



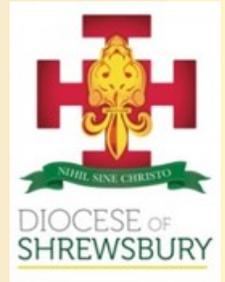
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Gates open at 8.40am	Learning Activities begin at 8.45am	School Day ends at 3pm
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Hello everyone,

Well it's been another busy week here at St Philip's filled with a wealth of learning opportunities for our children.

It was lovely to see so many of you at our 'Meet the Teacher' event this week. Later in the half term, we will be having a parent pop in which we hope you can join us for too. This will be an opportunity for you to come into your child's classroom and enjoy a story with them towards the end of the school day.

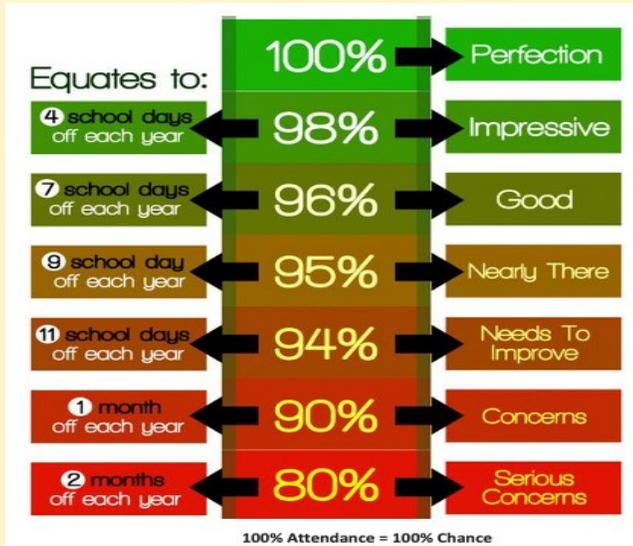
Over the next few weeks we will be talking to the children about how 'School is the place to be', focusing on how important it is to be here on time each day and introducing prizes for those who are. The law entitles every child of compulsory school age the right to education which means that they must attend each day unless they are ill or in exceptional circumstances. I have had a number of requests for holidays during term time. Under current legislation, schools are now only allowed to authorise leave of absence if satisfied that exceptional circumstances exist. I must therefore advise you that any unauthorised absence could result in Education Penalty Notice fines of £60 (rising to £120) per parent per child being issued by the local authority.

In recent years, there has been a great deal of research into the impact of attendance. Without 96%+ attendance in school, research suggests it is highly unlikely that children will develop good mental health, strong wellbeing, secure healthy relationships and go on to live a full and physically healthy life Here at St Philip's we want the best for all of our children and understand that some find it harder than others to attend school. Therefore at all stages, we aim to work with pupils and parents to remove any barriers by working together to put the right support in place. If you require any support with your child's attendance then please contact me via the email address above.

See you all on Monday.

God bless,

Mrs Holland



Headteacher Awards:

Congratulations to all of our winners!

- Year 1 Niamh, Josie.
- Year 2 Leni, Frank, Agatha
- Year 3 Noah, Melia.
- Year 4 Koby.
- Year 5 Stephin.
- Year 6 Holly.

Dates for your Diary

September

13th Swimming begins for Year 4

14th Meet the Teacher

21st/22nd Food donations for the Wellspring

29th Welcome Assembly at 9.15am

October

6th INSET

9th Open Evening 4—6pm

13th Cake Day

19th Parents' Evening

19th Parent Pop In - read a book

Changes are in red.

Drinks and Snacks

A reminder that the children should have a drink with them in school each day. Where possible, these bottles should be named. Prime bottles are **not allowed** in school. Thank you for your support with this. The children are also welcome to bring a healthy snack in with them to enjoy at break time.



National Trust

For those of you who took advantage of the National Trusts free family pass over the summer break, they are looking for some feedback. Please see below the link to their survey.

<https://forms.office.com/e/pBidPzJvgV>

As we approach the Autumn equinox, Mrs Torvell has been busy harvesting the fruit and vegetables from our school allotment. Our families are welcome to take some of these home to enjoy on Friday 22nd September.

The Mini Vinnies will also be collecting food items to donate to the Wellspring, Stockport. These should be brought into school on Thursday 21st and Friday 22nd September.



Attendance

Reception	97.1%
Year 1	90.0%
Year 2	96.5%
Year 3	96.4%
Year 4	95.9%
Year 5	96.4%
Year 6	93.9%

A reminder that the gates open at 8.40am for all of our children and their learning activities begin at 8.45am each day.

Class Dojo

You should all have now received an invite to join your child's class, if not then please talk to your child's class teacher.

Mass at St Philip's is on Saturday evening at 6pm, Sunday Mass at St Peter's is to 8.30am,