



# St. Philomena's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher: Miss V Maher

## **Newsletter – 12 September 2022 Autumn Term**

As we start our second full week at school, it has been wonderful to see all the children settled so well into their new classes.

A special mention for our new Reception children and to the other children who are new to Years 1, 3, 4 and 5. We welcome them and their families to our school community and hope they will be very happy here.

### **100% attendance**

In last Monday's assembly, we congratulated the children who attended school every day during the Summer Term 2022. A total of 68 children. We also congratulated 18 children who attended school every day of the whole school year 2021/2022! We will soon organise a little celebration for these children.

Our attendance is always above the national average and is a clear indicator that the children enjoy coming to school, value their learning and love spending time with their friends.

### **SEND Review**

We welcomed a current Ofsted inspector, Jo Jones, to school last Thursday to carry out a review of our provision for children with special educational needs (SEND). She visited lessons and spoke to children and staff. She also spent an extensive period of time with our SENCo, Mrs Badawi, to explore the systems and procedures we have in place to support children with additional needs.

She was very impressed with our provision for SEND and the commitment, knowledge and abilities of all staff. This is a wonderful validation for all the hard work of everyone in the school

## **Generating Ambition !**

Last Thursday we invited a former pupil, Nnenna Okoro, into school to speak with our Year 6 children. Nnenna is about to start her accounting degree at Queens Belfast and she spoke to the children about her journey. We know it is important to build ambition and aspiration for our children and we know that speaking with such positive role models, is a valuable experience. We also love to celebrate the successes of former St Philomena's pupils.

Thank you Nnenna !



## **URGENT PLEA !**

Please, please can you ensure that your child's name is visible on all items of school uniform ! We have already found jumpers, coats etc.. around the school and not been able to reunite them with their owners!

### **Winter coats and jackets**

As this is probably the time of year when you are considering buying a winter coat or jacket for your child, a gentle reminder that they must comply with our uniform policy.

**Coats and jackets must be BLUE (royal preferably) NAVY or BLACK.** Thank you.

### **Flute Lessons**

Spaces are available for flute lessons please contact the school office and we shall send you the information.

### Dinner Money

Dinner money is £2.30 per day - please see below the monthly costs. ***In accordance with our school policy, dinner money should be paid monthly in advance.***

### **DINNER MONEY 2022 – 2023**

#### **AUTUMN 2022**

September	£48.40
October	£24.20
November	£48.40
December	£33.00

#### **SPRING 2023**

January	£48.40
February	£35.20
March	£50.60

#### **SUMMER 2023**

April	£22.00
May	£41.80
June	£44.00
July	£33.00

### School Fund Contribution

Thank you to all of you who have already contributed to our school fund this term. We ask that each family contributes to the fund which helps to subsidise outings, cover the cost of cooking ingredients and pay for various other items needed to provide enrichment activities for your child. Enrichment of the curriculum is a strength here and your family contribution to the school fund will be put to very good use. The recommended amount is **£5 per family per term**, and this can be paid on our Pay360 online system (under products, online shop). Your contributions are very much appreciated.

### Dates to Remember

#### **ACADEMIC YEARS 2022 – 2023 TERM DATES**

#### **Autumn Term 2022:**

**Inset Days:** Tuesday 30 August  
Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022

First day back: Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September  
Half-term 17.10.22 – 28.10.22  
Last day of term Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December

#### **Spring Term 2023:**

First day of term Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023  
Half-term 13.02.23 – 17.02.23  
Last day of term Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023

#### **Summer Term 2023:**

First day of term Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023  
**Bank Holiday 01.05.23**  
Half-term 29.05.23 – 02.06.2023  
Last day of term Friday 21 July 2023

Have a wonderful weekend.

Miss Veronica Maher

