

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

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Dear Parents, Carers and Governors,

Staff Departures

We will be very sorry to say good bye to Mrs Littlewood this summer. She has faithfully served the school for approx. 20 years and is taking early retirement; she'll be sorely missed by us all.

In addition, Mrs Boyd is leaving in the summer and Mrs Brown, Mrs Weaver and Miss Leins have all enjoyed working in school so much they are returning to university in September to further their teaching careers and we wish them all the best. In addition, Mrs Kavanagh and Mrs Whitfield will be going on maternity leave from the end of term – we wish them well and look forward to hearing news of the safe arrival of 2 small people.



New Staff

We will be welcoming some new staff in September: Mrs Callow is reducing to part time so Mrs Edgley will be working with her in Osprey Class.

Mrs Kavanagh will be on maternity leave so Mrs Meikle will be replacing her in her absence in Dove Class.

Mrs Whitfield will be off on maternity leave so Mrs Parsons will be replacing her in her absence in Robin Class.

Ms Planter, Miss Wedge and Mrs Frayling are Teaching Assistants who will be joining the team in September.

And finally, Mrs Sanchez (teaching assistant) has returned from maternity leave this week.



Staff Training Days

These are the dates for the 2018/19 staff training days, so there is no school for children:

3 and 4 September 2018

4 March 2019

28 June 2019

22 and 23 July 2019



Musical Extravaganza

I'm sure you would all want to congratulate the children on a magnificent afternoon's entertainment – what amazing talent. Thanks to the staff who made it all happen – you're the best!



Y6 Leavers' Tea

Parents of leavers are welcome to join us in the church for the Leavers' service on Tuesday 24th at 2pm, followed by a Leavers' Tea which will be held in the school hall. Several parents have worked tirelessly to make this happen – Special thanks to Mrs Clay, Mrs Hall and Mrs Eldridge for masterminding this lovely soiree.

2 Telescopes

Thanks to Mr Holbeche for a contact through the Bath Astronomy group ...we have been donated 2 telescopes and hope to develop some learning opportunities for our children – either through topic or after school club next year. Bath is renowned for many things including Sir William Herschel, the astronomer who discovered Uranus. Who knows – we may have a future great astronomer in our school.



Lost Property

Please come and check the lost property box before the end of term as we will dispose of any items left.

Book Donations

Many thanks to everyone who donated books for the after school sale recently. We raised £112.50 which we shall add to the generous donation of £1000 from Mr Howe who did some fundraising in memory of Mrs Howe who passed away 3 years ago. This will go together to purchase new books for the children's class libraries.



Head Teacher Awards :

Robin	Berry & Caetlin
Jay	Roxy & Sacha.
Dove	Amelia & Maisie.
Nightingale	Molly, Sophie & James.
Hawk	Gracie, Hollie & Maisey.
Eagle	Tabitha & Rosie
Osprey	Nancy
Kestrel	Grace & Nathan
Owl	Charlie & Ashlie



New Sheds & Shelters

On Monday we had 2 new sheds and shelters installed on the 2 playgrounds. We hope to fill the sheds with things for the children to play



with during lunch breaks and the shelters will be for children to undertake quieter past-times at breaks; they will also help us to meet the requirement of the last Diocese inspection who recommended some quiet reflective areas for children to be calm and thoughtful – not everyone wants to run around like wild things.

We'll be writing to you in September to request any donations for children to play with ... sheets, Little Tykes play things, roller chairs... etc.. please don't have a wild summer clear out – it may be useful to us.

Y6 SATs Results

We are delighted with the Y6 SAT results this year – well done to all the children and staff for this remarkable achievement. All subjects are well above national averages. Having said that, although we understand that this is the most important outcome for Ofsted, it is important that children do NOT derive their value or worth on the outcome of a test – they're all special and valued and have so many talents and abilities – some of which we enjoyed at the recent musical extravaganza. Well done to everyone for doing their personal best. 😊

	Reading	SPAG	Maths	Writing	Combined
% Passed	90%	93%	85%	88%	78%
National 2018	75%	78%	76%	78%	64%
% greater depth	35%	65%	30%	23%	18%

2018 Report Feedback Sheets

Many thanks to all who have returned the report feedback sheets - there's still time – we do appreciate the feedback so, if you find this lurking in a book-bag, please complete and return it – Thanks.



Feedback has been overwhelmingly positive and there have been some helpful 'even better if...' suggestions for us to consider. Clearly we can't implement everything – for example some of you want more homework and some want less – but we will give all the comments due consideration.

Robotics Day

A group of Year 5 children went to Ralph Allen for the day to programme Lego robots.



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

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a wonderful summer break.

Yours sincerely
Andy Joy
Headteacher