



We are approaching the end of our half term in the summer term. There has been lots to celebrate and achievements. Well done Children.

First holy Communion

Congratulations to the all of the children in year 3 and 4 who made their First Communion on Sunday 13th May. It was a beautiful day with the weather, families, children and parishioners of St Philip's coming together for this very special day. The children were well prepared at school with Miss Anslow very well and at home with families who supported the children on their journey to be ready to make their commitment on Sunday with Fr Erasmus. A huge thank you parents for dedicating your time to making the church look so beautiful with flowers arranging with Mrs Horobin and thank you parents for your donations and contributions of cakes. This is very kindly appreciated, thank you so very much.

SATS

Well done to our children in year 6 who sat their SATS tests this week and to the staff who have supported them towards their tests. The children have worked so hard and very well in preparation towards their tests. **The booster clubs have finished now for year 6 children.** During this month, the children in year 2 will also be sitting their SATs activities in reading maths and writing.

Goodbye

We say goodbye to Miss Young who is leaving us next week. Miss Young has been with us for nearly three years now and has enjoyed working in all key stages across the school. Miss Young is taking up a new post and we wish her the very best for the future in her new school and career.

Parking

The parking on Messenger Road is still a concern. Please **DO NOT** park on the zig zag lines, on the school car park or over drives and H bars that are outside houses. This is causing huge problems for residents monourvering onto Messenger Road and congestion. Please be patient and park safety. There are now traffic wardens now within the area.

ParentPay

ParentPay has now been launched in our school. This means cash payments are no longer able to be made directly to school. You should have received a personal log on for the ParentPay system to enable you to make payments for dinners, trips, breakfast club, nursery fees and afterschool clubs. If you have any problems setting up your account or queries regarding ParentPay please come and speak to the office.

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.

Edgmond Hall

In September we have the opportunity to join St Mary's Primary school in Wednesbury to visit Edgmond Hall. This visit will be opened to our current year 2 and 3 who will be moving to year 3 and 4. letters will be going home tonight and payments or deposits can be made through the ParentPay website. If you have any problems please speak to our office staff.

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.

Educational school visits

Children during the summer term will be going on trips. Please ensure that school has your information and you have returned blue/ pink forms. If this is not the case your child will NOT be able to participate in the trip because school has no parental consent. It is so very important that you return the consent forms within the requested time given before your child goes on their trip. You can get the pink or blue form from the school office.

Safeguarding

Please ensure that you drop your children off at the school gates and not at the top of the road. There is still a lot of traffic around school and this is potentially dangerous for our children. Please ensure that your child/ren are in school safety and **NOT** dropped off and **left unattended** before the school day starts. If your child/ren attend breakfast club please ensure your child enters the school safely by bring your child to the front office, **DO NOT** block the access to the road. If you have any concerns with safeguarding, then please speak with a member of staff and they will share it with our Designated safeguard lead. Thank you.

St Philip's Website

Please take a look at the website on the address below and leave a message or comment on the guest book page to let us know your thoughts. The address is:

www.st-philips.sandwell.sch.uk/.

Joke of the Week

Why are the Middle Ages called the Dark Ages?

Answer: Because there were so many knights in them!



SUMMER TERM DATES

Date	Event
Summer Term 2018	
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

- **Friday 25th May**—School closes for Whisun 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 Confimandi 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