

Headteacher Newsletter – June v2 2018

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Thank you to the mums who volunteered to serve teas and coffees to the new Reception parents for the two storytime sessions during the last two weeks. Thank you also to the Friends, parents and Governors who organised and served teas, coffees and pastries at the Sports Day event on Wednesday.

The Sports Day was a fantastic event where children thoroughly enjoyed representing their house and taking part in a range of different sporting activities. We were blessed with the weather and all ran very smoothly with the support of staff and our Young Sports Leaders from St. Philip Howard Catholic High School.

Unfortunately, the day was marred by some inconsiderate parking. Cars that were double parked along the Estate entrance (which is private land) caused untold problems for traffic. One delivery lorry was stuck for well over an hour, the bin lorry was delayed on their round by an hour and a half and urgent medicine deliveries were hampered (and the medic's car had to be left stranded as they went on foot to deliver the prescription) all because of cars double parked in the Estate entrance and along London Road. The traffic was jammed from the turning into London Road on the Whiteways road right up to the school with cars unable to go anywhere. I know that a vast majority of parents are conscientious and thoughtful but for those few who don't seem to recognise the impact it has, please know that it caused wasted time for workers, office staff, the police and huge embarrassment for the school.

It would be a shame to make our sports day a non-spectator event for the few who do seem to think it does not matter if they park in an unsafe spot. If you had a letter on your car please think next time before you park. Thank you for your co-operation with this ongoing issue.

Dates for the Diary

4.7.18 Transition/Domino Day

5.7.18 Y3 Rainforest Day

11.7.18 French day for all classes

10.7.18 Night of the Guitar concert 7pm

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

Sports Day final scores:

Well done to all children who took part in our Sport Day. They all looked very smart in their coloured t shirts and it was lovely to see so many children cheering on their friends. One child was seen to offer their sticker to another child because they were upset. True faith in action.

Fitzalan	1215
Brotherton	1055
Howard	1045
Warenne	1030

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.

Locality Choir event: Last Thursday the first Locality group of schools joined together to perform a concert for parents. Each school sang their own individual song and then for the finale, all sang a song together – a wonderful experience for all.

Allotment visits: Years 2 and 6 have visited the Priory Road allotments this week. They have been asked to complete a design for a competition as part of the Fruit and Flower Festival, linked to Arundel Rotary Club - this will be done in school time.

YR trip to Fishers Farm: Our Reception Class children visited Fishers Farm this week. The sun shone and the children behaved impeccably. Thank you to the adults who supported the trip.

Mass for St Peter and Paul:

Today (29th) is the Feast day of Sts. Peter and Paul. Years R,1, 2 and 6 have attended Mass at the Cathedral. However, Years 3, 4 and 5 were swimming at the Lido during Mass time so were unable to go. As it is a holy day of obligation, families may like to know that there is Mass at the Cathedral at 8pm for those who were not able to attend this morning.

Apps for online safety:

Smartie the Penguin - CyberSafety for 3 -7 year olds (ChildNet)

Follow the adventures of Smartie the Penguin as he learns how to be safe on the internet. This is a set of fun activities for younger children taking their first steps on the cyber highway.

The story of Smartie covers these three themes:

- Pop ups and in app purchasing
- Inappropriate websites for older children
- Cyberbullying

You can find the Smartie the Penguin here on the ChildNet website:

<https://www.childnet.com/resources/smartie-the-penguin>

VIOLIN LESSONS

Looking ahead to September, I have some spaces to take on new pupils who would like to learn the violin. The children have seen a violin demonstration this week and some may have brought home an introductory leaflet. Please click on the link below which will take you to the West Sussex Music Website where you can find information regarding all our offers and the online application. Lesson information is found under the **MAKING MUSIC** tab.

Applications are welcomed from children in KS1 as well as KS2 as there are no restrictions for learning a string instrument!

Please contact West Sussex Music with any queries you may have.

<https://www.westsussexmusic.co.uk/page.cfm?title=music-lessons>

Erin Harte-Stovell (violin teacher)

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	345
Brotherton	335
Warene	298
Fitzalan	247

Science Week:

Last week was Science Week at St. Philip's. The children had great fun learning scientific skills through research and experiments. Each class chose a Scientist and then carried out experiments linked to that scientist and their topic. Thank you to parents who came in and shared their skills with the classes and to Fizz Pop's Goopy Stuey who delivered a hands on assembly.

Many children submitted a 'Science Invention' for the Science Fair Competition. There was an amazing array of ideas and some excellent designs. Well done and thank you to all who entered. The Key Stage 1 winner was Oscar (Y2) and the KS2 winner was William (Y5). Please go onto the website to see pictures from the week and the winners.

French Day:

On 11th July, we will be having a French theatre group in school. They will be delivering workshops to each of the classes. All children are asked to wear Red, White and Blue on that day as part of the celebration of our 'French Day'. No uniforms required. Thank you to The Friends who are funding the day.

Teachers for next year:

A letter will soon be arriving home, informing parents of which teachers will be teaching each year group in September.

Class R: Mrs Lloyd

Class 1: Miss Wing

Class 2: Mr Gall

Class 3: Mrs Moss

Class 4: Mr Caws

Class 5: Mrs Foster

Class 6: Mrs Fairlie

PPA cover: Mrs Bridges, Mrs Burton, Mrs Horne and Mrs Hargreaves

Miss Robinson – Music teacher (Monday and Tuesday).

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