



Welcome back to school and the start to a busy term. I hope you had a happy Easter and enjoyed the lovely weather!

St Catherine of Siena MAC

On Wednesday, 1st April 2015 St Philip's School along with St Francis Xavier, St Gregory's and St Hubert's Catholic Schools officially became a Multi Academy Company. The decision has been based on our aim to achieve the best for our schools, pupils, staff and the Catholic community by securing Catholic education for our children in the future. As a group of schools we will be working closely together to continue to give the children we serve the best start in life.

Our School Website

Our school website is live and is full of useful and up to date information. Please log on and have a look. You can post a message on the guest book page to let us know your thoughts. The address is : www.st-philips.sandwell.sch.uk/.

Lost Property

We have seen a rise in lost property around school. At the end of each month and half term, Mr Ziobrowski will display the lost property outside for you to have a look at. Please can I remind you to label your children's clothing with their name to avoid them losing their belongings. Thank you.

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.** We are seeing an increase in crisps, chocolate and sweets. These are not healthy choices for everyday. Please choose the children's snacks with a careful thought. Thank you for your support.

After School Clubs

We offer a variety of after school clubs over the year and the clubs are very popular. Please ensure that if your child has signed up for a club that they attend as many as possible. I understand that circumstances change and if this is the case, could you let the school office know then another child could be allocated a place. Thank you.

School Photos

The school photographer is in school tomorrow Wednesday, 22nd April. They will be taking class group photos. I am sure that you will want the best photo taken of your children so please send them in looking smart in their full school uniform.

End of the day!

If you are unable to pick your child up on time at the end of the day or there is someone else picking up your child, please telephone the school office to let them know.

Polite reminder!

Could you please ensure that your child is not wearing dangly earrings or jewellery to school. We are still seeing a number of children wearing jewellery and this could be potentially dangerous if your child is involved in an accident in school. Thank you for your continuing support with our school uniform, please ensure that the children are wearing appropriate footwear and **not trainers** to school.

Hairstyles

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 so much for your support.

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 with the construction sites and this is potentially dangerous for our children. If you have any concerns with safeguarding, then please speak with a member of staff. Thank you.

Car park

Can I remind parents, for the children's safety, not to drive onto the staff car park at the front of the school during the day. It is the main entrance and exit for adults and children to and from the main entrance of school. Thank you.

SUMMER TERM DATES 2014/2015

Date	Event
Summer Term 2015	
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

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

Mrs Hinton

Dates for your diary

Sunday 26th April—School/Parish Mass

Monday 11th May—KS2 SATS week.

Monday 18th May—Multi -faith week.

Thursday 4th June—Woodwind concert for the whole school.

Sunday 7th June—First Holy Communion

Monday 22nd June—Sports week.

COMPETITION

Read this newsletter and answer the questions below. The first 3 children in each class to tell Mrs Holwell the answers will win a key-ring.

- What is the date for First Holy Communion?
- What should you not wear on your feet?
- What is the name of our **MAC**?
- What should you not eat in school?