

Headteacher Newsletter – June 2017

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Congratulations to our 23 children who have now made their First Holy Communion. These children will be representing our school at the Corpus Christi Mass and procession next Thursday where they will again wear their Communion outfits.

Every year, the Local Authority chooses 25% of West Sussex Primary schools to visit, to meet with the class teacher of Reception, Year 2 and Year 6 to moderate and quality check the teacher's assessments of each child. This year we have been selected for a Year 2 moderation. The moderators came in to check Year 2 Teacher Assessments in Reading, Writing and Maths. The moderator met with Mr Gall this week and confirmed our judgements. These moderations ensure parity across all schools in the county.

You will have received, earlier in the week, some website links to guidance on helping to support children in dealing with news of the recent Terror Attacks in Britain. Whilst you may not have spoken directly with your child about these, they will have seen or heard news on the television or radio and may have heard friends discussing it. We have not discussed the events in depth, but have prayed for the families of both the Manchester and London attacks. As a school, we are given directives from the Government on how best to avoid children feeling too anxious. There may be one or two children who will have a strong reaction to the news therefore if you need support from us, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Dates for diary

6.6.17 Whole school Science week
9.6.17 Y5 Night in the Museum
11.6.17 Allotment tidy.
12.6.17 Meeting for new Reception Class parents 7pm
14.6.17 Y6 Forest School
16.6.17 Y3 Seacity visit
21.6.17 Y3 Forest School
30.6.17 Y2 Forest School
3.7.17 Sports morning
5.7.17 Domino Day
7.7.17 KS2 Swimming gala
8.7.17 Summer Fair 2pm
18.7.17 Y6 Buffet and presentation 6pm
19.7.17 Leavers Mass 10am Arundel Cathedral
21.7.17 Last day of term

One Arundel:

An Arundel group have set up a support group for the Pink/Blue Bypass route. The group is called One Arundel and it needs support from as many people as possible to ensure the Bypass happens. Recently the Chichester Bypass was put on hold as the town was split in its choice of where the Bypass should go. I have been asked to publicise the website and Facebook page to encourage people to make their views known. If you are interested in supporting the Pink/Blue route then please click on the following link:
[One Arundel Pro=Bypass facebook Group](https://www.onearundel.co.uk/)
<https://www.onearundel.co.uk/>

General info:

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

Science Week: A great week focusing on the key skills of Scientific Enquiry. A very big thank you to Mrs Fairlie for organising the week's activities and to Mr Clarke, Mrs Cooper and Mr Harder who came in to school to deliver Science activities with various classes. Well done to the Science competition entries too. Winners will be announced soon.

Punctuality award winners: The punctuality award was given to Y1 with only one 'late' recorded.

Sunflowers: Hopefully these will be growing at home. I will let you know when these need to be measured and returned.

Phonics Y1: The Year 1 Phonic test will take place in school on Tuesday. Mrs Bridges will deliver the test on a one to one basis with each child in Year 1.

Allotment tidy up: An extra tidy this Sunday 9th June at 9.30am ahead of the Sussex in Bloom Competition judging next week. All welcome.

Instagram: This is for children aged 14 and over. Any children found using this app will be reported.

Music concert:

Well done to all those children who took part in our annual Music in May concert. It was a real musical treat and the children performed wonderfully. The retiring collection raised £131. This will be used to add to our musical instruments equipment in school. These instruments will benefit all classes. Thank you for your generosity.

Goblin Kit Car:

Congratulations to our Goblin Kit Car team who represented the school during half term at the Banjo Road event in Littlehampton. The children loved the experience of competing and being part of a team. Thank you to Mr Gall, Mr Calder and Mr Engerran who accompanied the children and continue to run the club.

First Aid Y5:

Thank you to Mr Lashwood for offering to come and deliver a first aid talk to Year 5. This was a request from Year 5 at the recent School Council meeting.

Planting:

The school is looking very colourful with bright bedding plants filling pots in Reception Class outside area, the front of the school and on the playground. Thank you for the donations from families. There is a final allotment tidy up on Sunday at 9.30. Anyone who is available is very welcome to help with final weeding and sweeping.

Arundel Museum gallery opening:

Thank you to Melanie and William from Class 4 who presented a gift to Princess Alexandra at the Museum Gallery opening during half term. Pictures can be seen on the school website.

Both children were commended for their smart appearance and polite manners.

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.

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	200
Brotherton	169
Warenne	247
Fitzalan	122

Summer Fair:

A reminder that any help on the day would be gratefully received. This could be help to set up the actual stalls in the morning or helping to prepare the stock in advance, baking cakes for the day or helping out on one of the stalls during the Fair time.

A great way to make new friends, help raise funds for the children and be a supportive member of our school community. Thank you in advance.

Bollywood dancing:

Children in Years 3-6 took part in a Bollywood dancing workshop this week. Charlotte, an independent dance teacher, taught the children the history behind Bollywood dancing and a dance routine using the traditional moves. All children were very focused and keen to perform well. Photos can be seen on the school website.

Corpus Christi help:

The Cathedral is hosting the annual carpet of flowers next week. They would be very grateful for any volunteers during the week to lay the flowers, serve teas and coffees etc. If you are able to help, then please contact the Cathedral on 01903 882297.

Corpus Christi Mass and procession takes place on Thursday evening at 5.30pm. Holy Communion children need to be at the Cathedral at 5pm in their Communion outfits. All welcome.

Castle cricket:

On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, Arundel Castle Cricket ground is hosting a cricket match - Sussex v South Africa. They have very generously offered for any of our classes to go over and watch some of the match. Depending on weather and timetabling, hopefully some of our older classes will have the opportunity to visit and watch some of event.

School Angel:

Click on the link, type in school name and then click on the logo and this will take you to the website as usual and you can shop as normal. We will receive a percentage of your spend at no cost to you.

It is easy to do but it is a case of remembering to do it!

<http://www.schoolangel.org.uk/st-philips-catholic-primary-school.html>

Flights and holidays can be booked via this too!