

Headteacher Newsletter – Vol 2 September 2017

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We are now half way through the first half term and the staff and children are back in the routine of school. Appointments are now available for the Parent/Teacher consultations so please book via the school office to meet with your child's teacher during the week beginning 9th October. These are ten minute appointments to see how your child has settled. If you need longer than this, then please make a separate appointment, so that the class teacher is able to keep to the appointment times for all parents. Just one over run appointment can have a knock on effect for the rest of the sessions. Already some children have enjoyed Forest School learning, PE coaching sessions, trips out of school and sporting events. Please make sure you read all communication sent home via letter, email or text so that your child has the right equipment in school each day (PE Kits, home clothes, wellies etc.).

Each lunch time, Mrs Bridges and I have been running a Lego Club. This is for any age children and is a great opportunity for children to mix with others in a calm and controlled environment. We have been having up to thirty children at a time and some wonderful creations have been made. We will run this until half term and then review whether or not to continue. The weather is turning damp and autumnal and with this comes mud! All children are asked to stay away from the muddy section on the playground which at the moment is very slippery, however, as always, there are a handful of children who choose to ignore this and end up covered head to toe in mud. Not a desired outcome for school, home or indeed our school cleaners. Please reinforce the warning to 'stay away' at home too.

Dates for diary

4.10.17 Forest School Year 3

5.10.17 Grandparent Tea (1.45 and 2.30)

9.10.17 Cross country team event 3.30 TLA

11.10.17 Year 3 Pizza Express trip

11.10.17 Forest School Year 5

13.10.17 PE day Year 6 (SPH)

16.10.17 Parent/teacher meetings 2-4.30

17.10.17 Parent/teacher meetings 8.30-10.30

18.10.17 Parent/teacher meetings 3.30-6.30

18.10.17 Forest School Year R

19.10.17 Cinema Night (The Smurfs)

Half Term 21st - 30th October

8-10.11.17 Y6 Residential trip

12.11.17 Remembrance Service in Arundel town square.

15.11.17 Open Day for new reception starters 2018.

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 Y3 with 0 'lates' recorded.

Coats: All children must bring a coat to school (named). If they do not have one then they will not be able to have an outdoor playtime. The children know this rule.

PE bags: All children need to have their full PE kit in school every day. If they are attending clubs then please ensure the kit is returned the following day. PE is a statutory requirement for every child. Please remember to name all items.

Reading buddies: If you can spare any time each week to come and hear readers in school, we would be very grateful. This could be parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles or neighbours. They will be asked to complete a DBS check before induction. Please contact the office if you are interested on 01903 882115.

Behaviour policy: You will soon be receiving a letter outlining a review of the school's behaviour policy. Please take time to read it carefully.

Cross Country: Letters have been sent home recently for KS2 children chosen to take part in the Locality Cross Country event at TLA on October 9th.

Harvest: Thank you for the donations so far. We are still collecting. Children will receive house points for their donations.

Home School Agreement

Please complete and return asap:

It is essential that forms are checked and completed thoroughly and returned promptly. Ensure all of your details are up to date including mobile and home numbers and home addresses.

If your pack includes a 'Home School Agreement', please take time to read through this with your child and ask them to sign it. This is their agreement to work and play according to the school rules.

Harvest:

We will be having a Harvest Festival in school this term. For this, we ask all children to bring dried foods from home (tins, biscuits, pasta etc.). The Harvest collection will then be packaged up and taken to the local residents in Arundel who live in The Priory and Warwick Court. Children can bring their item/s into class and will be given housepoints in return. Many thanks in advance.

Holy Communion:

ARUNDEL CATHEDRAL FIRST COMMUNION 2018 The course which starts in the Autumn is for all children born between September 1st 2009 and August 31st 2010 or older (Year 3 and above). Letters/forms are available at the back of the Cathedral/Convent. Complete and return to the Parish Office by 29th September.

Hockey in Y6:

Mrs McCartain is again running hockey coaching sessions this year for Yr 6 children. This takes place on Thursday afternoons during school time. Please ensure all children have their PE kit in school.

Music in May funds:

The donations given at the end of the Music in May and Guitar concerts have been used to buy three new djembe drums. This means that we now have enough tuned and untuned instruments for a whole class of thirty to use in their music lessons. Thank you!

Open Day:

Please spread the word! This will take place on Wednesday 15th November. Two sessions:
9.15-11am
1.30-3pm
All prospective parents of children starting Reception Class in Sept 2018 are very welcome.

Netball in Y4 and Y5:

On Wednesday afternoons for the next few weeks, Years 4 and 5 will be having a netball coach in school to teach the skills of netball. Please ensure all PE kits are in school so all children can take part and benefit.

Lock Down Policy:

WSCC have issued a generic 'Lock down policy' to each school in West Sussex. This is to be personalised by each school. We are in the process of adopting the policy and sharing with Governors and staff. The policy outlines the practices put into place in the case of an emergency. At this point we have not had a drill with the children but staff are aware of procedures to follow if there was a threat to the school.

Starting school 2018:

Parents with children due to start school in September 2018 must apply online between Monday 2 October 2017 and Monday 15 January 2018. The WSCC form can be found at:

www.westsussex.gov.uk/admissions

If you are applying to our school under a 'Faith Category' then you also need to complete the Supplementary Information Form on our school website (found under the Admissions tab) and return it to the school office not WSCC. To clarify - it does not need to be completed unless your child has been Christened or Baptised and you have the certificate as proof.

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.

Fundraising:

Hazel in Year 6, donated her long hair to a charity called 'The Little Princess Trust'. This will be made into a wig for another child to use. Hazel and her family also raised £300 for the charity through JustGiving.com <http://www.littleprincesses.org.uk/>

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	155
Brotherton	155
Warene	188
Fitzalan	182

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!