



St. Philomena's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher: Miss V Maher

Newsletter –10 September 2021 **Autumn Term**

We have completed our first full week at school and new routines are already becoming embedded. I have been really impressed to see that the vast majority of children arrive at school on time and are collected promptly.

Punctuality and excellent attendance are vital if children are to reach their full potential. A gentle reminder that the doors of the Infant classes open and the bell for the Junior classes rings at 8.50am sharp.

Parent/Teacher Meetings

We have scheduled Monday 11th and Wednesday 13th October for our Autumn Term meetings where you can find out how your child has settled in to their new class and ways in which you can support their learning. Whilst I was hoping we might be in a position to run these face to face this term, the rise in positive COVID cases locally (https://coronavirus.data.gov.uk/easy_read?postcode=BR2%207LD) indicates it is sensible for these to be held remotely via the School Cloud app. Permitting 200+ visitors into the school presents us with a significant level of risk. I have the well-being of all our children and staff to consider and I know you will understand the reason for my decision. We have used the School Cloud app with great success previously and will be sharing all the details you will need next week.



COVID 19 documents

Our COVID 19 Risk Assessments and other statutory documents have been updated in line with current guidance. These can be accessed via the school website.

Class Dojo and Seesaw

We are delighted to continue sharing children's work and achievements with you via these classroom apps. They can also be used to send messages to your child's class teacher. However, all absence and messages regarding changes to collection or medical issues MUST be made delivered via email or telephone call via the School Office.

Changes to collection arrangements

If you have made a change to the collection arrangements for your child, we request you call the school office by 3.00pm at the latest. Later messages cannot be guaranteed to reach the Class Teacher and may cause confusion at the end of the school day which can cause children distress.

Complaint from neighbours on Stanton Close

Our Premises Manager, Mr Hill, was approached yesterday by a neighbour who complained that the speed of cars using the road at pick up and drop off is too fast and very dangerous. I am sure I don't need to remind you that Stanton Close is very narrow and cars must proceed with caution. It would be tragic if a child were to be injured. Please adhere to speed restrictions; drive safely and park considerately. Thank you.

Meet our new Head Boy and Head Girl

Hello,
I'm the Head Girl, Lea! My job is to prefect the Receptions, to help them, to look after them and a couple of more things. Dominik is the Head Boy, who also looks after the Receptions. My interests are reading, story writing, playing badminton and many more! I also enjoy talking to people and helping them. So far, I am really enjoying my new class (Year six) and learning with new my teacher, Miss Omilegan. I am sure that I will continue to enjoy learning in my new class. From now on, Dominik and I will be writing regularly in the newsletter. Thank you for reading my short introduction. Have a wonderful day, goodbye!



My name is Dominik and I am the Head Boy at St Philomena's primary school.

Firstly I would like to say that I am very happy that we are back altogether again after challenges we had in the last 18 months due to Covid-19. Secondly I would like to let you know that I will represent our school the best I can. I believe I am a trustworthy and responsible pupil who enjoys working with others and I am going to help and support all children within our school community. So far I have been enjoying being Reception's prefect together with Deputy Head boy Simonas, Head Girl Lea and Deputy Head Girl Pola.

My passion is sport and I am a captain of Orpington FC u11s team and I hope my leadership skills on the pitch will help me in my role as a Head Boy. I look forward to a very exciting year ahead.

Dominik



Have a wonderful weekend!

Miss Veronica Maher
Head Teacher

