



School Newsletter

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September 2015

A warm welcome back children and parents to school for the start of a new year. We welcome new families to St Philip's School.

We welcome Mr Adams who is our new Year 5 teacher and Mr Wood who is teaching in Year 4.

I am very happy to let you know that the building work is finally finished in the ICT room and KS2 toilets! We now have new toilets and cloakrooms for KS2 children, a new library and small learning spaces for children to work in. It looks very impressive !!

School Photos

The school photographer is in school later this half-term on Wednesday, 14th October.

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.



Individual and family photos will be taken, therefore, if you have any younger siblings you would like to be included in the family photo please arrive at the school at 8:30am.

Parking

The housing development on Messenger Road, is nearly completed. However, please still be careful when you are parking outside the entrance and at the back of the school. There is a large volume of cars and traffic at the start and the end of the school day. Please ensure that you accompany your children to the school gate and ensure they are safely in through the gates and in the playground before you leave them.



After school clubs

After school clubs start this week until half-term. Please ensure that you pick up your child after the club is finished from the reception area at the front of the school. If you are delayed, please ensure that you have made alternative arrangements for your child to be collected..



Important information to be returned



Yesterday your child was sent home with paperwork which should be checked or completed and returned to school as soon as possible. These items are:

Home School Agreement - this is a document that shares with you our expectations and policies for this year. If you could please read the agreement and then get your child to sign (Yrs 3-6) then return section, or in the case of Yrs 1, 2, Nursery/Reception children, the parents should sign for them and return to school.

Data Check - this is information which we hold on our computer data base for your child. It is essential that this information is kept up to date so that we are able to contact you in case of an emergency. Please read information, amend if necessary and return to school.

Photo Permission - this form will inform us if you wish, or do not wish your child to be photographed in school or at outside events.

We appreciate your assistance in returning these documents as soon as possible and thank you in advance for your continued support.



UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE

Thank you so much for adhering to our school uniform, the children look so smart and are wearing their uniform very proudly in school.

<p><u>Haircuts</u> 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.</p>	<p><u>Jewellery</u> 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.</p>	<p><u>Footwear</u> Can I remind parents and children that trainers and inappropriate footwear are not part of our uniform and we ask that children wear black sensible footwear. Thank you.</p>	<p><u>PE Kits</u> A large number of children are not bringing their P.E kits into school. Please ensure that your children have their PE kits in school to take part in PE lessons. Our children have PE lessons twice a week and PE is an important part of the curriculum. Please ask your child's teacher which days your child does P.E if you are not sure. Thank you.</p>
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SCHOOL TERM DATES

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

School Masses
Every Thursday we celebrate mass, the children lead with the readings and hymns. Please join us for mass. This term Thursday masses are in church at 9:15 am.

You are most welcome to join us at our school parish masses on a Sunday at 10:00 am in St Philip's Catholic Church.

School parish masses this term are:
 Sunday, 27/09/15 Sunday, 06/09/15
 Sunday, 18/10/15 Sunday, 06/12/15

ICT SATS REVISION CLUB for Yr6
Revision club started last week for our Yr6 pupils. Children are able to come to school at 8:00am where they have the opportunity to use various revision websites to boost their Literacy, Numeracy and Science skills.

If your child wishes to have breakfast at school, we offer a very substantial breakfast for only £1 per day. In this case, your child will be able to come to school at the earlier time of 7.50 a.m.

JOKE OF THE WEEK

What's brown and runs around the garden?

Answer: A fence!!

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

Mrs Hinton