

Headteacher Newsletter – May 2021

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We have the Travelling Book Fair during the last week before half term. Usually, we would allow the children to look at the books during the day and then invite their parents in after school to buy the book. The amount of books sold, creates a commission that is given to the school. The more books that are bought, the more money we receive.

This year, we are having to change the way we run the book fair. A letter will come home next week explaining how this will work. The children will be able to look at the books online, come and look at and feel the books during the day and parents will then be able to pay online. The book will then go home with the child if there are enough copies or will be ordered in. Please support the fair if you can.

Sports Day (morning) is in our school diary for 30th June. We are hoping this will go ahead with parents invited to watch. Until we know what restrictions are going to be lifted, we cannot confirm whether this will be a whole school sports morning or whether we will have to run the event in separate bubbles throughout the morning. We will keep you informed.

The Summer Fair is planned for Friday 25th June. Please note that this will be an after school event and not a Saturday. The Friends wanted to trial how the event would work on a Friday for a change. Again, we are hoping it will go ahead with restrictions lifted. Please pop it onto your calendar at home.

For every event we organise, a letter is sent home which gives details in full about timings, clothing, travel arrangements etc and any other information that might be relevant. Please take the time read these attachments as they will usually answer any questions you may have.

Dates for your diary:

16.5.2021 First Holy Communion at Cathedral

17.5.2021 Yellow Photos – whole class

19.5.2021 Forest School Y6

20.5.2021 Bag2School

24.5.2021 Bikeability Y6 (Mon and Tues)

24.5.2021 Book Fair Mon-Thurs

25.5.2021 Y4 Trip to Fishbourne Palace

26.5.2021 Forest School Y5

27.5.2021 Y6 Refugee talk

28.5.2021 Last day of half term.

Monday 7th June INSET day

8.6.2021 Zoolab visit for Y3

First Holy Communion:

Congratulations to the children who are making their First Holy Communion this Sunday at Arundel Cathedral. There are 17 children in total from Years 3-6.

They are embarking on the next stage of their Faith journey.

General info:

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

Facebook: Please go on to 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.

PE kits: Please make sure these are returned to school each Monday morning following Friday's swimming lessons.

Reading: Please remember that hearing your child read at least three times per week (but preferably daily) will make a huge difference to their development. That includes all classes R-6.

Reading Buddies and volunteers: Thank you to all those who have returned to their role. It is lovely to have other adults back in school.

Yellow Photos: Class photos will be taking place on Monday. **Summer uniform** please and brushed hair.

Filming:

We have a film crew coming into school on Tuesday to record a promotional video. Please contact us if you do NOT want your child in the recording. We have some names already.

It is really important that our children look smart and in the correct SUMMER uniform for Tuesday please.

Please ensure PE kits are returned and washed ready for the filming. Different groups of children will be asked to do different aspects of the curriculum.

We will be able to share the video with you once it has been completed. Please remind your child that even if they are recorded, they may not appear in the final clip. The crew are filming all day but the final video will only be 3 minutes long. This will help to manage expectation.

Weather:

At the moment we are in May, I think this stands for...
 May be raining
 May be sunny
 May be snowing...

Please ensure your child brings a coat if it is wet and all day sun cream if it is a sunny day.

Hats should be in bags everyday.

Concerns or queries:

All parents will know that we have a very strong home and school partnership. As a school we know the importance of working together and ensuring all of the children in our school know that the relationship is a strong bond throughout their time at primary school. Please know that we have an open door policy and I am always happy to talk with families about any concerns they may have or any support you may need.

This strong partnership ensures that we all work together to provide the very best for all the children in our care.

Thank you for your role in this partnership. I recognise that not all schools can rely on parental support like we can here at St Philip's. I do not take this for granted. Hopefully, this is one of the reasons that you chose St Philip's for your child in the first place.

Blue bag donations:

The Friends have organised another clothes recycling event. Please bring any unwanted clothes to school in black sacks on Thursday 20th May. The collection is taking place mid morning, please note that we are not able to store bags brought before the collection date. Please leave the bags at the bottom of the school steps. The Friends, and therefore the school, receive payment based on weight. Acceptable items include: Clothing, Paired shoes (tied together or in an elastic band), Handbags, Jewellery, Socks, Soft toys, Household linen and curtains. **NO** duvets, pillows, blankets or school uniform.

Y4 and Y5 sports leaders:

Well done to those children who applied to be Sports Leaders. They received their training from Gareth Jones, a PE teacher from TLA, on Monday.

They all enjoyed the session and the feedback from Gareth was very positive.

Swimming:

As a school, we are very lucky to be able to have the Lido in walking distance. We are fortunate too to have had funding from the Lido via The Swimming Association for all classes 1-6. Thank you for ensuring your children remembered towels and underwear! The children were all very excited and really enjoyed their session. Behaviour in all classes was exemplary.

Houses:

House point scores for this week: (None this week)

Houses	Weekly scores
Howard	180
Brotherton	171
Warrenne	186
Fitzalan	190

Collection at the end of the school day:

Please keep young children with you at the end of the day collection. The London Road can be busy and young children have been spotted walking onto the road without their parent's awareness. Can I ask that dogs are also kept away from the top railings as families are having to walk around the dog and onto the road.