

Dear Parents, Carers and Governors,

## Considerate Parking & Drop Off



Members of our local community / residents of Bloomfield Rise, would be very grateful if parents would NOT use the side lanes to pull into when collecting or dropping off children at school. These are private lanes for use by the residents.

In addition, please could parents NOT park in front of resident's drives as this is inconsiderate and anti-social. Thanks to all those who park further away and walk a little extra – much appreciated.

## Front Door

Very occasionally parents and visitors ring the door buzzer when there is no-one in the



office. Children are instructed **NOT** to open the door even if they are in the foyer. Please do not assume they are either deaf or rude - this is for the safety of your children – we need to know who is in the school. Thanks for your understanding.

## Harvest Collections 2017 Foodbank

We will be holding a simple Harvest Service at St Philip & St James church on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October at 9:30am – all are welcome to join us. Many thanks to those who have already donated food – the table in the foyer is beginning to fill up – please keep it coming.



## Folly Farm Residential Trip

Year 4 children enjoyed a fun packed few days away at Folly Farm. Special thanks to the staff who gave up a night with their own families to go with them. Please see the school website for more pictures.



## Stop norovirus spreading this winter

Norovirus, sometimes known as the 'winter vomiting bug', is the most common stomach bug in the UK, affecting people of all ages. It is highly contagious and is transmitted by contact with contaminated surfaces, an infected person, or consumption of contaminated food or water. The symptoms of norovirus are very distinctive – people often report a sudden onset of nausea followed by projectile vomiting and watery diarrhoea. Good hand hygiene is important to stop the spread of the virus.



People are advised to:

- Wash their hands thoroughly using soap and water and drying
- them after using the toilet, before preparing food and eating
- Not to rely on alcohol gels as these do not kill the virus

An infection with norovirus is self-limiting and most people will make a full recovery in 1-2 days. It is important to keep hydrated – especially children and the elderly. Do not visit either A&E or GPs with symptoms as this may spread the virus. Further information and advice is available from NHS 111, including an online symptom checker at nhs.uk.

## Head Teacher Awards :

<b>Robin</b>	
<b>Jay</b>	Auraya and Ruby. Sacha. Noah & Samson.
<b>Dove</b>	Zac. Josh & Emmy. Cara & Tia.
<b>Nightingale</b>	Alfie, Luca, Sami & Rhodri. Millie, Oscar & Corina. Elijah, Sophie & Lilou.
<b>Owl</b>	Joel. Toby. Isaac.
<b>Kestrel</b>	Grace, Maya & Jacob. Harry. Emily, George, Robbie.
<b>Eagle</b>	Alysha. Nick & Ilana. Tayla & Joseph.
<b>Hawk</b>	Bethan & Oliver. Riley. Amelie & Gracie.
<b>Osprey</b>	Nancy & Henry. Summer. Robbie & Luke.



### Parents' Evening 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> Oct

Thanks to those who have already signed up – we look forward to meeting with you next week. If you haven't signed up to meet the teachers, please do so as soon as possible. The sign-up sheets are in the foyer. We do value our partnership and this is a good opportunity to chat about how the children have settled and what to expect for the rest of the term. Past parents evenings have had about a 96% attendance rate – we would love this to be 100%. **2 of our parent governors will be available to look after children during your parent meeting between 3.30 – 5.30 in Swift classroom on both days.**

### Governor's Surgery

During Parents' Evening on Wednesday, Clive Hall (our Chair of Governors) will be available to chat with you; he would be happy to hear your thoughts about how you think we're doing well and suggestions for how to make St Philip's even better .... We're always looking for ways to improve.

### Community Folder

Don't forget to check out our community folder situated by the office for clubs and events happening in the local area.

### Meeting for Parents of Y6 - Kilve Court Residential

There will be a meeting on Tues 31<sup>st</sup> October at 6pm for all parents of children in Y6 to talk about the residential trip to Kilve Court in the summer.

### School Uniform

Following requests for Marks and Spencer's to provide larger size jumpers', I am pleased to confirm that they have added an age 15-16 size to their website.



### Gracewell Care Home

Our gratitude to the residents at Gracewell Care Home who raised £200 for us at their summer fair. Our school council went over to say thank you and chat with some of the residents. We're looking forward to developing further links between school and Gracewell in the future.

### Operation Christmas Child

I trust that many of you are beginning to put together a shoebox of gifts to send off for operation Christmas Child this year. We are hoping for upwards of 100 boxes this year – You can really make a difference to a child who will otherwise not get any gifts at all this year. We would be grateful if you could send these into school before the 10<sup>th</sup> November when they will be collected and shipped off. Last year our boxes went to Zambia and Ukraine.



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

Yours sincerely

**Andy Joy**  
**Headteacher**