

# ST PHILIP'S NEWS & INFORMATION



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Dear Parents, Carers and Governors,

## Welcome Back



I trust you all had a lovely time together over the summer break.

## Meet the Teachers and TAs

Over the next few weeks we will be holding information sessions where the classes will be open to parents and carers at **2.45pm**:

Please come along to meet your child's class teacher and the TAs who work in the class. You won't be asked to DO anything – there are no catches or hidden agendas other than to keep you informed of what the children will be learning and doing over the first term, what to expect and how we can work together in partnership. We are holding these on different days to enable parents with more than one child in school to attend each class – I hope this will be helpful.



Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Owl Class
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Kestrel Class
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Osprey Class
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Eagle Class
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Hawk Class
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Nightingale class
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> Sept	Dove Class
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Sept	Jay Class

## Friday Assembly

All parents are welcome to come to Friday assemblies which are held at 9:05am. We celebrate birthdays for the week and children are invited to come to the front to light their birthday candle and also celebrate the achievements of those awarded a Head's Award. There will not be an assembly this week – we'll start on the 15<sup>th</sup>.

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## Twitter

Following a number of parent / governor feedback sessions at the tail end of last year, we have introduced a school Twitter account. We realise

that parents are not always aware of the school website updates but we hope that 'tweeting' may keep you all in touch with the latest news and information from the school. Please sign up to this:

[www.twitter.com/stphilipspri](http://www.twitter.com/stphilipspri)

## Gates & Bell Times

The gates will be opened at approximately 8:30am, although there will not be a member of staff on duty until 8.45am in both playgrounds, so please do not encourage children to come to school alone before 8.45am. Once through the gates, children are not allowed back across the red line and out of the gate. The bell will sound at 8:50 for the children to line up to enter classes.



For security reasons, parents and pre-school siblings will need to leave the playgrounds promptly after the children have gone into class as the gates will be locked at 9:00 – a bell will sound as a reminder. Thanks.

**Please note: Children are not allowed on the large metal junior climbing frame before or after school.**

For the rest of this week the Junior bell will be delayed until 8:55 to allow parents with children in the infants and juniors to be able to wave their children off into their new classes.

## Bikes and Scooters

Bikes and scooters should be parked in the area behind the school hall – school takes no responsibility for bikes and scooters – they are left at the owner's risk. Children are not allowed to cycle or scoot on the school grounds – doing so will incur a yellow card.



## **Junior School Dinners**

If your child would like to have school dinners please remember that you need to order and pay for them **on the Monday** of the week that dinners are required. Dinners are now £13 per week (£2.60 per day). The menu is on display in the foyer and also available from the school website. Please also state if your child would like the vegetarian option.



## **Absence**

If your child is ill or absent from school for any reason, could you please ensure you telephone the school office **before** 9.30am, or we get concerned about their

whereabouts & safety. Also, it will be marked in the register as an unexplained absence. Please remember to leave **48 hours clear** before returning to school after sickness/diarrhoea.

## **Inset Days 2017/18 – School closed**

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November, Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January, Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February, Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2018.

## **Contributions for Trips**

Occasionally we will request contributions from parents/carers to cover the cost of trips and visits which enhance the curriculum.

In line with the schools' Charging and Remissions Policy, we ask for a **voluntary contribution**. Should insufficient funds be raised, it may be necessary to cancel the trip. The Governors feel that no child should be denied access to any educational trip due to financial circumstances. If parents have a problem paying for any trip they should contact the office staff, in confidence. Payment by instalments is also an option.

## **Playtime Snacks and Drinks**

As our school is a member of the Healthy School Scheme, children are allowed to eat only fruit, vegetables or a plain biscuit at playtime. Children in the infants

are offered a piece of fruit or vegetable which is provided free by the school as part of the Government's Healthy School Initiative.

Children are not allowed fizzy drinks in school but are encouraged to bring a bottle of water with a sports cap top to keep in class as they work. Research has shown that the brain functions more effectively when the body is well hydrated.



## **Uniform**

It's always so good to see all the children looking so smart in their new uniforms in September.

### **Boys and Girls:**

School jumper or cardigan **with the school logo**. (Plain jumpers or cardigans are not acceptable).

White polo shirt

**Black** school shoes

Heels, suede and open toed shoes are **not** allowed and boots are **ONLY** allowed in the winter and these must be black leather- not suede. (No Ugg boots)

### **Girls:**

Grey or black skirt, or grey pinafore dress, or grey or black trousers & black, grey or white socks (no jeans or denim & no shorts!).

Summer dresses - blue and white checked gingham

### **Boys:**

Grey or black trousers or shorts (no jeans or denim) & black or grey socks



## **PE Kit**

**Infants** – Plain white t-shirt, navy or black shorts – daps from April onwards.

**Juniors** – Plain white t-shirt, navy or black shorts, plain navy or black tracksuit bottoms, plain navy or black sweatshirt, trainers.

Please could all children keep PE kit in school in a named drawstring bag on their peg as PE days can sometimes change. Many Thanks.

## **Parking Outside the School**

This is an on-going issue. Once again at the end of last term we had a neighbour come in to school to complain that a parent had parked across their drive and they couldn't get their car out to get to work! I understand that it's far more convenient to park directly outside the school at pickup and drop off time. However, the congestion at the end of Bloomfield Rise puts **YOUR** children's lives at risk. Please avoid parking in Bloomfield Rise.

As always, if you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

**Andy Joy**  
**Headteacher**