

## Newsletter No. 7

11/11/11

Dear Parents, Carers and Governors,

### New Play Stuff

We have loads more cool equipment for the children to play with. Now that we have more supervision in the playgrounds at lunch time, we have purchased some new kit which we hope will keep the children happily occupied - some of the equipment and games will be more closely supervised than others! Please remember, we do NOT allow children to bring cards to swap in school - these nearly always lead to tears and grief!



### Free School Meals Take-up

You are eligible for free school meals if you claim one or more of the following:

- Income support
- Income based job seekers' allowance
- Income based employment support allowance
- Child tax credit but NOT working tax credit. Your annual income must not exceed £16,040
- Guarantee element of pension credit
- If you are an asylum seeker.

Please note:- this does **NOT** mean you HAVE to have school dinners. But it does open up other benefits for you and the school.

Regardless of what you feel about free school meals - as a school, some of our funding is determined by the number of children who are entitled to free school meals.

If you think you are eligible, we would be grateful if you would collect a form from the office.

### 116 things to do

Why not try number 92 this week end?

The season will soon pass..... soon we will be getting into 62 & 66!

Children in Years 2 - 6 will be able to tick off 37 soon.

### REMEMBER

Next Friday is **French day** and Children in Need - come prepared. Please also remember that Friday's school lunch will be French themed Coq au Vin or vegetarian quiche and NOT Fish or Cheese and Beans Plait. Also... no assembly

### New appointments

Welcome to Miss Thornton and Mrs Morris - 2 new part time TAs whose duties will be to assist the class teachers during lesson time and also to provide additional supervision during lunch breaks.



### Mrs Reeves Leaving

You may have heard on the grapevine that after many years of service to St Philip's, Mrs Reeves who is currently a TA in Jay & Robin class is leaving, her last day will be Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. I'm sure that you would like to join me in thanking her for her dedication, service and kindness. Her post will be filled as soon as possible. We wish her the best for the future.

### School Uniform Reminder

**Navy blue or black school shoes, sandals or training shoes.** NB not shoes with high heels or platform soles and **not fashion boots (eg UGG boots)**. Sensible leather fitted boots are acceptable in the winter. For safety, sandals should have closed toes and heels and not be sling-backs.

Black, grey or white socks.

Can I also please remind you that hair past the neck should be tied back with a plain hairband.

Thank you for your continued support in this.



### PTA Cake Sale

There is a PTA Cake Sale next Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November. Please send in your homemade cakes if possible (these are always a favourite with the children) or shop bought ones are fine! Cakes cost 20p each (max 3 each) and will be on sale at breaktime and after school.

### Prayer Meeting

There will be a prayer meeting on November 28<sup>th</sup> at 8pm at Vicky Atkinson's house. (telephone 830406). All welcome.

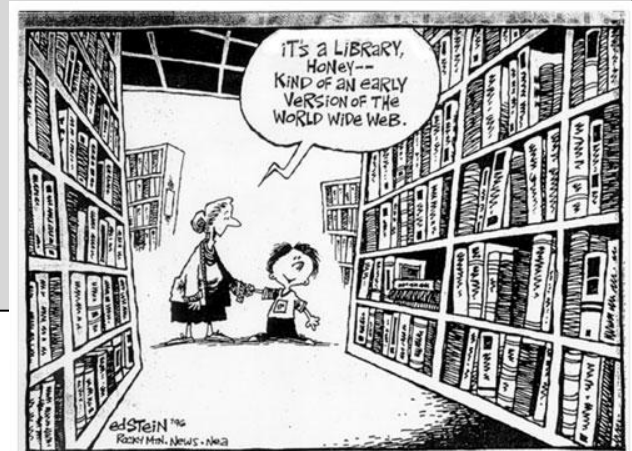
### Shoebboxes

Please remember to bring your shoebboxes to school before Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November. Many Thanks.



## Head Teacher Awards :

Robin Reuben, Saki & Molly.  
 Jay Abi, Toby, Fearne, Jake and Louie.  
 Dove Jessie, Lucy & Grace.  
 Nightingale Ellie & Grace.  
 Owl Ashley & Ciaran.  
 Kestrel Aaron, Charlie & Lucy.  
 Eagle Daniel.  
 Hawk  
 Osprey



### Footballers struggle against St. Michael's

Over 15 boys from KS2 made the short trip to St. Michael's Junior School in Twerton during the last week of term to play in their first football match of the year. The previous season's games had been hard fought draws so there was an 'air of optimism' on our arrival.

The year 5/6 team had been severely depleted by some 'big players' moving on to secondary school at the end of last year so this game was always going to be tough. Having created some excellent chances the year 5/6 team eventually lost 5-1 which wasn't a true reflection of the game, however nothing should be taken from St. Michaels who were a very well organised outfit. Their keeper according to Miss Holder was 'outstanding'. The year 3/4 team struggled a little more, mainly due to the inexperience of the team; this will only get better the more they play with each other. Notable performances came from Joe Woodham, Ben Riccio and Alfie Waldron.

The next game will be against St John's on their brand new astro-turf - something to look forward too.

**Mark Gunning (Oct 2011)**

### Dinner with the Children

A huge thank you to the 21 parents who came to enjoy a school meal with their children on Wednesday. We had really positive feedback from everyone.



We trust you all enjoyed the experience. We will be running this with all other classes in due course.... Please come if you can when it's your turn. Also a big thanks to Mrs Coppens, office staff, SMSAs and the kitchens for their hard work in organising, cooking and serving the meal.

### Library Help

We would love 1 or 2 parents or grandparents to help keep our library in good order. If you can spare some time each week to tidy, put away and mend books we would be very grateful. Please see Mr Halliwell or give your name to office staff and he will contact you. Many Thanks.

### Theatre Trip

I have decided that it would be a lot easier for all concerned to



get a coach back to school at the end of the production so please collect your children from school at the normal time on the days your children go to the theatre. The school will cover the extra cost of the return journey. Thanks for the feedback - we do listen!

### Strike Action

You will have heard on the news of the possible strike action on the 30 November. We will let you know **as soon as we are able to** about if and how this will affect St Philips. We are very aware of the implications of closing the school and will not take this decision lightly but we may have to.

As always, if you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely  
**Andy Joy**  
 Headteacher