



Dear Parents/Carers

*Hello!*

I hope you and your families are keeping safe and well.

We come to the end of our first autumn half term. 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 half term.



Huge congratulations to the TAG RUGBY team who came 1<sup>st</sup> in the tournament and to the girls and boys football teams. You were terrific! Well done for showing dedication and commitment to your teams.

I have popped in some reminders and dates in our short newsletter to make you aware of.

**P.E Days and P.E Kits**

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

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.



### **Breakfast Club**

If you would like to send your child to breakfast club, please book a place on the **SCHOOLCOMMS** system the day before by **3:00pm**. The cost is **£1:50** per session and the club starts from **7:30am – 8:40 am**. If you like, more information please call the school office and they will be happy to help.

### **Afterschool clubs**

The afterschool clubs choices will go live week commencing 1<sup>st</sup> November. please book and pay for your child on SCHOOLCOMMS.

### **Dolce lunches**

Please continue to book your child's lunch via SCHOOL GRID from home to ensure that your child has selected the menu of their choice. Sadly, on some occasions, children have not been able to have the choice of lunch they have wished for and this has caused upset for the children. We also ask you at home to upload your child's allergies, if they have any onto **SCHOOLGRID**. **This is very important that we know this information.** *Please also remember if your child moves into year 3 and you are not entitled to FREE SCHOOL MEALS, then you can pay for a hot meal £2:30 or provide a packed lunch.*

### **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, we are awaiting for forms to still be returned 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 have not returned the forms, please do so as soon as possible. Thank you.





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### **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 after half term of any new numbers or emergency contacts numbers or other information for us to contact you directly. Our communication with you will be 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 still 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. Or if you wish to find out about 15 hours provision please contact us.

St Philip's Catholic  
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Nursery Places Available  
**FREE 30 HOURS**  
FOR WORKING PARENTS

Ring us now on 0121 558 1643 to find out more.

Messenger Road, Smethwick, B66 3DU

### **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.

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### **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](mailto: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.

### **Dates for your diary**

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Term Dates for the academic year	Event
<b>Autumn Term dates in Term 2021</b>	
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 <sup>th</sup> 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
<b>Spring Term 2022</b>	
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
<b>Summer Term 2022</b>	
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 <sup>th</sup> June	Training Day—School closed to pupils
Friday 22nd July	Pupils break up for summer



<b>More dates for the diary</b>	
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	COP 21 launch with the ECO team. British values day – tolerance and diversity.
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Parents evening – More information to come about booking appointments. National maths week World kindness day
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	School photographer for individual photos.
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance day
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 2 and 3 Cinema trip
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti-bullying week
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 4 and 6 Cinema trip
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	Reception and year 1 classes Cinema trip.
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Road safety week Brilliant in Britain week
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 5 – Cinema trip
Please note ! We will be sharing with dates nearer the time for Christmas celebrations and other assemblies and activities to invite parents into school. We do not want to dedicate dates to you in case we have to cancel.	

Yours Sincerely,

*Mrs C Hinton*

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Headteacher