

# Headteacher Newsletter – March 2017 Vol 3

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Reception Class have been very excitedly waiting for their ten eggs to hatch this week. By yesterday morning, all ten were successfully hatched and chirping happily in their brooder box. All children across the school will have the opportunity to see and hold the chicks and Reception Class in particular will be learning about life cycles. The chicks will return to the breeding company next Friday unless any one would like a few at home? Please let the office know if you are interested.

The chicks fit in nicely with fast approaching Easter and the promise of new life. We will be celebrating the new life of Christ when we return after the Easter holiday. At present, each classroom has a prayer focus with a purple cloth and bare twigs on display whilst we are in the season of Lent. When we return, these will be replaced by flowers and a white cloth to signify the Risen Lord. We will have a cross outside school covered with flowers to bear witness that as Christians' we are 'The Easter People'. Please could you send in a few flowers from your garden on the second day back after Easter (25<sup>th</sup> April). We will have our Mass of the Risen Lord at the Cathedral on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> at 10am and will decorate the cross on that day.

We have been advised that St. Philip's will have an RE inspection at some point during the Summer Term. Once advised of the date, we will send out parental questionnaires' and further details. It will be a one day inspection with two inspectors evaluating the Spirituality, prayer life and RE teaching, progress and attainment of our school. We will then receive a report and grading.

## Dates for diary

**6.4.17** Cinema night – 'Moana'  
**7.4.17** Y5 'Wonder' workshop at TLA  
**7.4.17** Break up for Easter holidays  
**8.4.17** Allotment tidy up (9.30-12)  
**24.4.17** Start of Summer Term  
**25.4.17** Dance House at The Alex Theatre, Bognor Regis  
**26.4.17** Mass of The Risen Lord 10am  
**1.5.17** Bank Holiday  
**2.5.17** PC Bishop visiting Y1  
**4.5.17** Y4 trip to Arundel Orchard  
**5.5.17** Swimming lessons start for Y3, Y4 & Y5  
**6.5.17** McMillan fundraiser - Choir singing at St Nicholas Church, Arundel  
**8.5.17** SATs Week (KS2)  
**9.5.17** School Council Meeting  
**10.5.17** Growing Club Y1  
**11.5.17** Celebration Assembly with RE Ambassadors  
**16.5.17** Y4 Deanery PE Activity Day at SPH  
**17.5.17** Y6 Forest School  
**17.5.17** Y2 Growing Club  
**18.5.17** Imam Idris visiting from Worthing Mosque  
**22.5.17** Y6 Bikeability week  
**22.5.17** Yellow School Photos - (class and team photos)  
**23.5.17** Music in May Concert 7pm-9pm  
**24.5.17** Growing Club Y3  
**25.5.17** PC Bishop Visiting YR and Y2  
**27.5.17** Half Term  
**5.6.17** INSET DAY

## General info:

**Website:** All information is regularly updated on the school website [www.stphilipsarundel.org.uk](http://www.stphilipsarundel.org.uk)

**Red Nose Day:** Thesale of Red Noses and £1 donations for wearing home clothes totalled £375. Thank you.

**Allotment tidy up:** A parent has kindly cleared several loads of cuttings from the allotment in preparation for the tidy up on 8<sup>th</sup> April. Many hands make light work so please come along and help us to weed and cut back plants. If anyone has access to a trailer on that morning then we would be very grateful for its use and a trip to the tip afterwards.

**Sainsbury's vouchers:** We are again collecting Active Kids Vouchers from Sainsbury's. The collection box is in the main entrance. These vouchers support our school budget by enabling us to order sports, outdoor and cookery equipment. We would be extremely grateful for your vouchers.

**Important reminder:** to all parents/carers that medicated throat sweets are not permitted in school. Thank you.

**Science Week:** In the week after half term (6.6.17) the school will be running the annual Science and Arts Week. The topic will be 'Reuse and Recycle'. If any parents are Science teachers and are able to come into school and demonstrate a few experiments to get the children enthused, we would be extremely grateful. Thank you.

**Egg Competition:** The deadline for the egg competition is next Tuesday (4<sup>th</sup>). See page 2 for more details.

**Missio Collection Boxes:** Please return your filled Lenten collection boxes as soon as possible & **no later than Mon 24<sup>th</sup> Apr.**

**Raring2go competition:**

Please click on the link and enter the competition to win a free class visit to Go Ape. It simply requires a name and a school to enter. Good luck!

<https://raring2go.co.uk/competitions/win-a-class-outing-to-a-go-ape>

**Tadpoles:** We have tadpoles in the school pond. The children will be looking out for them and watching their development into frogs over the next few weeks during Growing Club and the Allotment tidy up (8.5.17).

**Planet Nine:**

A parent has sent this to me and it may be of interest to your child:

*'This website has been set up by researchers hoping to identify Planet Nine in digital images - the site tells you all about the new planet and how to spot it, you can then make a free account and search digital images, identify possible sightings and also spot bright stars, satellites and other space phenomenon. There is a very clear guide to interpret what you are seeing but be warned- it's quite addictive! If you have an account and are lucky enough to identify planet 9 you will be credited with the discovery and even be asked for help in naming it!'*

<https://www.zooniverse.org/projects/skymap/planet-9/classify>

**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	164
Brotherton	230
Warenne	222
Fitzalan	166

**Egg Competition:**

Remember to bring in your hard boiled or blown egg for our whole school competition. We already have a few entries. The egg can be decorated or made into a character. There will be a small prize awarded in Golden Assembly next week to a winner in Reception Class, KS1 and KS2. There is also a 'staff' category for all adults who work at the school to enter.

**Westminster terrorist attack:**

As a school, we have not gone into detail with the children about the events in London last week. We did pray for the families affected and I asked the children not to discuss anything they had seen on the news in case smaller children overheard and became anxious. The children were told to speak to an adult in school or at home if they had concerns or questions. I received this information in a safeguarding briefing with a link that may be useful for parents to use if their child does ask questions or is worried.

*'The events in London last Wednesday highlight the potential for additional risks from high-profile threats and some schools have expressed concerns about visits to London. The Home Office threat level remains unchanged at 'Severe' which means an attack is 'highly likely'. The risk now is no higher than it has been over recent weeks and months.'*

[Talking to children about terrorism \(Social Work Tutor\)](#)

Please feel free to contact me or your child's class teacher if you have any specific concerns.

**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!

**Facebook:**

Please go onto our school website

[www.stphilipsarundel.org.uk](http://www.stphilipsarundel.org.uk) and click on the Facebook icon. Click the 'like' button on the page to ensure you receive updates.

**Punctuality Award:**

We are introducing a weekly 'punctuality' class winner award. This will be awarded to the class which has the least amount of minutes late in the attendance records and will be presented in Celebration Assembly. Please ensure that your child is in school on time daily so they do not jeopardise the rest of class' chance of winning the award.