

# St Philip Westbrook News

Friday 3rd March 2017

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St Philip's Church - Please join us on Sunday 5th March at 10.15am for tea & toast before Family Worship at 10.30am. All Welcome.

Bags to School. Bags coming home with your child today. Please return on Wednesday



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## Star of the Week

The following children have been awarded Star of the Week for showing '*Perseverance*':

RecD - Faith

RecP - Ilyas

RecV/C - Tyler

Y1A - James

Y1K - Reyaan

Y1R - Gavin

Y2K - Demi-Lee

Y2R - Liam

Y2T - Amelie

Y3C - Niamh

Y3K - Alfie

Y4D - Callum

Y4L - Amir

Y5C - Fred

Y5S - Adam

Y6H - Alex

Y6P/Mc - Martin

## Dates for Forthcoming Events

Year Group Consultations week commencing 6th March

6th March - Y1 Chester Zoo

14th March - KS1 & KS2 Science Workshops

16th March - Mrs Lydon's Class Assembly

21st & 22nd March - Mother's Day Sale by Friends of St Philip's

23rd March - Reception Classes' Mother's Day Assembly

24th March - Red Nose Day  
\*\*\* Pyjama Day \*\*\*

31st March - Google Expeditions

## South Africa

Mrs Hogan (Y3) and Miss Ashton (Y1) had a busy time visiting our partner school in South Africa just last term. They really enjoyed working with the children and teachers of Masizani school where they shared lots of exciting ideas about teaching maths and reading. The purpose of the visit was a project which focusses on zero waste. The Masizani children had lots of ideas and we are looking forward to continuing this in the next few weeks. Mr Marivate and the teachers and learners of Masizani wanted us to pass on their good wishes to all the learners and families of St Philip's.



## World Book Day

On Thursday 2nd March, the whole school celebrated World Book Day! This year marked twenty years of World Book Day, so lots of exciting activities were planned. Everybody came to school dressed as their favourite book character. The teachers were so impressed by the children's imagination and the hard work that had been put into each costume. We also completed a whole school book swap. This was a chance to recommend a great book to another child. Other activities included 'Drop Everything and Read' (DEAR) sessions across the school, a whole school silly story and reading safaris! A HUGE "thank you" to all of the parents, staff and children who helped to make World Book Day 2017 a success! You helped to raise £104.50 towards our school library. The children at St Philip's have such a love and passion for reading which is fantastic to see. Keep reading at home and don't forget to use your book tokens.



## Friends of St Philip's

Next meeting to be held in the School Meeting Room on Monday 6th March, 7.30pm - 8.30pm.

ALL WELCOME

## Y3 Chester Trip



The Year 3 children had a fabulous day in Chester. They visited the DEWA museum and learnt what it was like to be an archaeologist and look for clues to the past. They also marched through the streets of Chester, following in the footsteps of Roman soldiers. Alexander said it was the best trip ever, and Sam was excited that he had learnt so much.

"We marched around Chester with shields doing Roman chants visiting different historical places." said James.

"We learned lots of different facts. Do you know a Roman sword is called a gladius?" said Zach.

Niamh told us, "We also had time to explore the museum full of interesting artefacts. We found out that the Romans had some of the best doctors and used goat poo and old wine to treat wounds. YUCK!"

Jack loved the trip, "It was so much fun!"

### Red Nose Day

The Charity Group are organising a Pyjama Dress-Up Day on Friday 24th March for £1 donation.



Y5/Y6 Football tournament on Thursday 23rd March.

Y5/Y6 Netball competition on Tuesday 14th March.

Please be vigilant if your child maybe using, or has access to, the following social media apps; Whisper and ICQ (a new app for free video call, chat and video). Report anything suspicious to the police.

Thank you for returning the parent surveys last half term. Parents identified main strengths as:

- caring, hardworking and enthusiastic teachers
- school ethos and Christian values
- the progress the children make
- the nurturing and happy environment
- the high standard of behaviour and education
- effective communication with parents
- strong leadership
- happy children who love coming to school and enjoy their learning

We have begun to implement the suggestions of how we can improve further and will update you in future newsletters.

#### New Online Survey for Parents

We have a new online survey for parents to complete regarding children's online use at home & bullying. Please click the link below to complete this survey before 10<sup>th</sup> March, this should take no more than a few minutes.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/tootootparentsurvey?schoolid=1644>

## Litter Pick

Well done to brothers Evan Thorpe (RecP) and Oliver Thorpe (Y3H) for volunteering to help local residents with a litter pick around the area close to the school on a very soggy Saturday morning.

