



ST PHILIP'S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Hello!

Dear parents/carers

I hope you and your families are keeping safe and well as we continue through our autumn term. Please read our newsletter for information.

A big congratulation to all of the children for all their achievements this half term in school and extra-curricular activities where they have represented our school. Please follow us on twitter or our school blog to see the wonderful work, activities and celebrations our children have been part of this term so far.

Into Film Month

During this month classes from across the school have had the opportunity to visit the Cinema across Birmingham. The Into Film project has enabled our school to be involved to experience the cinema and see new releases of movies. This is a very popular project with all schools and the films that the children have seen are linked to their topic within the curriculum and gives our children the opportunity to experience the cinema and learn from visual literacy.

Anti –Bullying Week

The week beginning 15th November was National Anti-Bullying Week. During the week the children joined in activities to look at aspects of all bullying, cyber, phone and other aspects of bullying. We hope that by the end of this important week the children have a clear understanding of how to identify signs and what to do to get help. If you have any concerns about your child, please do not hesitate to contact myself.

DOLCE Catering Providers

We are working very hard at school to ensure that your children have a happy lunchtime, where they can enjoy a hot dinner of their choice. It is really important that you and your child logs on to the SchoolGrid website to make their lunchtime choices for the day or week. Please remind your child that the choice of meal that that have made with you is the one that they will receive the following day and an alternative cannot be chosen. **Please note that if you pay for meals all payments MUST be made in a timely manner via the SchoolGrid website and we receive money in the school office.**

Parking

Please take care when parking and dropping off your child/ren at school. The school is very busy at the start of the day and the end of the day, we want all our children to arrive into school safely. Please DO NOT let your children walk across the roads by themselves. Please be careful and patient when you are driving around the school to ensure everyone is safe. When parking on Messenger Road, ensure that you do not park over residents drives, on the zig zags or the white H bars.

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Uniform PE Kits and Healthy lifestyles.

Physical Education is an important part of our school curriculum. Please ensure that your child has their PE kits in school ready to take part in PE lessons.

Year group	Day of the week	Activity
Nursery -	Wednesday afternoon	Activity
Reception –	Tuesday morning	Teacher leading
Year 1 –	Tuesday morning	Teaching leading
Year 2 –	Tuesday morning	Sports coach
Year 3 -	Tuesday afternoon	Sports coach
Year 4 –	Tuesday afternoon	Sports coach
Year 5 –	Monday morning	Swimming
Year 6 –	Friday afternoon	Teacher leading

A reminder that for the duration of the autumn term, children should come to school wearing their PE kit (tracksuit) on their designated PE day listed above. PE kit to school – this should consist of a plain white T-shirt and black/ blue joggers, school jumper or cardigan pumps or sensible trainers. I would like to remind you that this is the only agreed PE kit in school.

Also, as part of our healthy lifestyle agenda, we ask that the children choose a healthy choice for playtimes and lunchboxes. Please support your children to choose healthy options and not sugary foods.

Haircuts

Please respect our policy. 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 so much for your support and understanding.

Jewellery

Please remember that only small stud earrings are allowed in school and **no other** jewellery, nail varnish or make-up is permitted. Earrings should not be worn on PE days. New piercings should only be done at the beginning of the holidays so that they are healed sufficiently to be able to be taken out for PE days.

Free School Meals

If you think you may be entitled to free school meals for your child, then contact the school office and we will be happy to help. You can get a form and leaflet about free school meals from the office that will support with your entitlement.

School information forms

At the start of the year, we sent home a number of forms to be completed and return to school.

I CANNOT STRESS THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS INFORMATION BEING RETURNED TO SCHOOL.

The forms give us medical information about your child, emergency contacts details and allergies /if you may be entitled to free school meals. If you haven't returned the forms, please do so as soon as possible. Thank you.



Contact Details

If your contact details have changed since the new term started and are different to the details we have had on record, please ensure that you let us know of any new numbers or emergency contacts numbers or other information for us to contact you directly. During this time, our communication with you is limited by email or text. Please contact us by telephone, using the office email address and we will update your information.

Nursery places — please see the information below!

We have nursery places available for this year. If you have child has turned 3 years old or will be within the term, please get in contact and we will be happy to support with completing the application forms and supporting you. If you wish to find out about 15 hours provision please contact us.



Safeguarding

We are dedicated to safeguarding our young people at St Philip's Catholic Primary School. 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. The **Designated Safeguarding Leader in school is Mrs Hinton, Deputy Designated Safeguarding Officer is Mr Wilkes** and Safeguarding Officers are Mrs Evans, Mrs Hill and Mr Padaton. Please come forward to talk to us if you are concerned or worried. Our safeguarding policy is available on our website to help and support you with how safeguarding works in our MAC and the Local Authority of Sandwell.

Here to help

Nothing is more important than to ensure the happiness, well-being and academic progress of all children in our school. If you have a concern or worry, then please DO NOT let them build up. Please contact us by telephone and we will work hard to sort them out for you. You can call the school on **0121 558 1643** or email office@st-philips.sandwell.sch.uk and we will endeavour to help and support you. Please also view the website to view other important information.

Term Dates for the academic year	Event
Autumn Term 2021	
Thursday 2nd September	Training Day—School closed to pupils
Friday 3rd September	Training Day—School closed to pupils
Monday 6th September	Start of Term—School open to all pupils
Friday 8 th October	Training Day—School closed to pupils
Friday 22nd October	Pupils break up for half term
Monday 1st November	Pupils Return to School
Friday 17th December	Pupils Break up for Christmas
Spring Term 2022	
Tuesday 4th January	Pupils return to school
Friday 18th February	Pupils break up for half term
Monday 28th February	Pupils return to school
Friday 8th April	Pupils Break up for Easter
Summer Term 2022	
Monday 25th April	Pupils return to school
Monday 2nd May	May Day Bank Holiday
Thursday 26th May	Pupils break up for half term
Friday 27th May	Training Day—School closed to pupils
Monday 6th June	Pupils return to school
Friday 24 th June	Training Day—School closed to pupils
Friday 22nd July	Pupils break up for summer

Please note! There are 2 additional INSET days that will be planned within the spring and summer term.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs C Hinton

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Headteacher