



We are coming to the end of a busy spring term, with lots of things to celebrate and wonderful achievements of our children. Thank you so much for all your support with our mufti and charity days during Lent, we raised a total of £83.66 for Red Nose Day and £50.05 for Down Syndrome Awareness Day.

### Our Journey in Lent

During the season of Lent the children have been involved in sharing the values of forgiveness and being more aware of supporting charities and supporting almsgiving, along with the Jesuit values of Learned and Wise. We had a lovely retreat day with the One Life group that focused on the gifts of love and forgiveness. The children were involved in lovely class activities, music and prayer. The children very much enjoyed this lovely day.

Year 3 and 5 children were also involved in a singing project, where our school were chosen to visit St Chad's Cathedral and sing the songs the visiting teachers taught them when they visited our school weekly during the Spring term. Thank you parents for coming along and supporting our children.

On Monday this week we welcomed a theatre company to school who acted out the story of Holy week to Easter, which all the children thoroughly enjoyed.

### Our International School Link

On March the 26th and 27th, we welcomed a group of international teachers from Wroclaw in Poland. I am delighted to share that we are a link school along with two other schools to share excellent practice, teaching and learning and they had the opportunity to visit the classrooms and talk to the children.

The children were amazing whilst our visitors were here at St Philip's and it was very clear whilst the children were talking to our visitors and showing them round how proud they are of our school. Lovely compliments were made to us about our school and our children by our visitors who really enjoyed their visit to St Philip's. A big well done to all the children.

To continue with our link school and make this stronger, we would like the children to engage in Pen Pal letters. To make this successful, we need your help parents to complete the consent forms and return them back to school this week. This is a wonderful opportunity for children to enjoy letter writing with children abroad. Please return the forms..

### Goodbye and farewell

At the end of the week we say goodbye to Mr O'Connor who is leaving St Philip's School. He will be moving to a new school into a new leadership role. We wish him the very best for the future in his new school and career in leadership.

### Group Photographs

The photographer will be in school for group class photographs on Tuesday 30th April. Please ensure your child is in smart uniform.

### Our School Website

Please log on and have a look at our school website. The website offers you key information about our school. Please go to our guest book page and encourage the children to post a message to let us know your thoughts. The address is: [www.st-philips.sandwell.sch.uk/](http://www.st-philips.sandwell.sch.uk/).

## SATS

During the month of May, the children in year 6 and 2 will be completing the statutory SATS tests. The year 6 tests will commence on Monday 13th May—Thursday 16th May. As it's a short half term the children in year 2 will be starting their statutory tests over a period of time in May and June. Can you please ensure that the children are in school and on time and to participate in the tests. Letters with information will go out to you after the Easter break to keep you informed.

## After school clubs

The Spring afterschool clubs will start with some new activities. If your child has signed up to clubs it is important that they are committed to the activity weekly. Please ensure that you pick up your child after the club is finished from the school office. If you are delayed, please make alternative arrangements to pick your child up and inform the school. If your child is collected late more than once, then his/her place will be allocated to children on the waiting list. To secure your child's place on dance and gymnastics you must make a payment on the Parent Pay website. Thank you.

## Breakfast Club.

Our breakfast club is five days a week from 7:50am—8:40am.

## 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. 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.

## TERM DATES

Date	Event
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
Monday 22 July	Teacher Training Day

## Dates for the Diary

- **Monday 29th April**—children return to school for Summer term.
- **Tuesday 30th April**—School class photographs .
- **Monday 6th May**— May day bank holiday -School closed
- **Monday 13th May – YEAR 6 SATS WEEK.**
- **Sunday 19th May**—School parish Mass, celebrating St Philip Neri Feast day.
- **Friday 24th May**—School closes for Whitsun week holiday
- **Monday 3rd June**—Children return back to school
- **Tuesday 4th June at 3.15pm** Parents meeting for First Holy Communion Children in the school hall.
- **Friday 14th June**—MAC Sports day .
- **Tuesday 18th June @ 1:30pm**—First Confession for children who are making their first confession.
- **Sunday 23rd June**—**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION @ 9:30am**
- **Friday 19th July**—Children Break up for summer .

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

*Mrs Hinton*