

Headteacher Newsletter – May 2017 vol 2

St Philip's Catholic Primary School, London Road, Arundel BN18 9BA

Tel: 01903 882115 Email:office@st-philips.w-sussex.sch.uk

Website: www.stphilipsarundel.org.uk

Well done to our Year 6 children who coped calmly and maturely with the Key Stage 2 tests. All children were focused and tried their best. They will now continue their learning in class and prepare for their transition to Secondary school.

Year 2 children begin their Key Stage 1 tests this coming week (Monday-Thursday).

Bikeability begins on Monday for the week for Y6, so please ensure your child's bike is checked for safety and that they have a helmet to wear.

On Sunday some children from Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be making their First Holy Communion at Arundel Cathedral and at Our Lady Star of the Sea, East Preston. All are welcome to support them at Mass at 9.30am (10am for East Preston) and please keep them all in your prayers.

I am delighted to tell you that Arundel Town Council has awarded us a grant of £5,000 which will be match funded by the school. This will enable us to buy 30 new iPads together with a charging station.

Thank you to Miss Robinson and the Choir who visited St. Wilfrid's Priory this week. The children were invited to sing to the residents as part of Alzheimer's Awareness Week. The comments from the residents were very complimentary and the children were particularly commended for their behaviour and good manners.

This week, as part of our RE curriculum, the children in each class have been learning about Islam and on Thursday Imam Idris visited our school. The Imam from a Worthing Mosque talked to each of the classes about different aspects of the religion and this included information sharing on Prayer mats, the Qur'an and Mosques. Please ask your child what they can remember about the session.

Dates for diary

22.5.17 KS1 SATs

22.5.17 Y6 Bikeability week

22.5.17 Y5 Wonder Workshop

22.5.17 School Photos - (class and team photos)

23.5.17 Music in May Concert 7pm-9pm

24.5.17 Y3 Growing Club

24.5.17 YR Forest School

25.5.17 PC Bishop visiting YR and Y2

27.5.17 Half Term

5.6.17 INSET DAY

6.6.17 Whole school Science week

7.6.17 Y1 Forest School

9.6.17 Y5 Night in the Museum

12.6.17 Meeting for new Reception Class parents 7pm

14.6.17 Y6 Forest School

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

General info:

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

Sainsbury's vouchers: Calling all last outstanding vouchers. Please post in the box in the entrance as we will be placing our order for free resources and equipment soon. Thank you for all of your donations so far.

Science Week: This will run across all classes from Tuesday to Friday. Please look out for a letter coming home about support from home during that week.

MacMillan fundraising: Thank you to the choir who sang at the recent MacMillan fundraising event. £8,000 was raised for this worthy cause.

Haircuts: Please be aware that shaved heads or very short haircuts are not part of the school uniform policy.

Punctuality award winners: The punctuality award was given to Y6 this week. They had 0 children who arrived after the 8.55am register. Well done!

DIY SOS:

Many of you will have seen the DIY SOS van parked in our car park last Friday. Mandy Worne delivered a workshop to Year 6 children based on 'overcoming challenges'. It was great fun to have two of the television programme's presenters (Billy and Mark) in the workshop and the children listened carefully, were polite and asked some very good questions. No date for the airing of the programme as yet.

Sunflowers:

Most classes, by now, will have brought home their sunflower pot and seed. Please nurture these at home and re-pot once they start to grow. We will be asking for the tallest ones to be returned to school before the summer holiday to put forward as the winner of the school's competition run by Glyn-Jones Estate Agents.

First aid Y5:

Year 5 children have requested a talk on basic first aid. If you are or know of anyone who has paramedic training, please contact the school office to deliver a short talk with our lovely Year 5 children.

Planting:

Thank you for the donations of bedding plants we have received so far. Please continue to send them in and our Growing Club will plant them.

We now have 'Gardening Crew' members from each class who are responsible for watering plants and will show the judge around on June 14th for our South East in Bloom entry.

Arundel Museum gallery opening:

On Tuesday of half term, Mrs Bridges and two children from Year 4 will be attending the Gallery opening at Arundel Museum. Princess Alexandra will be performing the official opening. An exciting opportunity for William and Melanie in Year 4!

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	210
Brotherton	217
Warene	280
Fitzalan	222

Summer Fair:

Please put the date of 8th July (2-4pm) in your diary. As always, any offers of help to run a stall and help set up beforehand are essential to a successful event. Please offer your name to the office and the ladies who are organising the event will be in touch.

It is vital that we also have some 'strong' help in the morning to help set up the stalls borrowed from the farmer's market (quite a manual task but easy if there are a few helping). Even if you can only offer an hour, it helps. We especially need families to offer help who have children in the younger classes as we will be losing some long standing parent helpers this July when Year 6 move on to Secondary school. We need some new, fresh and willing parents and many hands make light work! Thank you in advance.

Thank you too to the many parents who offered their address to have a promotional board in their front garden. I will submit the addresses to Jackson Stops and Staff and await their response. I will then contact those that they have chosen. We had more than the ten required so will wait and see what they say. A letter will soon be coming home from The Friends outlining events taking place and items needed for various stalls.

The Summer Fair is the biggest fundraiser of the year and **all** the proceeds directly benefit the children via trips, treats, visits and equipment.

Charity fundraisers:

Well done to two Year 3 children, Matilda and Annabel, who raised money for a local charity by baking cakes and then selling them to friends and family. They raised £23.35 for Stonepillow, a Chichester based charity which supports the homeless.

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!