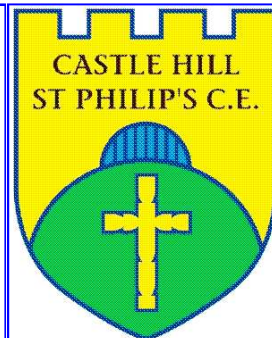


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LENTEN APPEAL 2016

Thank you to all children and parents/carers who purchased Lenten Appeal Raffle Tickets. We raised an amazing £417.00 for Barnardo's charity and it was brilliant to see so many winners leaving school with Easter Egg hampers!

SCOOTER DAY

The recent Gold Spot Reward was an amazing scooter experience! Children who had earned enough Gold Spots or Gold Stars were invited to take part and loved every minute of it! The staff had a great time too! Please take a look at the photographs on our school website.

We have another fantastic Gold Event booked for this half term. Please talk to your child about earning their Gold Spots/Stars—it is a shame when children miss out on such fun experiences.

FAREWELL

It is with mixed feelings that I inform you that Miss Parkinson has decided to leave her post as Reception Class teacher at the end of the summer term. I will be extremely sorry to lose Miss Parkinson from our teaching team as she has been an excellent teacher at Castle Hill St Philip's for 21 years. However, I am delighted for Miss Parkinson who will be getting married this summer and wishes to pursue other interests away from the pressures and workload being a teacher brings. As many of you will also have known Miss Parkinson for many years, I am sure you will join me in wishing her good luck in the future.

PTFA EVENTS

During the spring term the PTFA raised £550 during the Easter Bingo Night and £160 at the discos. Thank you for your support. We are getting closer to our target to refurbish the playground at the front of school

DINNER MONEY

Our admin staff have time available every Monday morning to count and prepare dinner money for banking. Therefore, please pay for school dinners in advance each Monday morning since paying on other days of the week wastes valuable time in school.

KS1 AND KS2 SATs

Children in Year 2 and Year 6 will be completing their SATs assessments this half term:

Y2—Between 3rd and 20th May

Y6—Between 9th and 12th May

Please make sure children are in school unless too poorly to attend and ensure they get enough rest in the run up to these important tests.

NEW SCHOOL WEBSITE

We have updated our school website to make it more accessible and easier to find information. It now also contains our Facebook feed so parents can find updates all in one place.

Please take a look and save the page to your favourites.

<http://www.castlehill.wigan.sch.uk>

Attendance	March 2016 %	Sept - March %
Reception	89.7	94.6
Year 1	94.4	95.8
Year 2	96.1	96.9
Year 3	89.6	94.3
Year 4	96.8	95.2
Year 5	90	94.7
Year 6	94.2	96.4
WHOLE SCHOOL	92.9	95.4

Congratulations to **Year 4** for having the best attendance for the month of March and **Year 2** for topping the leader board for the school year so far.

DIARY DATES

Wednesday 20th April	2.45 p.m.	Y4 Class Assembly
Thursday 21st April		YR visit to Borsdane Woods
Friday 22nd April		Non-uniform Day St. George's Day so please wear red and white. Fine—a bottle (eg wine, shampoo etc) or outdoor toy (eg Football, hula hoop, Frisbee)
Sunday 1st May	9.30 a.m.	Confirmation Service at St John's Church, Hindley Green.
Monday 2nd May	School Closed	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 3rd May—20th May		KS1 SATs
Wednesday 4th May	2.45 p.m.	Y1 Class Assembly
Thursday 5th May	School Closed	School being used as a Polling Station
Monday 9th May—Thursday 12th May		KS2 SATs week
Tuesday 10th May		Y4 Educational Visit to the National Mining Museum
Wednesday 11th May		YR visit to Tesco Store, Hindley
Monday 23rd May		Outdoor Education Week
Friday 27th May		Non-Uniform Day Fine—Toiletry item or a soft toy
	3.20 p.m.	Break up for half term
Monday 6th June	8.55 a.m.	School re-opens

ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Celebrating the 375th Anniversary of the life and work of All Saints' Parish Church, Hindley with exhibitions, events and guest speakers.

GUEST SPEAKERS

11.15 am in the Meeting Room

Sunday 8th May

Guest speaker—Dianne Teskey
'Lotions, Potions and the Poultrice'

Sunday 12th June

Within the 9.30 am service
Guest speaker—Roger Jones
Composer of Christian musicals

The Church will be open to visitors:

Wednesday morning—9.00 a.m. to Mid-day
Saturday morning—10.00 a.m. to Mid-day