

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.

Congratulations to all the children who participated in the swimming Gala this half term, the children achieved Bronze. This means we qualify for the Black Country games. Well done to the Table tennis team, the children have represented the school and made us very proud. A child within this team has qualified for nationals. Well done !! Also a big well done to the boys in year 4 and 5 who attended Sandwell Football trials.

### 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 you please let your child's teacher know. PE may sometimes take place outside, as it may cold at times your child is able to wear tracksuit bottoms and long sleeved tops.



### 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.



### Safer Internet Day

Last week the children were involved in activities focussing on being safe on line. The children were given tips about how they can be safe. Please talk with your child and discuss how to continue to be safe on line. Further in the term , there will be parent workshops available for you to come and join us to ensure your child is safe online.

### School Uniform

We need to ask for your continued support in order to maintain the high standards of uniform. Please can we respectfully remind you:

- No hair sculptures or tram lines, borders, engravings, shaving, highlights or hair colouring of any description.
- Hooped earrings and jewellery is not allowed.
- Nail varnish is not to be worn during the school week.
- School shoes are to be worn and not other types of trainers. Thank you

### School day - collection of children:

Please be reminded that the school day runs from 8:50am to 3:00pm and in Nursery 8:45am—11:40pm 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 ensure your password is up to date in the office and the person collecting has the password for when the teacher releases your child.



<b>Spring Term 2019</b>	
Friday 15 February	Break up for Half Term
Monday 25 February	Pupils return to school
Friday 12 April	Break up for Easter
<b>Summer Term 2019</b>	
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
Monday 22 July	Teacher Training Day

### Key Dates

**Friday 15th February - half term starts.**

**Monday 25th February**—Children return to school. After school clubs start.

**Thursday 28th February**— Birmingham diocese Day of Prayer

**Tuesday 5th March - School Pancake Lunch**

**Wednesday 6th March**—Ash Wednesday . School mass in Church at 10:00 am

**Thursday 7th March**— World book day lunch.

**Friday 8th March** — World book day and themed lunch day. Children to dress up as their favourite book character.

**Monday 11th March**—Parents evening.

**Wednesday 13th March**—Rec & Y1 Dental Check.

**Sunday 24th March**—School/Parish mass at 9:30 am. All welcome

**Thursday 28th March**—Lenten Retreat in school

**Tuesday 9th April** School penitential service for confessions. KS2 classes 1;30pm in the church.

**Friday 12th April** —Break up for Easter .

### 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. **Concerns** if you have any concerns or you need support with anything that is a growing problem or concern, we will do our utmost best to help and support you and your family to ensure that the matters are resolved effectively. Please come forward and speak to us with your concern.

### 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)**



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

*Mrs Hinton*