

Headteacher Newsletter – May v2 2018

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We have now rehomed the female chicks that hatched in Reception class as part of the 'Living Eggs' project and the male chicks have been taken back by the company for further use in their breeding programme. There has been great excitement in the younger classes as the chicks hatched and then, after a few days were able to be handled by the children. Thank you to Reception Class for looking after them so well, Mrs Tipping who babysat them at the weekend and to the families who have taken them home to rear.

I am delighted that we welcome thirty new children into our school community in September in Reception Class. This year we have had a record number of applications and whilst we never like to turn any families away, we have had to this year because of oversubscription. It is a blessing to know we are sought after as a preferred choice but disappointing for those families who do not have a space allocated this year. However, we all know that families move and circumstances change so it may be that some of those families who did not get a place this September, may still join us in future times if spaces become available.

Well done to our Year 6 children who have coped admirably this week with their End of Key Stage Tests (SATs). They have been calm, collected and tried their very best. Thanks to the rest of the school who have tiptoed around during the testing time and to parents for helping prepare the children, enabling them to remain calm. Year 2 will be sitting a test per day on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday next week.

Yellow School Photos will be here once again on Monday afternoon to take whole class photos. Please make sure all children are wearing the correct summer uniform and are looking smart. Red polo shirts for boys R-6, check dresses for girls R-5 and Red polo shirts and grey skirts for Y6 girls.

Dates for diary

21st-25th May Y2 SATs week
21.5.18 Junior Youth Council meeting
21-25th May Y6 Bikeability
23.5.18 Forest School Y1
23.5.18 Music in May Concert (evening)
24.5.18 Music in May Concert to school.
24.5.18 School Disco
4.6.18 INSET
5.6.18 Non-uniform day (Tombola donations)
6.6.18 Forest School Y6
7.6.18 Y5 Warhorse Theatre trip
9.6.18 Summer Fair 2-4pm
11.6.18 Phonic Testing Y1
13.6.18 Tag Rugby - all classes
27.6.18 Sports Morning 9.30am
2.7.18 Sports Morning reserve date
11.7.18 French day for all classes
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
22.7.18 INSET
23.7.18 INSET
3.9.18 INSET
4.9.18 First day back for all children

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.

Label pots: If you send fruit snacks in for your child's break time then please ensure their name is on the pot in permanent pen. This will enable us to reunite child and pots.

Trainers for swimming: A polite reminder that **all** children in Years 3-5 who go swimming at the Lido each Friday for lessons should be complying with the school uniform policy and wear trainers that are school colours or black (red, white and blue). Please do not send children into school wearing pink, yellow, green or any other colour that does not adhere to this regulation. Many thanks.

MMS: We are recruiting for lunchtime staff. If you are interested, please contact the school office for further information.

Grade 2, Band 8 – 10: £8.62 - £8.74 per hour
Various shifts between 12.00noon and 1.30pm

Fundraising:

Some families may know that back in November, the niece of Mrs Nikki Burgess (classroom support assistant, midday meals supervisor, governor and parent of Ned and Dottie) was tragically killed in a car accident.

The wider family have decided to raise funds for Maddie's favourite charity – Water Aid and further details can be found on the link.

Ned and Dottie are too young to sail around the South Coast with the crew and their Dad... so instead would like to bake cakes for a sale and raise funds that way. They will therefore be selling them on Wednesday after school. Please support them if you are able and of course you can donate to the JustGiving fund if you are in a position to do so.

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

Allotment planting:

I will be at the school allotment this coming Sunday at 11am to plant bedding plants and vegetables in the freshly dug growing beds. Please come along to help if you are able. Many hands make light work! Please park on London Road & walk round to avoid upsetting the neighbours in Anne Howard Gardens.

Swimming lessons:

Please send children with a fruit snack to eat after their swimming lesson and before their lunch.

Locality Choir Event - 21st June**The Littlehampton Academy:**

Choir members, please return the slip asap if you haven't already done so, as numbers need to be confirmed for transporting children to TLA for the afternoon rehearsal and also spaces allocated for the evening performance. 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	192
Brotherton	361
Warene	182
Fitzalan	227

Summer Fair:

This will take place on Saturday June 9th at 2-4pm on the school field. Please come along to help set up the stalls in the morning and man a stall if you are able to.

If you are unable to help then please bring your families to the Fair and spend!

There will be lots to do and see and hopefully with the sun shining, it can be a real fun family afternoon out.

On Tuesday June 5th we are asking children to come into school in home clothes and in return, bring into school a donation for the Fair. A list of suggestions has been sent home in the recent Friends newsletter.

If you run a business or know a company that can donate raffle prizes, we would be extremely grateful.

School Disco:

As requested by the School Council, we will be holding a school disco on Thursday 24th May in the school hall.

KS1 (YrsR-2) is 6-7pm

KS2 (Yrs3-6) is 7.15-8.15pm

Any parents who are able to stay and help supervise at the disco are more than welcome to do so.

Music in May:

This evening concert is taking place in school on Wednesday 23rd May. More information will be sent home soon regarding timings for children to arrive and what to wear. If your child is involved please note the evening date on your calendars.

Holidays in term time:

Could I remind all families that no holidays should be booked in term time. All requests are looked at by our Governing Body and will only be authorised in 'exceptional circumstances'.

We are having at least two or three requests per week! WSCC will fine families if any unauthorised holiday absences meet their penalty criteria.

https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/media/6138/fpn_code_of_conduct.pdf

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