



School Newsletter

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A warm welcome back children and parents to school for the start of a new year. I hope you had a lovely summer break and you are all refreshed ready for a new academic year. We welcome new families to St Philip's School in our Nursey and Reception classes.

If you have any concerns , big or small , then please do not hesitate to talk to your child's teacher or a senior member of staff, Mrs Hill, EYFS Leader, Miss Young, Mrs Evans , Mr O'Connor Acting Assistant Headteachers or Myself.

Staffing for this new school year:

Year 6—Miss Reaney, Mrs Underhill, Mrs Horobin and Mrs Stevens.

Year 5—Mr O'Connor, Mrs McKenzie and Mrs Chauhann.

Year 4— Miss Lewis and Mrs Bodhani

Year 3—Mr Geary, Miss Shaw and Mrs Hodson am.

Year 2—Mrs Evans and Mrs Reeves.

Year 1—Miss Anslow, Miss Cook and Miss Wallace.

Reception—Miss Young, Miss Hymers and Mrs Hodson pm.

Nursery—Mrs Hill and Mrs Chapman.



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 polices 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.



Y7 Applications

Y6 Students were sent home with a letter last week with their unique number to apply for a Y7 school place. If you need help in applying for a school place please contact the office to arrange an appointment with Mr Padotan. You will need the unique reference number, your e-mail address and password and a working mobile phone to be able to apply.

Parking

Please be mindful and careful when you are parking outside the entrance of school and at the back of the school with pedestrians walking nearby. 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. Please **do not** drop them to school in the middle of the road, or rely on staff to walk your child/ren into school.



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 unavoidably delayed , please ensure that you have made alternative arrangements for your child to be collected. There is a small charge for Afterschool clubs as there have been budget cuts to all schools. We are still subsidising part of the afterschool clubs to keep the costs as low as possible. Thank you for your 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. School backpacks, pe bags, ties and pe shorts are available to purchase from the office.


<p>Haircuts 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>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.</p> 	<p>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.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;">   </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;">   </div>	<p>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. We have outside providers in school weekly who are supporting with exciting lessons in PE. Please ask your child's teacher which days your child does P.E if you are unsure. Thank you.</p> 
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SCHOOL TERM DATES

Date	Event
Autumn Term 2017	
Monday 4 September	Pupils return to school
Wednesday 18 October	Pupils break up for Half Term
Thursday 19 October	Teacher Training Day
Friday 20 October	Teacher Training Day
Monday 30 October	Pupils return to school
Tuesday 19 December	Break up for Christmas
Wednesday 20 December	Teacher Training Day
Spring Term 2018	
Tuesday 2 January	Teacher Training Day
Wednesday 3 January	Teacher Training Day
Thursday 4 January	Pupils return to school
Friday 16 February	Break up for Half Term
Monday 26 February	Pupils return to school
Thursday 29 March	Break up for Easter
Summer Term 2018	
Monday 16 April	Pupils return to school
Monday 7 May	May Day Bank Holiday
Friday 25 May	Break up for Half Term
Monday 4 June	Pupils return to school
Friday 20 July	Pupils 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



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.



Breakfast Club
Breakfast Club opens at 8.50am every morning. Children must not be left unaccompanied in the reception area or outside the school due to safeguarding situations. Children must be accompanied by an adult into breakfast club to ensure they are safely in school.

Please do not arrive to breakfast club before 8.45am as this is causing problems in the reception area and resulting in health and safety issues.

Your child's safety is the highest importance to us. Thank you for your co-operation

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

Mrs Hinton