

Headteacher Newsletter – October 2021 V2

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At the time of writing, Year 6 are on their return journey to school after a few days spent away at an adventure camp in Hindhead. The children set off for PGL on Wednesday and have enjoyed fully packed days of activities. Mrs Foster and her team have sent back reports of team work and excellent behaviour. It has been very quiet in school without them but I know they will have made many memories that will last a long time and they will have a sense of achievement that will prepare them for many challenges ahead.

I have been talking to the children this week about how they are kept safe both at school and at home. We have spoken about safe practices in school and about the rules we have in place to keep them safe. We also looked at online safety in school and what the children would do if they were worried about anything relating to school, home or online. They all agreed that they could talk to any adult in school or their parents/grandparents.

We also looked at keeping safe at home and sharing any worries with adults at home or with staff in school. I reminded the children that whilst at school, we have filters on our internet, at home, this may not be the case. If you as parents, can add filters then it would be advisable – you can contact your provider for this. If they do see something online that they are worried about or know is not appropriate, they recognise that they must tell an adult about it.

Our school website has a safeguarding page where you can find The Child Protection Policy and some useful websites to help with safeguarding at home and school. With the increase of so much more access to online materials, as parents and educators, it is important that we improve our own understanding and awareness of what the children have access to.

Dates for your diary:

18.10.21-20.10.21 PTC meetings

20.10.21 Year 4 Forest School

21.10.21 Theatre Workshop Y6

22.10.21 Arundel Clean Up Day

Half term 23rd October to 1st November.

3.11.21 Y6 Forest School

4.11.21 Gymnastics comp Y5/6

10.11.21 Y5 Forest School

10.11.21 Open Day

11.11.21 Y3 Butser Farm trip

12.11.21 Children in Need

15.11.21 Individual School Photos

16.11.21 Year 2 Phonic Testing

Christmas events:

1.12.21 Deanery Advent Service Years 5&6

6.45pm

R, 1 & 2 Nativity

Monday 6th Dec: 2.15pm

Tuesday 7th Dec: 2.15pm

Wednesday 8th Dec: 9.15am

KS2 Service: 14th or 15th December TBC

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.

Community Clean up: We will again be helping with the Arundel community Clean Up next Friday. Some children will be collecting litter in the park and London Road and some will be doing so on the school site.

Forest School: Please remember to send children into school on Forest School days wearing long trousers and long sleeved tops. This is to protect the children from plants and insects.

Rosary Club: As October is a month to think of Mary, we are running Rosary Club at lunchtime, available for all children.

Harvest Donations:

Thank you for the donations. The HarvestUK team were amazed at how much we had collected.

The weight was 158kg.

They were extremely grateful for our support.

Instagram:

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

#st_philips_arundel

Open Day:

We will be holding our Open day for prospective parents on November 10th. This is for any children due to start school in September 2022.

Please spread the word amongst friends and acquaintances. The date is on the school website along with our school promotional video.

Raffle:

The School Council have decided they would like to organise a raffle for funds for the (Friends) PTA. They have written a letter and sent it out to parents. They are targeting prize donations from families who may have a business and can offer a prize. We will then send the tickets out for sale.

First Holy Communion:

We have been asked by Arundel Cathedral to share with you the details for First Holy Communion in 2022.

The 2022 course will begin in the late Autumn for children who will be in Year 3 or above from September 2021.

An application form is available here: [First Communion 2022](#) or via the Cathedral Website.

Houses:

House point scores for this week:

Houses	Weekly scores
Howard	197
Brotherton	206
Warrenne	166
Fitzalan	157

Cafod:

We have Jenny from Cafod coming into school on 3rd November to talk with the children about Cafod and the work that it does in countries around the world.

The assembly this time is all about fundraising in a 'Green' way. The children will feed back what they have learned to you all at home after the assembly.

Children in Need:

It is Children in Need on Friday 12th November.

The children are all welcome to come into school in their home clothes and/or wearing something spotty or related to Children in Need.

In return, we are asking for a minimum of £1 donation via School Money.

You can increase the amount from the set £1 on the system if you would like to do so.

Many thanks in advance.

Voice trials:

Elizabeth Stratford who is the choir master at Arundel Cathedral is looking for new choristers to join their community.

She will be coming into school to conduct voice trials with any children who are interested. The children are usually Year 2 upwards.

If your child is interested, then please let the office know. We will invite children we feel would audition well and then families will have the option to access the choir place or not.

The date is yet to be confirmed.

Morrisons:

We are now collecting 'Its good to grow' vouchers from Morrisons. You will need to download the app and scan it at the till. Once you have put the school name into the app then it will automatically register the vouchers with our school. Please sign up if you are regular Morrisons shoppers. Thank you.