Holy Communion

On **Sunday 13th May** our children will be making their First Holy Communion. There will be a parents meeting on **Tuesday 1st May** at 3:15pm in the school hall. This meeting will discuss the final arrangements for your child's special day. On **Tuesday 8th May** you are invited to church where the children will be making the Sacrament of Reconciliation at 3:15pm. Please ensure that you attend.



## **TERM DATES**

Date	Event
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

## Dates for the Diary

- **Sacraments of Communion and Confirmation 2018 dates for your diary**
- **Sunday 13th May at 10.00am** First Holy Communion is on in the church.
- **Tuesday 1st May at 3.15 pm** Parents meeting for First Holy Communion Children in the school hall.
- **Tuesday 1st May** Class photographs.
- **Thursday 3rd May** May Procession Mass.
- **Monday 7th May** May day bank holiday School closed
- **Tuesday 8th May at 3.15pm** Sacrament of Reconciliation for First Holy Communion Children is in the church. Parents to attend.
- **Monday 14th May** — YEAR 6 SATS WEEK.
- **Monday 14th-21st May**— Year 2 SATS
- **Friday 25th May**—School closes for Whitsun week holiday
- **Friday 25th May** St Philip Neri Mufti Day.
- **Monday 6th June**—Children return to school.
- **Monday 25th June** KS1 Sports day.
- **Tuesday 26th June** EYFS Sports Day.
- **Friday 29th June** MAC Sports Day.
- **Monday 2nd July** KS2 Sports Day.
- **Tuesday 3rd July 3.15pm** Parents meeting for Confirmation children on .
- **Monday 9th July**—Parents Evening
- **Thursday 12th July at 7.00pm** Confirmation with Bishop Pargetar .
- **Friday 20th July**—Children Break up for summer .

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

*Mrs Hinton*