

Headteacher Newsletter – July 2017

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This week the children all had an opportunity to meet their new teacher for September 2017 and to see their new classroom. Each classroom will be prepared and transformed over the Summer holiday to suit the age of the children. The teachers will have shared with the children their vision for their own individual classroom.

This week I was able to share with governors and staff the end of year results for Reception, Year1 Phonics test, Year 2 SATs and Year6 SATs. All results for each were above National Data and will be published on the school website as provisional data in the next few weeks. We have asked for a few papers from Year 6 to be remarked (as we think there were marks missed that mean the difference between a pass or not). Reports will come home today with your own child's assessment and progress and any Standard Test data if they are in YR, 1, 2 or 6.

A reminder that this Saturday is the Summer Fair. The school field will be open and busy from 9.30am onwards. Please send any people who are able to assemble the stalls at 9.30am (with lots of people, it can be done in an hour and those people can then head off or stay to help set up the activities). Just an hour or two at any time would be gratefully received, even later in the day to set up and/or man the stalls. Your help and support are very much needed and appreciated. Thank you to Mrs Buckley, Mrs Merridue and Mrs Chesterman-Keane and their team of helpers who have worked hard and been busy organising throughout the week.

Dates for diary

7.7.17 KS2 Swimming gala

8.7.17 Summer Fair 2pm

11.7.17 Y4 Survival Day

11.7.17 Night of the Guitar concert 7pm

18.7.17 Y6 presentation 6pm

19.7.17 Leavers Mass 10am Arundel Cathedral

21.7.17 Last day of term

4.9.17 INSET

5.9.17 First day back for children

General info:

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

Punctuality award winners: The punctuality award was given to Y5 with only 2 'lates' recorded.

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.

Allotment: Stuart Slade came into school this week to build a large 'bug hotel' in the allotment with the help of several children from various classes. Thank you to those who donated bamboo canes and to Stuart too for his time and enthusiasm.

Facebook:

Our parent who has been running the school Facebook page so successfully over the last three years is handing over the baton to another, this Summer. A huge thank you for all the time and commitment in running this useful aspect of communication.

To ensure that parents get all posts from the school's feed, parents need to regularly 'like' the posts. This will mean that all posts come to you rather than a selected few. Apparently, the technical people of Facebook organise it this way in order to make money from businesses.

The Mayor's Service:

Thank you to the choir members and their families who spent the day on Saturday rehearsing and participating in workshops with the Electric Youth show band and singers. The event was designed to raise money for Macmillan and Homestart. There was a fabulous show on Saturday evening where the children were able to see the group in action. The Mayor's Service on Sunday was another wonderful opportunity for the choir to sing in the Cathedral with Arundel C of E children at the induction of the new mayor. Finally, on Tuesday, the choir were invited to the Town Hall for a drinks reception where they were again able to experience the talent of the Electric Youth group from Boston. Thank you to Miss Robinson for her time and commitment and enthusiasm for all of the events.

Cricket: Well done to our Year 5 and 6 cricket team who won the local school tournament and went through to the County Cricket finals this week. They came 6th overall out of the primary schools in Sussex. What a great experience for them all. Thanks to Mr Caws and Mrs Tout for training the children and accompanying them and also to those parents who helped to transport the children over to Henfield.

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.

5 for 5: Year 5 will again be carrying out their Young Enterprise activities this term. They are each given £5 in groups of 5 and have to try and devise activities and events to increase the money given. Any proceeds will then pay for a class treat (a trip to the lido for a fun session) and if any money is left, this will be donated to the charity chosen by the class. Look out for their stalls outside the front of the school in the coming weeks!

Survival Day:
Year 4 will have their Survival Day on the 11th July. During the day the children will have opportunities to participate in orienteering and map reading, outdoor learning and a sporting activity. Thanks to Pro Coaching, Mrs Lovegrove and 'Skip' from Explorers for supporting this fun and educational day of learning.

Sheds:

With thanks to the funds raised from previous 'Friends' events e.g. Summer Fair and Christmas Bazaar, we have been able to buy a new, bigger play house for the playground. It is large enough for all year groups to use. We have also been able to buy and assemble a new 'Goblin kit car' shed which has been located on the lower playground. This purpose built shed will be large enough to house both of our cars and have enough room for the children to use it as a workshop too. Thank you for the fundraising in past times.

Summer Fair Raffle prizes:

Tickets are available to buy on the day. Thanks goes to many of the Arundel businesses who have generously donated. Prizes pledged 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
- £20 voucher for The Burger Shop
- Handmade Height Chart from Fletcher & Mills

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.

Sports Morning:

Thank you for supporting the Sports Morning last Monday. There was a great atmosphere of support, challenge and fun. The children gave their very best and showed commitment and perseverance.

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	112
Brotherton	142
Warene	173
Fitzalan	110

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!