



## School Newsletter

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### Dear Parents/Carers

As we end the first half of the Summer term I would like to thank you for all your support and contributions to school. A big thank you for donating the beautiful flowers for our May Procession, the church looked beautiful and Fr Erasmus was happy with our contributions.

Well done to all the children for your achievements this half term in sport and work in class. Well done to all the year 6 children who have worked so hard for the SATs last week. Year 2 are sitting their SATs over the next few weeks.

### Attendance and timekeeping



Please do all you can to ensure your child has a good attendance record. We work closely with the Educational Welfare Officer to help ensure all of our pupils are getting the most they can from school. This term we are also focusing on improving timekeeping and starting school on time.

### Recent Changes To Regulations Regarding School Attendance



The latest amendments to these regulations mean that from September 2013 Headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time. Where a parent decides to take children out of school during term time without authorised leave of absence, the absence must be recorded as unauthorised on the attendance register.

### First Holy Communion



Congratulations to our pupils who received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> May in Church. It was a lovely celebration and the children were marvellous. Thank you to Fr Erasmus, Miss Scully and to you, the parents, for your support in preparing the children for this very special sacrament.

### Confirmation



Please keep the children in your prayers who are preparing for their Confirmation on Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> June at 7:00pm in the church. On Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June at 2:00pm the children are going to make their confession in church. Fr Erasmus would encourage that all parents to join us. Also on Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June, the children will practice the order of the mass with Fr Erasmus and Mrs Hinton at 11:00am in the church. Our newly ordained Bishop, John Burn, will visit school and talk with the confirmandi children.

### St Philip Neri Day

We are proud of our school's name and this week our mass will be dedicated to St Philip Neri whose feast day is 26<sup>th</sup> May. To celebrate, the children will have a fun afternoon, learning about St Philip Neri and playing some games that promote teamwork and community. Please join us for our school mass on Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May at 10:45am in the church.



### Sports Day

You will receive a letter on the first day back after the half-term break detailing the Sports Day. The dates and times are as follows:-



**Foundation Stage (Reception/Nursery) Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> June @ 1:15pm**

All morning nursery children to attend afternoon session instead of morning.

**Key stage 1 (Yrs 1 and 2)**

**Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> June @ 1:15pm**

**Key Stage 2 (Yrs 3,4,5 & 6)**

**To be confirmed**

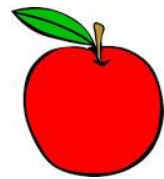
### Safeguarding

We are working hard to ensure our school is a safe and happy place for our children. If you have any concerns, please feel free to speak to a member of staff.



### Healthy Eating

We encourage the children to bring in healthy snacks into school for tuck time and also in their lunch boxes. Please support us by helping your child to choose healthy options. Thank you for your support.



### Mobile Phones in School

As part of a safeguarding review the school governors have taken advice from the local police, the E-Safety team at Sandwell Council and The Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre. The review has led to the decision that **no mobile phones will be allowed in school under any circumstances**, as although as parents we may feel we are promoting the safety of our children by giving them a means to contact us if they are travelling to or from school on their own, actually we are putting them at greater risk of theft or attack.



This is a safeguarding issue and we as a school have a responsibility to ensure your child's safety. I am sure that you will wish to work with the school and ensure your child uses mobile phones in a safe and responsible manner outside of school.

## Gardening Project

We have a volunteer gardener that works with Mrs Horobin, Mrs Ghaleb and the children from years 2 – 6, planting potatoes, onions, garlic and many other vegetables. If you have some waterproof coats or wellies that your children no longer wear, we would very much appreciate it if you could donate them to school.



If your child's class is gardening that week then could you check the weather and remind the children to bring their waterproofs and wellies. Thank you.

## Free School Meals for Reception, Yr1 & Yr2

As you should be aware, from September 2014, all children in Reception, Yr1 and Yr2 will be able to enjoy a free school meal at lunchtime. Parents/carers of children in these classes should have received a pink form this week. Please complete and return your form as soon as possible. Every form should be returned to school even if you do not wish your child to take up the offer of a free meal.



## Hadley Football League Results

St Philip's	v	Moat Farm	5 – 2
St Philip's	v	Devonshire	7 – 0
St Philip's	v	Victoria Park	5 – 2
St Philip's	v	Shireland Hall	9 – 1

Well done to our team and thank you to those parents who have supported them on the touch line.



## mission:nutrition

### -FREE WATCH

Starting week beginning 9th June, if your child has 3 meals in any one week during the first 3 weeks he/she will receive a free wristband. If your child continues to have 3 meals each week for 3 weeks he/she will have collected enough stickers and will receive their fantastic limited edition 'mission:nutrition' watch.

Please see the office if you need this explaining in more detail.



## Dates for your Diary



Break up for Whitsun holiday: Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May

Return to school: Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June

Week beginning 2<sup>nd</sup> June sports day rehearsals will happen on the field.

Please ensure that your child has his/her PE kit in school.

Summer Fayre: Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July. Over the next few weeks we will have mufti days to ask for your support for the Summer Fayre. Thank you.

Theatre Company: Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June. The unusual fairy tale of 'Robin Hood' for the whole school.

Year 6 Leavers Mass: Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July.

Year 6 Leavers Assembly: Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July in the afternoon.

Year 6 leavers Graduation: Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July

End of term: Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July

## SCHOOL TERM DATES



DATE	EVENT
<b>Summer Term 2014</b>	
Friday 23 May	Break for half-term
Monday 2 June	Pupils return to school
Friday 20 June	Teacher Training Day
Friday 18 July	Break for Summer

## JOKE OF THE WEEK

Did you hear about the race between the lettuce and tomato?



The lettuce was a 'head' and the tomato was trying to 'ketchup'.

Ha! Ha!

I wish you all a very nice holiday and break next week.

*Mrs Hinton*