



Welcome back to a new term. I hope you had a lovely Easter break. Thank you so much parents for sending your children into school so smartly.

### Welcome

We welcome Mrs Silvestre to St Philip's this term. Mrs Silvestre is teaching year 4 along side Mrs Stevens this term.

### St Catherine of Siena

Last week was the feast day of St Catherine of Siena. A group of children were invited to visit the St Catherine of Siena Catholic Church in the centre of Birmingham. During the children's visit, mass was celebrated and we had a tour of the church and found out more about St Catherine of Siena who is the patron saint of our Multi Academy Company (MAC). The children also worked with an artist and created a beautiful sculpture of St Catherine of Siena which is displayed in our hall. The children were amazing and exceptional representing our lovely school. Thank you children.

### Year 2 Children

During the next three weeks the children in year 2 will be sitting their SATs papers. It is really important that the children are in school on time and are ready to sit their test. The tests must be administered during the rest of the this term as there is no alternative dates for the children to sit them.

### Year 6 Children

Monday 13th May until Thursday 17th May the children in year 6 will sit their statutory SATS tests in year 6. The children have worked incredibly hard this year and we are all very proud of them. Please ensure your child is in school on time and is well rested, ready to sit the tests confidently.

We wish year 2 and year 6 children all the very best of luck for next week !

### 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/).

### Safeguarding

Please ensure that you drop your children off at the school gates and not at the top of the road. There is still a lot of traffic around school and this is potentially dangerous for our children. Please ensure that your child/ren are in school safety and **NOT** dropped off and **left unattended** before the school day starts. If your child/ren attend breakfast club please ensure your child enters the school safely by bring your child to the front office, **DO NOT** block the access to the road. **DO NOT** block the front school carpark this may need to be accessed at any time in an emergency. If you have any concerns with safeguarding, then please speak with a member of staff and they will share it with our Designated safeguard lead. Thank you.

### 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.

### Polite reminder!

Thank you for your continuing support with our school uniform, please ensure that the children are wearing appropriate footwear and **not trainers or unsuitable footwear** to school. **Please continue to support our policy on appropriate hairstyles for school.** 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. Thank you.

### Breakfast Club.

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

### Healthy Choices

We are very proud of our Platinum Healthy School Award. **Please support your children to make healthy choices for break times and at lunchtimes in their lunch boxes.**

Please choose the children's snacks with a careful thought. Please talk with your children about making healthy choices.

### First Holy Communion

On **Sunday 23rd June** our children will making their First Holy Communion. We will be in contact shortly with a new date for a parents meeting with Father Damian . If you have any concerns or questions , please come and see myself, Miss Anslow or Mr Wilkes.

### Nursery places for September 2019

We are able to offer 15 hours and 30 hours 3-4 year old funded nursery places. If you would like your child to attend our nursery, please speak with the school office who will be able to assist you. If you are eligible for 30 hours funding with HMRC to help with the cost of nursery the school office can provide you with relevant forms to be completed and information on how you can apply.

## 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 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.
- **Monday 10th June—Healthy relationships talk Y6.**
- **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**
- **Monday 24th June—KS1 Sports Day**
- **Wednesday 26th June—Foundation Sports Day**
- **Thursday 27th June—KS2 Sports Day**
- **Thursday 18th July—Y6 Leavers Mass 9.15am and Y6 Leavers Assembly 2.00pm**
- **Friday 19th July—Y6 Graduation 9.00am**
- **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*