

# ST PHILIP'S NEWS & INFORMATION



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*Life in all its fullness John 10:10*

Robin

Jay

Dove

Nightingale

Hawk

Eagle

Osprey

Owl

Kestrel

## Newsletter No. 5

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Dear Parents, Carers and Governors,

### Bon Voyage

Our thanks to Miss Harris who has served the school as a TA for a few years – she is moving on to a new career with the NHS - her last day at St Philip's was on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November. Also, a big thank you and bon-voyage to Miss Quinn, another of our TAs who is leaving us to give more time to her own growing business enterprise. Finally, a big thank you to Mrs Best who has served the school as an SMSA for many years; she finished last week.



### Welcome new staff

A warm welcome to Mrs O'Brien, Mrs Unsworth White and Mrs Phillippo – 3 new TAs joining the St Philip's team and also to Mrs Savidge who will be working in the office on Friday mornings.

### Equal Class Mixes

I understand there may have been some confusion over how the classes have been arranged. All classes (with the exception of Robin) have children from 2 year groups. In each class there is an equal mix of ability and gender – no easy task when we also made sure that each child also had at least 1 friend they requested. It is a myth that any class is better or more able than another. We are a strong team at St Philip's and I would be sad if this was eroded by any sense of superiority between classes.



Our vision is to be an exceptional church school committed to investing in young lives. A school where staff and governors work in partnership with parents to provide a caring, stimulating environment rooted in Christian values; a school with high expectations where all are valued and nurtured as individuals because they are unique and loved by God.

### Football team

Congratulations to the football team who won 2:1 against WASPs recently. Both amazing goals scored by Charlie Thompson and brilliant playing by George Whitelock who was man of the match!



### Class Blogs

Just a reminder that teachers regularly post information and pictures of children's work in class on the class blogs – you will notice I have included a new shortcut bar which will appear at the top of every newsletter – click on a class for a shortcut to the blog. It is possible (for the tech savvy) to link this to your phone so you are notified whenever the blog is updated.

### Head Lice

This is an on-going problem in every school in the country. Please could you help us keep on top of these unwelcome passengers by checking and combing the children's hair every week with a fine tooth head lice comb. If you do find any, it's worth checking the whole family – they spread like wild fire.



### Lost property

We have a large (and growing) collection of lost property. It's always a surprise to me that uniform isn't named – it all looks the same! If it's named, we can return it to its owner. Please make every effort to go through all your children's uniform

over the Christmas holiday and name it.... It will save a lot of frustration when it's lost or if someone else accidentally puts it on after PE! Any lost property left on the last day of term before Christmas will be disposed of.

### PTA Christmas Fair

Many thanks to all who came to support the Christmas Fair and a special thanks to the PTA who worked so hard behind the scenes to make it all happen. Particular thanks to Ali Hutchings, Mandy Whitelock & Emma Parry for their organisation of the event and collection of such a wonderful variety of Raffle Prizes. In just under 2 hours, we made over £1000 for the PTA. Thank you to all who entered the Bake Off competition – 'Paul & Mary' tried them all © Congratulations to: Joel, Todd and Isabella for their winning entries. Jake Lee won the 'Name the Teddy' and Mr Bentley-Taylor won the weight of the cake.

### PTA Film Night

Thanks also to those who helped out at the Film Night – we made over £200 and we have the Discos next week where we hope to raise more.



### PTA Disco

The Christmas Discos will be held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Infants 5-6, Juniors 6.15 – 7.15pm. Tickets are £2 per child. Please put money in a named envelope and hand this in at the office by



Tuesday morning at the latest!

## Head Teacher Awards :

Robin	Keaton & Leo. Caetlin & Sophia.
Jay	Finley & Amelia. Miya & Obi.
Dove	Sofia & Sami. Tyler & Amelia.
Nightingale	Eva, Matthew & Claudia. Isabella.
Hawk	Carla. Ria & Violet.
Eagle	Morgan. Tabitha & Lukas.
Osprey	Vaibhav. Chase.
Kestrel	Boys football team. Jacob & Preston.
Owl	Molly. Saki & Fearne.



### Christmas lunch & jumper

The school Christmas lunch will be next Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December for those who have pre-booked one in the junior department. If you have not booked a lunch for that day please provide your child with a Christmassy lunchbox. All Infant children have been booked a lunch unless you have requested not to.

The Christmas jumper is **optional (please do not go out and buy one specially)** – a bit of tinsel will suffice – this is a fundraiser for **Save the Children** – a collection box is available in the foyer.



### Christmas Service

The school Christmas Service will be held in the church at 9.30am on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December. There will be complimentary refreshments straight after, kindly provided by the church. The dress rehearsal will be on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> at 2pm in the church.

### Owl class Ice Skating

Well done (and thank you) to Olivia for winning the Bath On Ice drawing competition. Her prize is for the whole class to have a free ice-skating session - how brilliant! The school PTA have generously offered to pay for coach travel so the whole trip will be free of charge.



### EYFS Nativity & Gracewells

The children in Reception did an amazing job taking us through the incredible story of the birth of Christ. The children are also performing the Nativity over at Gracewells Care Home today.

### Choir & Orchestra at Gracewells & Sunshine

The school choir and orchestra will be performing at Gracewells and at Sunshine preschool.

### Home School Agreement

Please refresh your memory with the Home School Agreement printed on pages 3 & 4 of the Home School Diary and sign this if you haven't already done so. Thank You.

### Daily Physical Activity sessions

Mr Rouse, a PE specialist, spent a day in school encouraging everyone in the school to increase their daily physical which included some great skipping using the website [Go Noodle!](http://GoNoodle.com)



### School Logo Competition

Thanks to those who returned some ideas for the logo. Only 15 returns out of 277 – perhaps not something folks feel particularly passionate about. We'll come up with something wonderful soon.

### Christmas Parties

Infants can come dressed in party clothes on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December, ready for the Christmas parties in the afternoon – clothing must be suitable for playing outside during the day. Juniors may bring party clothes to school to change into on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> for their party.

### Inset Day

School will be closed on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January as an Inset day.

### Junior Classes to Roman Baths

The Junior department completed an exciting workshop where they dressed up like Romans, wearing togas, stolas and pallas, created wonderful mosaics and learnt a bit more about the foods that were enjoyed by the Romans. (brains and mice were delicious delicacies)



### Junior trips to Caerleon



The Juniors all enjoyed a trip to Caerleon as part of their history topic. They spent time exploring the amphitheatre, barracks and baths before learning about Roman soldiers and Roman school at the museum.

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

Yours sincerely  
**Andy Joy**  
**Headteacher**