

We are nearly at the end of the first half of our spring term, time is flying by so fast.

Our School Website

I am absolutely delighted to announce that our school website is now live and has been re-launched after months of being modernised and updated. The address is www.st-philips.sandwell.sch.uk/.

Please visit our website and navigate around the different sections giving you support and information about our school. You can post a message on the guest book page to let us know your thoughts.



School uniform

We have seen an increase in children not wearing the appropriate foot wear to school. A polite reminder that all children should be wearing black shoes to school and not trainers. In the juniors the children's uniform is a white shirt and tie with a blue jumper. We have a uniform presentation award in assembly weekly, to see which class has the best presentation. The children enjoy this award and we would like ALL children to be involved. Please support us.



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 summer holiday so that they are healed sufficiently to be able to be taken out for PE days.



Healthy choices

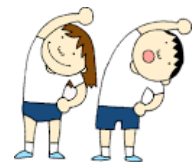
A polite reminder to support your child into making healthy food choices at break time and in their lunchboxes. We are very proud of our platinum healthy schools award and making healthy choices is one thing that we were celebrated for. Thank you for your continuing support. Remember, one apple a day keeps the doctor away.



P.E Kits

Physical Education is an important lesson in school.

We have noticed children not bringing in their PE kits to take part. 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.



Peanut Allergies

As there are children in school who are allergic to peanuts, we ask parents not to send packed lunches or snacks that may contain peanuts or trace of peanuts in the ingredients.



Also, if you has a peanut allergy it is vital that you inform the class teacher and the school office so that it can be recorded.

* **Birthday Cakes in KS2:** We do like to celebrate your child's birthday in school, however, sometimes an extra adult is not always available to cut the cakes ready to give out on the day. We therefore ask you, if you would like to send cakes etc for the children in your child's class, that you send only individual cakes, already cut cakes in bags or sweets. There would be no problem handing them to your child's friends as they leave the class at the end of the day. This would avoid disappointment for your child. Thank you for your support.



Breakfast Club

Don't forget our excellent value breakfast club which starts daily 7.50am – 8.40am at a cost of £1. The children have a choice of cereal, toast, fruit and juices with a variety of games and activities on offer.



Start of the school day

Please ensure that you see that your child is safely in school via the school office or playground. I cannot stress enough that it is extremely busy and potentially dangerous around school with traffic and building work going on. We want to ensure that your child is in school safely.



School Parish Masses

You are most welcome to join us at our school parish masses once a month on a Sunday at 10:00 am in St Philip's Catholic Church. School parish mass next half- this term is:



Sunday 15th March—Mothering Sunday

School Fund

I would like to say a big thank you to those parents who regularly contribute to School Fund which is a voluntary contribution. Any contributions are gratefully received at the school office. Thank you once again.





Importance of correct contact details:

St Philip's Catholic

Primary School strive to ensure safeguarding and the welfare of our pupils is at the forefront of all we do. Please can all families ensure we have up to date contact details for them as we may need to contact families in an emergency. To update your contact details please contact the school office on 0121 558 1643 or pop in and see us.

School day - collection of children:

Please be reminded that the school day runs from 8:50am to 3:00pm and in Nursery 8:45am—11:45pm and 12:15pm— 3:15pm and all children need to be collected on time. If you cannot collect your child on time yourself and you have made arrangements for a family member or friend to collect him/her from school for you please ensure that these are firm arrangements and that your child is not left for lengthy times unsure of who is collecting him/her. You must inform the office of any alternative arrangements and leave a contact number of the person who is collecting your child.



Vocations week

Vocations week is next week and during the week the children will learning what the meaning of vocations is through assembly and activities in class. Please join us for mass on Thursday 12th February which is our prayer for vocations day for St Philip's School.



Dates for your diary

Tuesday 10th February - Year 1 visit to Sandwell Valley.

Year 4 Parent Workshop on the topic of the Romans.

Wednesday 11th February - Year 6 visit to Houses of Parliament.

Children break up for half term Friday 13th February

Children return to school Monday 23rd February



SPORT

Well done to the girls and boys who played in the Y4 Football Tournament.

The Football League will start up again after half-term.



SCHOOL TERM DATES 2014/15

Date	Event
Autumn Term 2014	
Friday 13 Feb	Break up for Half Term
Monday 23 Feb	Pupils return to school
Friday 27 March	Break up for Easter
Summer Term 2015	
Monday 13 April	Pupils return to school
Monday 4 May	May Day Holiday
Friday 22 May	Break up for Half Term
Monday 1 June	Pupils return to school
Friday 17 July	Last day of Term Break up for summer



SCHOOL TERM DATES 2015/16

Date	Event
Autumn Term 2015	
Wednesday 2 September	Teacher Training day
Thursday 3 September	Pupils return to school
Thursday 22 October	Break up for Half Term
Friday 23 October	Teacher Training Day
Monday 2 November	Pupils return to school
Friday 18 December	Break up for Christmas
Spring Term 2016	
Monday 4 January	Pupils return to school
Friday 12 February	Break up for Half Term
Monday 22 February	Pupils return to school
Thursday 24 March	Break up for Easter
Summer Term 2016	
Monday 11 April	Pupils return to school
Monday 2 May	May Day Holiday
Friday 27 May	Break up for Half Term
Monday 6 June	Pupils return to school
Thursday 21 July	Last day of Term Break up for summer

COMPETITION—'Find the Numbers'

Read this newsletter and find the numbers to the questions, then add them up. The first 3 children in each class to tell Mrs Holwell the total on Monday morning will win a key-ring.

- How many apples keeps the doctor away?
- + What time is School Parish Mass?
- + How many candles on the birthday cake?
- + Which year group is visiting Sandwell Valley?

Best of luck!

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

Mrs Hinton