



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.

Staffing for this new school year:

Year 6—Mr Geary, Miss Lewis (am) Mrs Underhill and Mrs Reeve

Year 5—Miss Reaney and Miss Shaw

Year 4—Miss Ford and Ms Chauhann

Year 3—Miss Anslow, Miss Hymers, Mrs Ghaleb Mrs Letowski and Mrs Stevens (am)

Year 2—Miss Davidson, Mrs Horobin, Miss Hannah.

Year 1—Mrs Evans and Miss Cook, Mrs McKenzie, Miss Devi.

Reception—Mrs Eaton, Mrs Chapman and Mrs Ndou.

Nursery—Mrs Hill and Mrs Hodson

Welcome

We welcome our new teachers, Miss Ford and Miss Davidson who has started with us this term.

Here to Help !

If you have any concerns or worries then please do not hesitate to come and speak to Myself or Mr Wilkes. 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 next 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.



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* **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. *

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Parking

P 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. It is really important that you accompany your children to the school gate and ensure they are safely on the school premises 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. **The car park is for staff only and deliveries to the school.** Please **DO NOT** park on the drive of the school as it is busy with pedestrians. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Nursery Places available! We have spaces for nursery in the afternoons. If your interested or know of anybody who maybe, then please pop into school and speak to the school office. Nursery morning session is from 8.40am to 11.40am, afternoon session is from 12.15pm to 3.15pm. If your child is full time in Nursery they will need to arrive for 8.50am and finish at 3.00pm. The Nursery gate will be locked promptly at 8.55am and 12.20pm please ensure you are on time.

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 weekly and PE is an important part of the curriculum. We have outside providers in school who are supporting with exciting lessons in PE. Please look out for a welcome overview from your child's class teacher.



Swimming Kits -Please ensure your child has their swimming kits and towels. Swimming starts next week

SCHOOL TERM DATES

| Date | Event |
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| Autumn Term 2019 | |
| Monday 2nd September | Children return to school |
| Wednesday 23rd October | Children break up for half term |
| Thursday 24th October | Teacher Training Day |
| Friday 25th October | Teacher Training Day |
| Monday 4th November | Children return to school |
| Wednesday 18th December | Children break up for Christmas |
| Thursday 19th December | Teacher Training Day |
| Friday 20th December | Teacher Training Day |
| Spring Term 2020 | |
| Monday 6th January | Children return to school |
| Friday 14th February | Children Break up for half term |
| Monday 24th February | Children return to school |
| Friday 3rd April | Children break up for Easter |
| Summer Term 2020 | |
| Monday 20th April | Children return to school |
| Monday 4th May | School closed for May Day Bank Holiday |
| Friday 22nd May | Children break up for half term |
| Monday 1st June | Children return to school |
| Friday 17th July | Children break up for Summer Holidays |
| Monday 20th July | Teacher training day |

School Masses Every Thursday we celebrate mass and every class over the term the children lead with the readings and hymns. Please join us for mass. This term. Thursday masses are in church at 9:15 am. Our first School/parish mass is on Sunday 13th October @ 9:30 am. Please note! MASS for the start of the term is **Wednesday** next week at 9:15 am.

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