

Headteacher Newsletter – May 2018

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Swimming lessons at Arundel Lido start on May 11th. Year 5 will be the first group to go each Friday, followed by Year 4 and then Year 3. Children should come into school wearing their navy jogging bottoms, coloured PE t- shirt and navy school jumper or navy hoodie. They remain dressed in these for the whole day. School colour trainers are also needed (red, white, blue or black). Please note that jogging bottoms, hoodies and trainers in other colours are not part of our school uniform policy and will be challenged. School uniform is an important aspect of our school identity and ethos and PE kits are part of our school uniform. Thank you for your support with this.

<https://www.stphilipsarundel.org.uk/images/PDFs/schooluniform.pdf>

Above is a link to our school uniform policy. Could I also remind families that extreme haircuts, tramlines, shaved heads or mohicans are not permitted, in line with the policy. I would also encourage parents to allow a grade of no less than 3.5 on haircuts. Many thanks.

Many parents will have heard of new Data Protection rules coming into place by May 25th. As such, the school has updated their Data Protection policy in line with guidance for WSCC. This will be available on the school website shortly. Privacy notices will also be updated on the school website. We will alert you once this has happened.

As in previous years, we like the children to plant flowers and crops in the school allotment. If you have any beans, sweet corn or tomato plants you could donate, we would be very grateful. Any bedding plant donations would also be very much appreciated.

Dates for diary

7.5.18 Bank Holiday
9.5.18 Y2 Forest School
10.5.18 Ascension Day Mass Cathedral 10am
11.5.18 Swimming lessons start (Yrs 3,4 & 5)
12.5.18 Y5 Locality Art Exhibition at Littlehampton Museum
12.5.18 Snowdrop Trust Walk
13.5.18 Holy Communion at Arundel Cathedral at 9.30am
14.5.18 KS2 SATs week
14-17th May 8.30am Breakfast for Y6 children daily.
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 community.
24.5.18 School Disco
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

General info:

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

Y5 Museum: Year 5 have been working with The Littlehampton Academy to design and make their own diaries. These will be on display at Littlehampton Museum on Saturday 12th May 11-12.00. Mrs Foster will be there and would be delighted if some or all Year 5 families could also go and support the event. There are refreshments available too!

Year 4: I feel Year 4 need a mention in the newsletter for entering so willingly into the various different events they have taken part in over the last week. They walked to the Museum on Monday afternoon in the pouring rain, they got very wet and muddy at Forest School on Wednesday and, on Thursday walked over to Arundel Orchard for Maypole Dancing in a very soggy field. Well done to the children and staff who still managed to enjoy the events and kept a smile on their faces and of course thank you to the parents who were left with very muddy clothes and shoes after these events.

Bank Holiday Monday: A reminder that this coming Monday is a Bank holiday so the school will be closed. School reopens on Tuesday 8th May.

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.

Testing:
 Y2 tests will take place, in the main, during the week beginning May 21st. There will be testing on each of the days Mon-Weds for a maximum of 1 hour per day. They will have one test (English comprehension) on Tuesday 8th May (please ensure they have breakfast before they arrive and an early night on Monday). An email from the Department for Education has been sent home explaining the process to parents.

Year 1 Phonic testing will take place on Monday 12th June. There will be some Year 2 children who will need to take the test too but only if they did not pass last year in Year 1.

Year 6 tests are taking place in the week beginning 14th May (Mon-Thurs). On each of those days we would like all Year 6 children in school for 8.30 to take part in the SATs breakfast.

Locality Choir:
 As a group of Locality Schools, we are holding the first ever Locality Choir event. This will take place on Thursday 21st June at 6.30pm at The Littlehampton Academy. Those children who attend choir each week will be sent more information soon. If your child belongs to the choir please make every effort for them to attend this event. Parents are invited to the concert too.

Ascension Thursday:
 This is a holy day of obligation so as a school community we will be celebrating Mass in the cathedral at 10am on Thursday May 10th. All family and friends are welcome to attend.

Snowdrop Trust Walk:
 The Snowdrop Trust's annual walk will take place on Sunday 13th May. 12.30-4pm in Arundel Park. More information will be sent via email.

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	162
Brotherton	94
Warene	110
Fitzalan	147

Staffing news:
 Class teacher Mrs Tipping will be taking a Sabbatical for the next academic year September 2018-19. She is planning to go travelling with her husband. We wish her safe travels and look forward to welcoming her back in September 2019.

Mrs Moss will be joining our school teaching team in September 2018. Mrs Moss started her career as an accountant and then moved on to become a Teaching Assistant for eight years in a local school. She has now completed her teacher training degree and qualifications and knows our school well from her placement here in Year 5. We are delighted that she has agreed to teach in our school.

Class teachers are yet to be confirmed for September 2018 but I am hoping that there will be little change from where teachers are at present.

School Disco:
 As requested by the School Council, we will be holding a school disco on Thursday 24th May in the school hall.
 KS1 is 6-7pm
 KS2 is 7.15-8.15pm

Music in May:
 This concert is taking place in school on Wednesday 24th 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.

Behaviour concerns:
 Class teachers make every effort to keep parents in the loop regarding any friendship issues or concerns but sometimes we don't know about them. Please keep the class teacher informed of anything that is upsetting your child. Children can only thrive in a place where they feel happy and safe.

Tag rugby:
 St Philip Howard High School will be running Tag Rugby sessions here at school on Wednesday 13th June. They will be bringing some students with them to coach the children and of course the PE teachers themselves will lead the sessions.

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