

Headteacher Newsletter – March 2018

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As I write this newsletter, it is 10.30am and the children are in class having finished their Quick maths session and Literacy lesson. It makes the decision to open today, worthwhile.

I apologise for the 'Snow day' called yesterday where we didn't actually have any snow and appreciate parents will have had to make alternative arrangements for child care or in some cases, lost a day of pay. We made the decision with the best interests of staff, children and parents, at heart. I am extremely grateful for the supportive messages we have received, thank you. I always feel that our school is extremely well supported by parents, here at St. Philip's.

The World Book Day (which did not take place yesterday) will be rescheduled for this coming Monday (5th). Please send children into school in their character clothes. For Year 5, they will be at TLA for their War Horse workshop so will need to come to school in school uniform, but they can bring a costume to change into for the afternoon if they wish. Please send in change for your child for the 10p book sale and a book for the Book Swap.

Finally, just an update about our boiler here at school. Over half term, the heaters in the Year 3 classroom and in the hall were replaced. The process of having to drain down the boiler, in order to install the heaters, resulted in the 'ancient' boiler giving up. We have had an interim fix put in since half term and are having a new pump fitted this weekend. We do however need to have a whole new boiler fitted during the Summer holidays. In the meantime, we are all very toasty here as we cannot turn the heating off – it's pumping out heat all day and all night.

Dates for diary

5.3.18 Rescheduled World Book Day
5.3.18 War Horse workshop Y5 TLA
8.3.18 Lent Penitential service
19.3.18 Parent Teacher Consultations 2-4pm
20.3.18 Parent teacher Consultations 8.30-10.30am
21.3.18 Parent Teacher Consultations 4-6.30pm
28.3.18 Rescheduled Planetarium Visit for Y5.

School Angel:

Please make it your Lenten Pledge to use School Angel for all online shopping. If, like me, you only ever shop online (food, household products, birthday gifts etc) then accessing it through School Angel will not cost you any extra but will give us 'free' money. It is very straightforward.

Don't forget you can book flights and holidays too through:

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

Simply click on the shop icon that you want to shop in and shop as normal.

General info:

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

Family Art Workshop: This was well attended. Thank you to Ms Heylen and Mrs Lawrie for running it.

Canon Tim: Please keep Canon Tim in your prayers as his father has died.

Road marking proposal: I hope parents had time to look at the road marking proposal for London Road and managed to put any comments to the council before 22nd February. I am meeting with WSCC and Arundel Town Council on Monday.

Shelfies: Thanks you for the 'shelfie' pictures already sent in. These will be used on the rescheduled Book Day. It is a picture of your child with their book shelf. These will be put into a PowerPoint slide show for Book Day assembly.

Parent Teacher Consultations: Please make sure you have booked an appointment with your child's teacher. These meetings are very important for you to know how your child is progressing.

World Book Day: Rescheduled for Monday. Wear layers underneath costume to stay warm at break times.