



# Newsletter March 2017

Dear Parents/Carers



## Easter Service

Our Easter Service will be held at St Philip's and St James' Church and will commence at 2.45 pm on **Friday 31 March**. Parent volunteers will be needed to walk to church with the children. If you can help, please see your child's teacher.

Children will be dismissed from the church.

## Celebrations Assembly

We will be holding our end of term Celebrations Assembly on **Thursday 6 April** at 2pm where we will have an Easter raffle draw. Please find attached two strips of raffle tickets at 50p per strip. If you wish to purchase them, please return them to school with your name on the back of each ticket with the money.



Our EYFS children will be hatching chickens and raising them. Funds from our Easter raffle will be used to house the chicks in our new outdoor chicken coop.



## Easter Egg/Toy/Cake Donations



We are looking for donations of Easter Eggs and toys for our Easter raffle. If you have any of these, please bring them into school before Wednesday 5 April. We would also love any cakes/buns for our cake stall. Please bring these in on the morning of Thursday 6 April. **Any donations would be greatly appreciated.**

## Egg Decorating

We will be decorating Easter eggs in school on Wednesday 5 April. Could each child bring with them two hard boiled eggs and any materials you might find to decorate them on Wednesday morning.



## Parents' Evening

Thank you to all parents who attended our parents' evening on 13/14 March. We had an overall attendance of 88%.

## SATs 2017

KS2 SATs week this year will commence on Monday 8 May and will continue for the majority of the week. KS1 SATs will take place the following week, commencing Monday 15 May. During these two weeks can you please ensure your child arrives in school **on time** as late arrivals would be especially disruptive when some children are taking tests.



For those children taking the KS2 SATs (**Y6 children**), there will be a Breakfast Club provided free of charge beginning at 8.30am, from the Monday to Thursday of that week.

## Late Register



Please note if your child arrives in school too late to go through the normal entrance and must come through the main Reception, then the parent must come in also to sign the "Late Register" in the Office. Children should be in the school yard lined up at 8.55 am.

## Clubs

The only after-school clubs which will be on during the last week are **X Factor Club** on Tuesday 4 April until 5pm and boosters as usual. If your child needs to be at booster, you will receive a text. There will be **no** Art and Crafts or Homework Club on.

A new list for the summer term will be distributed when we return. *Please note most clubs have a compulsory cost of 50p per session.*



## School Uniforms

For the summer term, boys may wear dark, flat sandals and appropriate grey shorts. Girls may wear a blue checked dress, black/white sandals (flat) with white socks. No boots will be allowed in the summer term. Any child not wearing the correct school uniform will receive a letter home.

## Headlice

We have had a few reports of headlice recently – please be vigilant and check your child's hair regularly. Please note that headlice is not a valid reason to stay off school.



## Dinner Money

Can those parents whose child/ren receive a paid school meal please ensure that they pay fully on a Monday for the week ahead.

## 50's Club

Anyone who is a member of our 50's Club, can you please pay your subs to Mrs Lisa Croft before our Celebrations Assembly, when it will be drawn. Thank you.

## Safeguarding Group

This term, parents are invited to attend our regular Safeguarding Group meeting where the main topic will be "Internet Safety" complete with a video presentation. Our other topics include anti-bullying work and questionnaires. The group will meet on Thursday 6 April at 9am in Class 1 and all parents/carers are welcome.

## Contact Details

Please, as ever, keep us up to date with any changes in your personal information, especially mobile numbers. That way, we can be assured of keeping you up to date with the latest information.



## Last Day of Term

We break up for the Easter holidays on **Friday 7 April**, and parents/carers may collect children from 1.15 pm.

## FUTURE EVENTS

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|-----------------|---|---|
| 29 March        | - | Reception/KS1 Multi-skills Festival   |
| 31 March        | - | 2.45 pm Easter Service at St Philip's & St James' Church                          |
| 3 April         | - | "You've Been Flushed" performance by Dwaine Pipe                                  |
| 5 April         | - | Easter egg competition – decorating eggs in class                                 |
| 6 April         | - | 9am Safeguarding Group (parents welcome – see above)<br>2pm Celebrations Assembly |
| 7 April         | - | 1.15 pm can collect children<br><br><b><i>Break for Easter Holidays</i></b>       |
| 24 April        | - | school returns  |
| 28 April        | - | Multi-cultural Day – celebrating St George's Day                                  |
| 1 May           | - | May Day Bank Holiday  |
| 8 – 12 May      | - | KS2 SATs week   |
| 15 – 19 May     | - | KS1 SATs week   |
| 25 May          | - | Whole school trip to Preston Park   |
| 26 May          | - | INSET Day   |
| 29 May – 2 June | - | Half Term   |



## Summer Term

Please have a wonderful Easter break and I will see you all when school resumes for the Summer Term on **Monday 24 April**.

Mrs L Jackson  
Headteacher



# SCHOOL HOLIDAYS 2016/2017

Holiday	Closing Date	Date Re-open for Teaching Purposes
Summer 2016 (6 weeks 3 days)	Wednesday 20 July 2016	Tuesday 6 September 2016
Autumn Half-Term 2016 (1 week)	Friday 21 October 2016	Monday 31 October 2016
Christmas 2016 (2 weeks 2 days)	Friday 16 December 2016	Wednesday 4 January 2017
Spring Half-Term 2017 (1 week)	Friday 17 February 2017	Monday 27 February 2017
Easter 2017 (2 weeks)	Friday 7 April 2017	Monday 24 April 2017
May Day 2017 (1 day)	Friday 28 April 2017	Tuesday 2 May 2017
Summer Half-Term 2017 (1 week 1 day)	Thursday 25 May 2017	Monday 5 June 2017
Summer 2017 (6 weeks 1 day)	Friday 21 July 2017	Tuesday 5 September 2017

**Important Note: the following dates have been agreed as INSET days for school staff:**

**Monday 5 September 2016**

**Tuesday 3 January 2017**

**Friday 26 May 2017**

