

# Upcoming events...



Valentine's Day Disco

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February**



We are holding a Valentine's Disco in the school hall on **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February** from **3.15 p.m. to 4.15 p.m.** Children from all year groups are welcome but **must be accompanied by an adult**. As well as dancing we will be playing games and serving refreshments.

**Tickets will be on sale for 50p and are available at the school office or from Miss Smedley now.**

**All proceeds raised will go to school fund.**

## EARLY MORNING ACTIVITIES!

We are encouraging lots of activities on the playground before school – Mr Hayward is playing games with the children, running Morning Move It sessions and we are using the SNUGG play equipment too. Exercise and activity helps the children to get their brains going in the morning.

**Please come along and stay and play with your child from 8:35am!**

**DON'T FORGET – Bagel Bookworms every Thursday from 8:30am in the hall- come along and read with your child!**

## SAVE THE DATE:

### WORLD BOOK DAY:

**Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> March** – details of events and activities to follow!

### PARENTS' EVENINGS:

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March and Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April – 3:15 – 5:15pm**

*There will be a letter sent out after half term.*

### EASTER SERVICE IN CHURCH:

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March – 9:15 am**

*All parents and carers are invited to come along and enjoy some refreshments before the start of the service!*

## DON'T FORGET...

**SATS WEEK: 11<sup>th</sup> May – 15<sup>th</sup> May** – Year 6 children have been working hard and we know they will do their very best Please make sure your child is in school every day.

**Years 3, 4 and 5 all have adventure days booked in...** please speak to your child's classteacher or Mr Hayward about what is happening.

**Mental Health Week: 18<sup>th</sup> May – 22<sup>nd</sup> May**

**Health Week: 22<sup>nd</sup> June – 26<sup>th</sup> June** – lots of sports and activities for the whole school

**Diversity Day: 10<sup>th</sup> July** – Celebration of our diverse community

*There are more details to follow - via text, letter or through the website!*



ST PHILIP'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL – SPRING TERM



# Half-Termly Update

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have already had an eventful start to our new decade with lots of exciting things happening in school. Read on to find out more!

The Year 6 children have spent a week at Lledr Hall, Year 5 children have shown off their engineering skills at the Lego League – winning the trophy – children's art work displayed on the hoardings of the Eric Wright building site on Islington Way and trips to the Salford Council chambers to meet the mayor. Also not forgetting our fantastic successes at sporting events... a silver medal in wrestling! We really have had lots of things to celebrate in such a short space of time. Have a look at the website for more information.

This half term, we have welcomed numerous visitors into school and we have had some fantastic feedback. All the visitors who come to our school comment on how calm and welcoming everyone is here. They comment on how kind and thoughtful the children are to each other and to the staff and are always impressed by the way the children behave around school. Here are just a few of the amazing comments we have had:

**"This is a beautiful school."** (Headteacher of a Salford High School)

**"I would like to commend how professional your Head Boy and Head Girl were today, they are fantastic ambassadors..."** (Headteacher of a Salford Primary School)

**"...the enthusiasm and passion for learning certainly shines through from all pupils and staff."** (Educational Psychologist)

Thanks have to go out to all the staff and children for their continued motivation and eagerness to succeed and to you all – parents and carers – who show such incredible support to our school!

**School finishes on Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> February for half term and reopens on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February at 8:50am.**

Yours sincerely,

We just want to remind you of a few things in school and you can find out more in this newsletter, particularly about upcoming events, key messages from issues that you have raised and contact information for key members of staff.

For information about our uniform expectations, please go to our website: <https://www.stphilipssalford.co.uk/information/uniform/>

## Uniform



### School Uniform

- Navy Blue jumper
- White T-Shirt
- Black shoes
- Dark trousers/skirt
- Solid colour socks or tights
- Only a watch and stud earrings are allowed
- No makeup, nail varnish etc.

**Please ensure that your child has the correct uniform. If you are unsure, please go the website or speak to your child's class teacher.**

### PE Kit

- Dark jumper
- White T-Shirt
- Dark shorts (Summer)
- Dark tracksuit bottoms (Winter)
- Trainers/Pumps
- Earrings will need to be covered or removed on PE Days. If children go swimming, there will be an expectation that they will have to remove earrings completely.

### Swimming Kits

- Swimming Trunks **not** shorts
- Swimming Costumes **not** bikinis
- Swimming Cap for long hair
- Towel
- No earrings - **they must be removed on swimming day.**

We are currently updating our school curriculum, in line with the government expectations and all the teachers are looking at how we can make sure the children are learning everything they need to know. Take a look at the curriculum pages on the school website:

<https://www.stphilipssalford.co.uk/curriculum/>

### Health and Relationships Education:

There is now a statutory expectation that schools teach the Health and Relationships Curriculum from September 2020. School staff have written a policy and shared this with governors. You can read about this on the curriculum page of the school website and we are keen to know your thoughts: <https://www.stphilipssalford.co.uk/documents/curriculum/section/pshe-incl-health-and-relationships/policy-and-curriculum-overview.pdf?5e3bec18>

**If you have any questions, want to know more or wish to give us feedback, please come and speak to Miss Kinch.**

Our safeguarding team are on hand to support you and your child. You can contact them through the school office **0161 832 6637**. Our safeguarding team are **Ms Smedley, Mr Steadman, Mrs Taylor** and **Miss Kinch**. We also have three members of staff who are mental health first aiders – **Mr Davies, Ms Smedley and Mr Steadman**. They are on hand to work with our children if they need to talk.



We are making changes to the way we send reading books home for you to read with your child. We are inviting you along to find out more about how this will run after half term. If you have not already signed up...here are the details:

### PHONICS AND READING PARENTS MEETINGS

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February – 3:00pm – Nursery and Reception

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February – 3:00pm – Years 1 and 2

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February – 9:00am – Rec, Years 1 and 2

**Please come along to find out more about our new reading scheme and how to help your child with reading!**

**Read Write Inc.**  
Phonics

**BOOK BAG BOOKS**  
Reinforce classroom learning with reading at home and accelerate progress

Come along for our **CHIT CHAT and COFFEE** afternoons – **every Tuesday at 2:00pm**

**Please speak to Ms Smedley for more information**



Well done to the Reception Class for raising **£50** for the Australian Bush fire appeal... **Fantastic Job!**



### Good attendance = good learning

To achieve a badge this term:



<b>Gold badge = 100%</b>	0 days absence
<b>Silver badge = 99.1%</b>	½ day absence
<b>Silver badge = 98.1%</b>	1 day absence
<b>Bronze badge = 97.2%</b>	1½ days absence
<b>Bronze badge = 96.2%</b>	2 days absence
<b>No badge = 95.3%</b>	2½ days absence

**Our attendance in December was an amazing 96.3% which took us to the top of the cluster of schools leaderboard – for the first time ever!**

**Congratulations everybody!**

**We continue to not authorise holidays in term time** as this impacts on your children's learning. It is important that children are in school every day so that they do not miss out on learning opportunities.