

CASTLE HILL ST. PHILIP'S C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL



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September 2017 Newsletter



We would like to extend a very warm welcome back to all pupils in Years 1 to 6 and a special welcome to all children new to our school, particularly those in our reception class. As always, we aim to build open, positive and strong relationships between home and school. If parents/carers have any questions please do not hesitate at any time to approach either the class teachers, the office staff or senior leaders.

MEET THE TEACHER EVENTS

We warmly invite all parents/carers to meet their child's class teacher and learn about class procedures, the curriculum and how to help children make the most of the year ahead. Dates for these meetings are on the reverse of this newsletter.

E-VOUCHERS

Children entitled to Pupil Premium Funding (those eligible for free school meals) have been issued with their annual £50 e-voucher which can be spent on school educational visits or experiences. Please be aware that any arrears or outstanding money will be taken out by school prior to issuing of the e-vouchers. If you think your child should be eligible and you don't receive a voucher or if your circumstances have changed please speak to Mrs McHugh in the office.

UNIFORM

Mrs Cloake has lots of good quality, recycled uniform for sale over in the Link Lodge. If your child needs any spare items please speak to Mrs Cloake.

CHRISTIAN VALUES

As a Church of England primary school we aim to develop and promote a range of Christian values in our children. Our Christian value this half term is 'perseverance'. Your child will be learning about what perseverance is and how to develop their own perseverance during assemblies and in Personal, Social and Emotional lessons this half term. Please encourage your child to discuss perseverance—or not giving up—at home and listen as they explain their learning.

E-SAFETY

As children now use a wide range of ICT equipment and access content on line, including social media and social networking sites, it is imperative that parents/carers keep their children safe online. The 'Think You Know' website is a useful website to help parents learn about how to keep children safe online. It can be found at:

www.thinkyounow.co.uk

PLANNERS

Your child will be issued with their new 2017/18 school planner this week. Please ensure you complete the Home-School Agreement, Consent Form and Parent/Guardian Guide to the Internet at the front of the planner as soon as possible.

DIARY DATES

Monday 11th September		Y6 Anderton Centre Residential
Tuesday 12th September	3.30 pm	Year 1 Meet the Teacher
Wednesday 13th September	3.30 pm	Year 5 Meet the Teacher
Thursday 14th September	3.30 pm	Year 3 Meet the Teacher
Friday 15th September	3.30 pm	Year 4 Meet the Teacher
Monday 18th September	3.30 pm	Year 2 Meet the Teacher
Tuesday 19th September	3.30 pm	Year 6 Meet the Teacher
Thursday 28th September	10.00 am	Y5 Class Assembly—Harvest Celebration in Church
Wednesday 4th October	2.45 pm	Y3 Class Assembly
Wednesday 18th October	2.45 pm	Y2 Class Assembly
Friday 20th October	3.20 pm	Break up for half term

ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance target is 95%. We expect children to be in school, on time every day unless they are too poorly to attend. Please support your child in their learning by ensuring they attend school as frequently as possible. When a child's attendance drops below 95% parents/carers will be issued with a letter of concern or invited into school to discuss attendance.

Children with 100% attendance each term are rewarded to acknowledge their excellent attendance across the term. Our next reward will be just before Christmas.

EDUCATION SUNDAY

Education Sunday is a national day of prayer and celebration for everyone involved in the world of education. For more than 100 years there has been an annual recognition of Education Sunday in England and Wales.

The service will take place this year on Sunday 24th September at 9.30 a.m. at All Saints Church. We would like as many children, members of staff and families as possible to support the service to demonstrate our commitment to our school and to our parish. Parents are welcome to stay for the service or can drop off children before and collect them at 10.30 am. Children should arrive at 9.20 am.

Children will be rewarded back in school the following week and will also receive a Gold Spot/Gold Star for attending this important event in our school/church calendar.