

ST PHILIP'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



November 2018

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- ◆ 3rd December – Hospice toys on sale (£2 Each)
- ◆ 3rd December 2018 – EY & KS1 Christingle Service at 2pm Atherton Parish Church led by Y4A
- ◆ 4th December 2018 - KS2 Christingle Service at 2pm Atherton Parish Church led by Y4T
- ◆ 10th December EY & KS1 Christmas party
- ◆ 11th December Y3 & Y4 Christmas Party
- ◆ 12th December Y5 & Y6 Christmas Party
- ◆ 12th December – Christmas Lunch
- ◆ 14th December – Y4 Christmas Concert 2:45pm
- ◆ 14th December – Christmas Jumper day
- ◆ 17th December Y2 Christmas Production 2pm
- ◆ 18th December Y2 Christmas Production 2pm & 6pm

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As the Festive period is quickly approaching, we are working hard busily preparing for all our Christmas events. We hope you can come along to enjoy some of them with us!

WORSHIP

In worship we have been exploring the following key themes and questions:

- ◆ Let us never forget
- ◆ Learning from our mistakes
- ◆ Preparing for Advent

Reflective Quotes of the month:

Y3G - 'It is important that we always remember and honour the brave sacrifices of soldiers both past and present.'

Y4A - 'Mistakes help us to learn new things and to do things even better!'

Y5H - 'Every problem can be overcome.'

VISITS AND VISITORS

Year 2 have been very busy with visitors this half term. They had a visit from Manchester Zoo expedition team who came to deliver a workshop on animals and their habitat. They also brought along some surprise guests for the children to meet! We had fat tailed gerbils, tree frogs, snakes and other interesting critters joining the children at the workshop!



Year 2 also had a visit from Altru Drama Company who delivered a half-day session all about Mary Seacole and Florence Nightingale to bringing history alive through drama and song.

The whole school received a visit from RE on Demand. They delivered workshops to each year group on the different religions around the world.

CHRISTMAS EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS

You should have received our Christmas newsletter which gave you details of all our Christmas events planned this year. This term our Year 2 children will present 'Midwife Crisis' on **Monday 17th December at 2pm and Tuesday 18th December at 2pm & 6pm.**

Our Key Stage 1 Christingle service will be led by our Year 4 children on **Monday 3rd December at 2pm (Year 4A)** and our Key Stage 2 Christingle service will be on **Tuesday 4th December at 2pm (Year 4T)** at Atherton Parish Church.

Church doors will only open at 1.50pm so that we can ensure that the children are ready and seated before the services begin.

We have invited all children and staff to wear their Christmas jumpers to raise awareness and funds for 'Save the Children' charity on Friday 14th December. We are asking for donations of £1 to donate to help children who are in desperate need around the world.

HOSPICE TOYS

Once again, we will be selling the beautiful, cuddly toys on behalf of Wigan and Leigh Hospice, from **Monday 3rd December**, priced at £2.00 each.

CLASS CHRISTMAS PARTIES

Our Christmas parties for the children will be held on the following days:-

Monday 10th December Reception, Year 1 & Year 2
Tuesday 11th December Year 3 and Year 4
Wednesday 12th December Year 5 and Year 6

Children should come in party clothes on their day. If you would like to donate cakes for any of the parties, please send them into school, via your child's classroom on the party day.

CHILDREN IN NEED

On Friday 16th November the whole school displayed a fantastic effort wearing their odd socks in aid of Children in Need! It was an amazing day and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the theme which of course is all in aid of a great cause! We raised £396.39 overall beating last year's total!

FINALLY

Enjoy your final few weeks of the autumn term in school. We close for our Christmas Break on Friday 21st December at 3.30pm.



Miss L J Rigby
Headteacher

ATTENDANCE

This month's top 3 classes for attendance:

1.	Y2T	98.39 %
2.	Y4T	98.28 %
3.	Y5L	98.01 %

Well done to Y2T who have spent three months in a row at the top of the table!

PARENT MAIL

Thank you for your ongoing support during our transition to a cashless school. We have had some great feedback to the Parent Mail system. December sees the launch of Wrap Around Care invoicing through Parent Mail which offers a secure and easy way of payment for the parents who use this service.

If you are yet to register please do so as soon as possible as this is the only way you will be able to pay for trips, music tuition etc. It will also be our only form of communication moving forward. If you have any issues registering, please email bman@admin.saintphilips.wigan.sch.uk

HEAD LICE

From time to time, cases of head lice in the school come to our attention. As this condition spreads easily, I would be grateful if you could check your child's hair regularly to assist in getting this problem under control.

If you suspect that your child may have head lice, it is important that treatment be given immediately. Children are most commonly affected by head lice (also called nits), but anyone with hair can catch them.

CLASS FAMILY WORSHIP DATES

◆ Year 5L Family Worship (Everyone Welcome)	-	Friday 25 th January 2019 at 9.10am
◆ Year 5H Family Worship (Everyone Welcome)	-	Friday 1 st February 2019 at 9.10am
◆ Year 4A Family Worship (Everyone Welcome)	-	Friday 8 th February 2019 at 9.10am
◆ Year 4T Family Worship (Everyone Welcome)	-	Friday 15 th February 2019 at 9.10am
◆ Year 3W Family Worship (Everyone Welcome)	-	Friday 1 st March 2019 at 9.10am
◆ Year 3G Family Worship (Everyone Welcome)	-	Friday 8 th March 2019 at 9.10am
◆ Year 2JG Family Worship (Everyone Welcome)	-	Friday 15 th March 2019 at 9.10am
◆ Year 2T Family Worship (Everyone Welcome)	-	Friday 22 nd March 2019 at 9.10am
◆ Year 1I Family Worship (Everyone Welcome)	-	Friday 29 th March 2019 at 9.10am
◆ Year 1H Family Worship (Everyone Welcome)	-	Friday 24 th May 2019 at 9.10am
◆ Rec JH Family Worship (Everyone Welcome)	-	Friday 21 st June 2019 at 9.10am
◆ Rec AH Family Worship (Everyone Welcome)	-	Friday 28 th June 2019 at 9.10am