



Half-Termly Update

Welcome back to the new term and the new year.

Good attendance = good learning

School attendance is showing a great improvement on last year. Our attendance is currently **95.8%** and our school target is **96.6%**.

Although this is a slight improvement on last year, we are below our target. Please make sure that holidays are not taken during term time.

We will continue to celebrate good attendance this term with our Gold Silver and Bronze pin badges. Last term, 64% (108 children) of our children received a badge. 52 children received a gold badge for 100% attendance – a brilliant achievement!

To achieve a badge this term:

- Gold badge** = 100% 0 days absence
- Silver badge** = 99% ½ day absence
- Silver badge** = 98% 1 day absence
- Bronze badge** = 97% 1½ days absence
- Bronze badge** = 96% 2days absence



Let's try and give out even more badges at the end of this term!

KEEPING YOU IN THE LOOP...



Welcome to Mr Davies our new teacher in Year 3 and our new lunchtime organisers, Miss Piotrowska and Miss Pantellaro.

We know you have already made them feel very welcome.

Welcome back to the new school term. We have a number of events coming up over the next term which we will keep you updated with through the website, letters and texts.

We just want to remind you about the importance of coming to school on time.

The playground gates will be locked at 9:00am each morning. If you arrive after that, you will need to bring your child through to the main reception area and sign them in. We will then take them through to their classes.

Our celebration assembly happens every Friday and parents are invited to come. In order to avoid any distractions for the children you will need to arrive before 9:05. We will only admit children into the hall after this time.

News and updates...



Parents' Evenings this term

Parents' Evenings will be taking place next half term.

Please note the dates:

27th March 3:00-5:00

28th March 3:00-5:00

We hope that this helps you to plan for meeting with your child's teacher.

www.stphilipssalford.co.uk – our website!

You can get lots of information about school. You can access letters sent home, messages about school and find out about upcoming events!

Key events this half term:

2nd Feb – Stardome planetarium in school

*This event is for the children only. **There will be no celebration assembly on that day as we will need to use the hall.***

8th Feb – Book Bus in the school playground

You will be invited to come in and have a look around the book bus. You will be able to buy books at the end of the school day.

Reminder!

Please can we remind you that the car park is for visitors and staff only.

Church Events:

The team at St Philip's Church have been putting on a number of activities and events:

The term-time weekly **Kids Life** club has started.

Open to KS2 children. Every Thursday from 6:00 – 7:15pm.

You can sign up through the church website or text "CL6YJ KidsLife" to 60777.



There are also limited spaces on the Buggy Run! If you are interested, please contact the church office **0161 839 9709**. This will be a great way to meet people and have fun!

Residentials...



Please can we ensure that the money for trips and residentials is paid. Letters will be going out soon about the remaining places.

We will continue to be reviewing our trips and visits throughout the year. Residentials are a brilliant way of helping the children to work as a team, develop new skills and take on new challenges. Our staff LOVE these trips; especially seeing the children facing challenges!

Staying Safe:

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 **Mrs Brandreth, Mr Steadman, Mrs Taylor** and **Miss Kinch**.

This term we will be sharing resources with you and your child on how to keep safe online and when using mobile technology. There are already some useful links and information available which can be found on the website:

<http://www.stphilipssalford.co.uk/information/letters-and-policies/>