

Headteacher Newsletter – June 2018

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This week we had a WSCC representative visit school to moderate our Reception Class assessments and end of year judgements. The moderator spent the morning observing the children, looking at the classroom provision and then closely checking all evidence for 5 specifically identified children. She agreed with all of the judgements made by Mrs Lloyd and her team and the report she wrote was extremely complimentary about the experience and education our Reception Class children receive in school. She was also very complimentary about the part that Reception Class parents play in their child's education via Tapestry the Online Learning Journal.

Arundel Cathedral hold a Children's Mass every third Sunday and have asked if a child from our school could read at the Mass each time. So far, Hannah in Year 5 and Theo in Year 6 have read and this coming Sunday, Molly in Year 5 will be reading. The congregation are always very complimentary at the end of Mass about the children who have read. Thank you in advance if you are a family we ask to read in the future. It is a real experience to read in such a wonderful place and a great opportunity that children will remember as they get older.

A reminder that our School Sports Morning is on Wednesday 27th June at 9.15am. Refreshments will be on sale in the school allotment straight after morning drop off so go straight round. Entry to the Sports Morning is also via Anne Howard Gardens.

27.6.18 Sports Morning 9.30am
2.7.18 Sports Morning reserve date
11.7.18 French day for all classes
10.7.18 Night of the Guitar concert
13.7.18 KS2 swimming gala at the Lido (am)
18.7.18 Y6 Leavers Mass 10am Cathedral
19.7.18 Golden Assembly – all welcome
19.7.18 Y6 presentation to parents (evening)
20.7.18 Last day for children
22 & 23.7.18 INSET DAYS
3.9.18 INSET DAY
4.9.18 First day back for all children

Parent Governor election:

We have a vacancy for a Parent Governor on our school Governing Body. If you are keen to be part of the strategic planning of the school – in terms of finances, data and accountability, then please submit your application via the letter which has come home this week. If you are interested, but would like to find out more first, then please talk to me. If we receive more than one nomination, we will have a ballot where all parents will be entitled to vote. Could I also thank Dr Paul Jones, our current Parent Governor, who is stepping down after 5 years of service. The school is extremely grateful for his dedication, guidance and support during his term.

General info:

Website: All information is regularly updated on the school website www.stphilipsarundel.org.uk

Facebook: Please go onto our school website www.stphilipsarundel.org.uk and click on the Facebook icon. Click the 'like' button on the page to ensure you receive updates.

Car engines: In the interest of reducing pollution, could I ask that parents turn their car engines off whilst parked up and waiting to collect their children at the end of the day. The Eco Club can then add it to their list of actions. Many thanks.

Phonic testing Y1: All of our Year 1 children have this week sat their Phonic Test. Without exception, all children have progressed hugely from when they started Year 1. The results will be published with Year 1 reports. The threshold pass mark is not issued until all the data is sent off to the DfE. If children do not pass the test in Year 1 then they will resit in June the following year. This is a National Standardised Test.

Tag Rugby: All children in classes 1-6 had the opportunity to learn the basic skills of Tag Rugby this week. Thanks to Mr Hulse from St Philip Howard and his team of able assistants (pupils from Years 7 and 8) for running an interesting and fun activity. It was lovely to see past pupils working alongside the younger children.

Fundraising:

Well done to Ned and Dottie Burgess who baked cakes and sold them at the front of the school before half term. You may recall they were raising funds for Water Aid. Thank you to all parents who supported them by buying cakes. They were delighted to have made £100.

The link below explains a little more about why they are raising funds for water Aid.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/kirstie-burgess3>

Sussex by the Sea:

All are welcome to celebrate Sussex Day on 16th June in the Town Square. The Town Council are hosting a 'sing along' of Sussex by the Sea at 12 noon, this coming Saturday.

Cricket:

Congratulations to our Year 6 cricket team who won their tournament this week and are now through to the Sussex finals, representing our Locality group of schools.

Thank you as always to Mr Caws for running the cricket club and to Mrs Tout who also supports the group.

Induction coffees:

We have a few sessions over the coming weeks where the new Reception children will be spending time in school. You will recall that during this time, parents are invited to share coffee and a chat with other new parents whilst their child is in the classroom.

I would be extremely grateful if any current parents are able to serve teas and coffees on any or all of the following sessions:

Wednesday 20th June - 2.20-3.05pm

Thursday 28th June - 2.20-3.05pm

Wednesday 4th July 9.20-10.30am & 10.30-11.45am

Please let the office know – thank you!

Houses:

We have 4 House teams. These names are taken from the school crest (which belongs to the Duke) which is split into 4 quadrants and are the families from the Duke of Norfolk's Coat of Arms.

House point scores for this week:

Houses	Weekly scores
Howard	477
Brotherton	531
Warenne	459
Fitzalan	401

Summer Fair:

What a great day we had on Saturday last week - such a wonderful sense of community spirit. I was particularly pleased to see new families there (Reception 2018 families) and families who have since moved on.

Many thanks to all who helped set up the stalls, prepare the goods for the stalls and run the stalls and other activities. A lovely selection included Forest School, Nail Art and Splat the Rat to name but a few - all run by willing parents.

£2,500 was taken on the day. Thanks to all for spending!

Open Gardens in the school allotment, at the same time, also raised £60 for St Wilfrid's Hospice.

Aquathon:

The Locality group of schools are hosting a pilot Aquathon on Monday morning at the Lido. 2 children from KS2 and 2 children from KS1 have been invited to attend. They will need to swim 50m and run 400m in KS1 and 100m swim and run 800m in KS2.

Good luck to Matilda, Lorcan, Aedan and Amelie!

WW1:**Share your First World War stories**

Every family has a story to tell about the First World War.

Please bring your stories, photographs, documents or other memorabilia to the Arundel Museum on June 23rd between 10am and 2pm where members of the First World War research team will be in the Jubilee Room to hear and record your stories. Some of these will be incorporated in 20 panels that will be displayed around Arundel as part of the 100th Anniversary of the 1918 Armistice commemoration.

Alternatively, if you do have information to share or have details of someone else you know who has a story, you can contact John Morrison on either

john.morrison079@gmail.com or 01243 551498

School Angel:

Remember to go through

<https://www.schoolangel.org.uk/>

when ordering online. This can be, for example, Amazon, John Lewis, flights and supermarket shopping etc.

The school gains funds through your spending!

Thank you