



School Newsletter

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

We welcome Miss Lewis who is teaching Year 4 and Miss Wiczerzak who is teaching in Reception.

Over the holiday we have had some building improvements to our Key stage 2 playground and a new outside classroom built to the front of Reception and Nursery classes for our children to enjoy.

Attendance

Any absence affects the pattern of a child's schooling and regular absence will seriously affect their learning. Please ensure that you endeavour to get your child to school and in on time. The playground opens at **8:40am** and the school day starts at **8:50am**. If your child arrives to school after the registers close they will receive a late mark. Please remember that taking holidays in term time will affect your child's schooling and we ask for your co-operation to not take your child away in school time.

Parking

Messenger Road is very busy at the start and end of the school day. Please take care **not to** park over residents drives. On several occasions residents have been unable to get their vehicles off their drives due to cars parking over them. Please ensure that you park elsewhere to pick up or drop off your child at school.



After school clubs

After school clubs start next 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, ensure that you have made alternative arrangements for your child to be collected..



Important information to be returned



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 the information, amend if necessary and return to school.



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.

Haircuts

Please respect our policy. There should be no hair sculptures or tram lines, shaving, high-lights or hair colouring of any description.



Extreme hairstyles should only be considered at the beginning of the summer holiday.

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.



Footwear

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.



PE Kits

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.



SCHOOL TERM DATES

Date	Event
Autumn Term 2016	
Monday 5 September	Pupils return to school
Wednesday 19 October	Pupils break up for Half Term
Thursday 20 October	Teacher Training Day
Friday 21 October	Teacher Training Day
Monday 31 October	Pupils return to school
Friday 16 December	Break up for Christmas
Spring Term 2017	
Tuesday 3 January	Teacher Training Day
Wednesday 4 January	Pupils return to school
Friday 17 February	Break up for Half Term
Monday 27 February	Pupils return to school
Friday 7 April	Break up for Easter
Summer Term 2017	
Monday 24 April	Pupils return to school
Monday 1 May	May Day Bank Holiday
Friday 26 May	Break up for Half Term
Monday 5 June	Pupils return to school
Friday 21 July	Pupils break up for Summer
Monday 24 July	Teacher Training Day
Tuesday 25 July	Teacher Training Day

Safeguarding our Children

At St Philip's School we have a responsibility to ensure all children's safety with cyber, social, mobile phones and internet usage. Please ensure that, if your child has a mobile phone or access to the internet, as parents, you are able to monitor your child's usage. During this term there will be a focussed week on the safety of online and cyber usage at home as school is increasingly having to deal with home usage and comments that cause upset to other children.

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.

Road Safety

Children take part in road safety lessons within school to teach them the importance of crossing roads safely. We would appreciate it if you could also practise the safe crossing of roads with your children when walking to and from school to avoid any serious accidents.

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

Mrs Hinton