

Headteacher Newsletter – June 2017 Vol 2

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I think all members of our school community are beginning to feel the fast pace of a typical Summer term. We have many added events in our calendar in the last half term of the academic year (Sports Day, Swimming Gala, Y6 production, trips, Summer fair etc) and as a result, the children start to sense the change. As a school staff we are committed to ensuring children get a range of experiences, opportunities and activities. For a few children this structure of change unsettles them and as a staff we are already beginning to notice some inappropriate behaviour creeping into our classrooms and playground. I would very much appreciate your support at home in ensuring children keep to their usual weekly routines of regular bedtimes, homework, reading and spelling and a reminder as they come into school about making correct choices. This will help to ensure these last 4 weeks are enjoyable and beneficial for all. You will have received a questionnaire from the Diocese this week together with a letter outlining our upcoming R.E. inspection next Tuesday. Please could I ask for as many families as possible to respond to the questionnaire. It is essential that the inspectors get all viewpoints and not just those of the school staff and children. Finally, I know some parents and children are keen to know which class teacher they will have next year and which classroom they will be in. I am just making final amendments to the staffing structure (all dependent on the teacher taking over for Mrs Bridges' maternity cover) and will send out the information as soon as I can and of course in time for Domino Day on 5th July. You will have an opportunity to meet your child's new class teacher as usual at the 'parent pop in' during the first week of September.

Dates for diary

27.6.17 RE inspection
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

General info:

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

Science Week: We had many innovative and imaginative entries for our Science week recycled toy competition. The winners were Charlie W in Y3, Alfie W in Y1 and Eva H in YR. They received a hard backed book of Science activities to do at home. Well done!

Punctuality award winners: The punctuality award was given to Y6 with zero 'lates' recorded.

Hot weather:

We have had some very hot weather this week. Please ensure all children bring a hat to school, a full water bottle (named) and have sun cream applied before they arrive. We are encouraging all children to find shade at playtimes and particularly during the lunch break where the sun is at its hottest. We have various places for them to sit and chat or play out of the sun. Classrooms are kept cool with blinds partially down, fans on, lights off and windows open. Children do not need to bring jumpers or cardigans to school for the rest of the term. Please talk to your child about the importance of drinking plenty throughout the day and avoiding running games. We will obviously do the same in school.

School Angel: Please ensure you go through the School Angel web page before booking flights or package holidays or hotels. Details are recorded below. The school receives a percentage of your spend.

Sainsbury's vouchers: Thank you for all the vouchers donated to school. We are now in the process of ordering equipment for cookery sessions, outdoor areas and PE.

Sports day: A reminder that Sports morning is on Monday 3rd July. Children will need their coloured house t-shirts, navy shorts and trainers.

The Mayor's Service:

As I type this newsletter I am serenaded by the combined choir of St Philip's and Arundel C of E school who are rehearsing for the Mayor's Service on 2nd July.

Please can I ask for any outstanding choir event slips to be returned asap. You will understand that organising different events requires a reliance on children attending and supporting. Thank you in advance.

French teacher:

We have hosted a French teacher in school this week. Mrs Letaltec has been visiting our school in order to improve her English. She teaches in an International School in France. Our school has an International School's Award so it has been useful to have her supporting French in our school too.

Cricket:

Last week Year 5 went over to the Castle Cricket ground to watch some of the Sussex V South Africa match. The school cricket club also went over to watch the professional players in action.

Whatsapp group messenger:

As a school community, who aim to work together, I respectfully remind and highlight to all parents the school's clear mission of school/home communication. I hope all parents recognise that I make every effort to be available and visible for all and that the office is always happy to answer queries. If you are anxious or need clarification about anything then please ask me or a member of staff. That way, you are guaranteed to get a fast and accurate response. Many thanks for your support in this.

Cafod:

A message from Cafod following our 'Camel Trek': Cafod would like to thank students, staff and parents for their generosity in raising £1458.44 to help reduce poverty and bring about sustainable change in some of the poorest parts of the world. Thank you for your support and prayers. Furthermore we would love to feature your school on our website.

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	156
Brotherton	187
Warenne	239
Fitzalan	179

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.

Music advert:

WOODWIND lessons are available from September with West Sussex Music tutor Kate Hogg BA (Hons) PGCE. Experienced teacher and performer she covers a range of styles of music: Jazz, Pop, Folk, Classical. Free taster lessons are available at your school in July 2017– please let the school office know if your child is interested in giving either FLUTE, CLARINET or SAXOPHONE a try.

Raffle prizes:

Our Summer Fair is only 2 weeks away now. We have some fantastic raffle prizes available to win on the day so please try to come and support on the day (if you are not already helping!). Thanks goes to many of the Arundel businesses who have generously donated. Prizes pledged so far include:

- Vintage Cream Tea for Two @ The Norfolk Arms
- Handbag from Fanny Adams, Arundel
- Family pass for Arundel Museum
- Brunch for two at The Loft (Sparks Yard)
- Season family pass for Arundel Lido
- Meal voucher for Ristorante Pappardelle or Osteria
- Family pass for Arundel Castle
- 4 tickets for Women's World Cup Final at Lord's Cricket Ground
- Prize from Antiquities in Arundel
- Sunday lunch for four at The Red Lion in Arundel

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!