

# Headteacher Newsletter – November 2021

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This Sunday at 10.30am there will be a Remembrance Service at the Town Square in Arundel. Natalie in Year 6 has been asked to lay the wreath on behalf of the school and Erin will be reading a poem written by Quinn (both in Year 6). I know that there will be many Rainbows, Beavers, Cubs and Brownies there too, representing their packs and looking very smart in their uniform. There will be many different services that other children will attend around the local towns too.

We had a very successful Open Day on Wednesday this week. It is always lovely to show off what we do here at school and allow people to see our wonderful pupils in action. Year 6 were the tour guides and without exception, the feedback from the prospective parents was positive and complimentary. The guides were smiley, articulate, full of enthusiasm and really promoted the things they love about our school.

Thank you to those parents who have offered to help out on 'Make It Day'. The format, for those who have never been before, is that each class has a Christmas activity to complete with parent helpers alongside the class teacher and the Learning Support Assistant. If you do have some free time on the morning of 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 9am for an hour or two then we would be delighted to welcome you. Many thanks.

## Dates for your diary:

**14.11.21** Remembrance Service 10.30am Town Square  
**15.11.21** Individual School Photos  
**16.11.21** Year 2 Phonic Testing  
**18.11.21** Y4 girls football tournament  
**25.11.21** Y4 boys football tournament  
**26.11.21** Love in a box deadline  
**28.11.21** Start of Advent  
**29.11.21** Raffle draw  
**30.11.21** Penitential Service KS2  
**1.12.21** Pastor Hugo assembly  
**1.12.21** School Council Meeting  
**2.12.21** Y R Pantomime  
**3.12.21** Choir lighting the tree 5pm  
**12.12.21** Choir event in town

## Christmas events:

**1.12.21** Deanery Advent Service Years 5&6  
6.45pm

## R, 1 & 2 Nativity

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> Dec: 2.15pm

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> Dec: 2.15pm

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> Dec: 9.15am

**KS2 Service:** 15<sup>th</sup> December 2pm

## General info:

**Website:** All information is regularly updated on the school website [www.stphilipsarundel.org.uk](http://www.stphilipsarundel.org.uk)

**Facebook:** Please go on to our school website [www.stphilipsarundel.org.uk](http://www.stphilipsarundel.org.uk) and click on the Facebook icon. Click the 'like' button on the page to ensure you receive updates.

**Children in Need:** This will be next Friday 19<sup>th</sup>. Children can come in home clothes or something spotty and pay a £1 donation on School Money

**Cafod:** We had a very informative assembly last week which was linked to COP26 and the ways we as a school can play our part.

**School shoes:** I apologise in advance for muddy shoes. To give children the maximum amount of space, we are using the field which is becoming muddy. If it becomes too much then we will stop access but it does make lunchtimes much easier using the extra space.

**School start time:**

Please note that the school gates open at 8.45am and the registers close at 8.55am. If you arrive after this time, your child will be recorded as 'Late' in the register. 10 'Lates' accumulated over 10 weeks will result in a referral to WSCC for a fixed penalty notice. This is a reminder of the timings as we regularly have a few families who arrive at 9am and right up until 9.15am. Many thanks for your support.

**Yellow Photos:**

Unfortunately this year, our photo company will not take pictures of siblings. Their Covid policy states that they cannot 'pose' the siblings in the right way without touching the children. We did ask if school staff could do this but still the reply was no. I know this is disappointing for families who use the pictures for wider family. They have offered 25% reduction on sibling individual photos.

**Instagram:**

We have launched our school Instagram account. You can follow us on:

#st\_philips\_arundel

**Shoe boxes:**

Thank you to those who have already brought in their 'Love in a Box' shoe box. Each family were given a booklet with information on and this is also the label for the box. We have a few spare in the office if you would like one. The idea is to fill a shoe box with small gifts for a child who may not have any other gifts at Christmas. The list suggests things such as soap, flannel, toothbrush, small toys, colouring pens and paper, sweets etc. Please bring your box to the office with the £4 donation by 26<sup>th</sup> November. Thank you.

**Choir events Christmas:**

We have two choir events that we would like the choir to attend. One is on December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5pm in the Town Square to light the Christmas tree and the other is at some point during the morning or early afternoon of December 12<sup>th</sup>. Please pop these dates in your calendar and a letter will follow with precise details.

**Raffle:**

We have some fantastic prizes for the School Council raffle. We were hoping to send out the tickets on Monday this week but they were delayed in arrival. Every child has two books of tickets - £2 per ticket and 5 tickets in a book. If each child sells their two books we will raise £4,000 for the children. Thank you for the prizes!

**Deanery Advent Service:**

Every year the four Deanery Schools (St Mary's Bognor, St Richards Chichester and SPH) get together to welcome the start of Advent at the cathedral.

Year 5 and Year 6 children are expected to attend this event and are learning songs for the service. Please make every effort to get your child there. Parents are welcome to attend too. It starts at 6.45pm and lasts no longer than an hour.

**Litter picking in Arundel:**

Our classes went out to support the Town Council in its quest to tidy the town. There was a prize for the most unusual item of litter found which was won by Dottie in Year 6. She was given a book voucher for finding a pink acrylic nail.

Each year one of the schools chooses a charity to support and this year, St Mary's have chosen The Osborne Trust

<https://theosbornetrust.com/>.

A letter will come home about donating to the charity at some point soon.

**Houses:**

House point scores for this week:

Houses	Weekly scores
Howard	221
Brotherton	359
Warrenne	196
Fitzalan	204

**Voice trials:**

We are just waiting for confirmation of the date that Elizabeth Stratford from Arundel Cathedral Choir is able to come into school and voice test the children. Please remember to email the office if you would like your child to take part.