



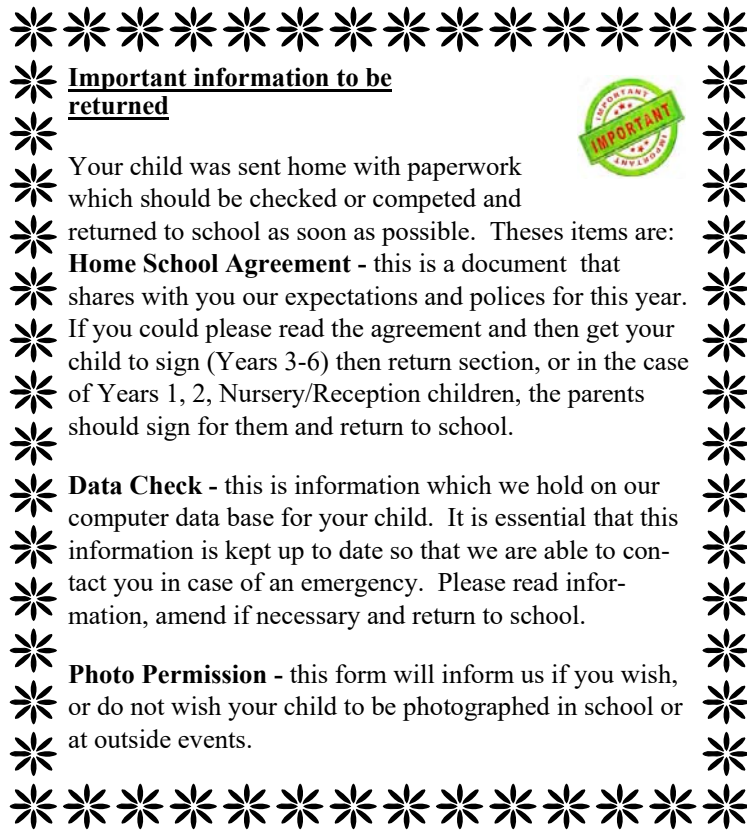
A very warm welcome back children and parents to school for the start of a new year. I hope you had a lovely summer break and you are all refreshed ready for a new academic year. We welcome new families to St Philip's School in our Nursery and Reception classes and across the school. We hope you will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

Farewell and Goodbye

It is with sadness that we say goodbye to Father Erasmus. He is leaving this week to take up a new parish in Liverpool. Father Erasmus has served this parish for six and a half years and has built up a wonderful relationship with our governors, children and staff, he will be sadly missed. We wish him all our very best wishes for the future and may God bless him in his new parish.

Staffing for this new school year:

- Year 6**—Mr Geary, Mrs Underhill and Mrs Reeve
- Year 5**—Miss Reaney and Miss Hymers
- Year 4**— Mr O'Connor and Miss Shaw
- Year 3**—Miss Anslow and Ms Chauhann
- Year 2**—Miss Lewis and Mrs Horobin
- Year 1**—Mrs Evans and Miss Cook
- Reception**—Mrs Eaton, Mrs Hodson and Mrs McKenzie
- 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 policies for this year. If you could please read the agreement and then get your child to sign (Years 3-6) then return section, or in the case of Years 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.

Welcome

We welcome **Mr Wilkes** our new Deputy Head Teacher and **Mrs Eaton** who is our new Reception Teacher who has started with us this term. We would also like to welcome Father Damian to our parish.

Here to Help !

If you have any concerns or worries then please do not hesitate to come and speak to My Wilkes or myself. We will do our very best to help in any way we can . Please come forward and talk to us.

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.



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.

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.**

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.



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. 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.



SCHOOL TERM DATES

Date	Event
Autumn 2018	
Monday 3 September	Pupils return to school
Wednesday 24 October	Pupils break up for Half Term
Thursday 25 October	Teacher Training Day
Friday 26 October	Teacher Training Day
Monday 5th November	Pupils return to school
Wednesday 19 December	Pupils break up for Christmas
Thursday 20 December	Teacher Training Day
Friday 21 December	Teacher Training Day
Spring Term 2019	
Monday 7 January	Pupils return to school
Friday 15 February	Break up for Half Term
Monday 25 February	Pupils return to school
Thursday 12 April	Break up for Easter
Summer Term 2019	
Monday 29 April	Pupils return to school
Monday 6 May	May Day Bank Holiday
Friday 24 May	Break up for Half Term
Monday 3 June	Pupils return to school
Friday 19 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 masses on a Sunday at 10:00 am in St Philip's Catholic Church.



Leave of Absence

Due to the changes in the Education Regulations 2013 for absence, you must complete a new leave of absence form for, any absence from school for holidays or exceptional circumstances, at least **10 weeks before** the leave is due. Please **do not** book any travel arrangements until the response to your request. **No holiday request will be authorised as this is not an exceptional circumstance.** You are able to obtain forms from the office and Mrs Hitch will be able to give you further

Breakfast Club Breakfast Club opens at 7:50am every morning, we offer a very substantial breakfast for only £1 per day. 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