



We have reached the end of the first half of our spring term. A big well done to all of children for your wonderful achievements this half term.

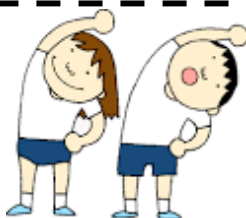
### Vocations week

This week has been Vocations week and our theme for the week has been 'What is God calling me to be?' during the week the children have welcomed a variety of visitors to school from all vocations to talk about their calling in life. The children have really enjoyed the week and celebrating this work through our assemblies. Our visitors complemented on the children's lovely manners and our lovely school. Well done children.



### P.E Kits

Physical Education is an important lesson in school. We have seen a number of children not bringing in their PE kits to take part in this important aspect of the curriculum. 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.



### 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.



### Beat the Street

The Beat the Street competition will be working from Saturday 18th February. We hope you are all active through the holidays and enjoy collecting your points to win prizes.

### Make Move & Munch

The Make Move & Munch afterschool club will be taking place on Monday 27th February. If you have not returned your forms you are able to return these on the 27th February and join in with the activities. A parent must accompany the child/children.

### 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. 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 password /contact number/name of the person who is collecting your child.



<b>Spring Term 2017</b>	
Friday 17th February	Break up for Half Term
Monday 27th February	Pupils return to school
Friday 7th April	Break up for Half Term
<b>Summer Term 2017</b>	
Monday 24th April	Pupils return to school
Monday 1st May	May Holiday Day
Friday 26th May	Break up for Half Term
Monday 5th June	Pupils return to school
Friday 21st July	Break up for Summer Holiday
Monday 24th & Tuesday 25th July	Teacher Training Day

### JOKE OF THE WEEK

**Landowner:** 'You are not allowed to fish here.'

**Alec:** 'I'm not fishing, I'm just giving my pet worm a bath!'

### Key Dates

**Saturday 18th February** - Beat the Street Starts

**Monday 27th February**—Children return to school. After school clubs start.

**Monday 27th February**— Make Move & Munch afterschool club start.

**Tuesday 28th February**—Shrove Tuesday themed lunch.

**Thursday 2nd March**— Official World book day & themed lunch

**Friday 3rd March**—Dress up day for world book day.

**Tuesday 7th March** — Parents Evening

### Sainsbury's Vouchers

We are collecting vouchers for free PE equipment for the children. Please ask friends and relatives to collect vouchers and send them into school with your child. Every little bit helps.



### Special Lunch

The school kitchen will be holding a special shrove Tuesday pancake meal on Tuesday the 28th February and a special World Book Day lunch on Thursday 2nd March. If you would like your child to have a school dinner on those days and pay for a meal, please pay £2.10 to the school office.

### School Website

Please visit our school website where it gives you up to date information and a glimpse of what we do in school. There is a facility to leave a comment about our lovely school and the website in our guestbook section. The address is

**[www.st-philips.sandwell.sch.uk](http://www.st-philips.sandwell.sch.uk)**



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