



St. Philomena's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher: Miss V Maher

Newsletter – 13 September 2024

Autumn Term

Y3 Stone Age Day

Year Three had an incredible Stone Age Day, fully immersing ourselves in the lives of early humans. We learnt to hunt and cooked our 'mammoth' meat over an open fire. We learnt to gather, and used berries and grain to make bread on sticks with jam. We crafted our own paints using mud, berries and leaves and created mud clay pottery. We used natural resources to make gruesome Stone Age jewellery, crafting teeth and bone. We finished the day with a fantastic tribal dance which we are excited to share with you in our Stone Age assembly at the end of term! A big thank you to the parents for providing the amazing costumes: the children looked fantastic!



**Our Harvest Festival Assembly will be held on
Tuesday 8th October 2024**

**On the playground (weather permitting) at
10.00 am**

You are all welcome to join us.

Please try to send in donations of food and other goods toward our collection by
Monday 8th October .

All food items should have as long a shelf life as possible.

Over 90% of the food distributed by foodbanks in [The Trussell Trust](#) network is donated by the public – that's why your food donations are absolutely vital to our ability to give everyone referred to us a balanced and nutritious 7-day supply of food.

We have been specifically asked to collect CUSTARD AND RICE PUDDING

URGENTLY NEEDED FOOD ITEMS:

- * * LONG LIFE DESSERTS
- * * SWEETS
- * * ADULT TOOTHBRUSHES
- * * ADULT TOOTHPASTE
- * * LADIES DEODORANT

WE'VE GOT PLENTY OF

- * PASTA
- * BISCUITS
- * CEREAL
- * TEA

Dates for your diary.

'Meet the Teacher' morning

We have introduced this to provide you with an opportunity to meet your child's teacher(s) – if you haven't already – and find out about expectations for their learning for this term and how you can support them.

On **Tuesday 17th September from 9.00 – 9.30am**, you will be more than welcome to come to your child's class and meet and chat with their teacher.

PLEASE NOTE : Children will enter school as normal at 8:50. They will be registered in class and then join Miss Maher in the Hall for Assembly at 9.00am. Parents and carers will then be welcomed into classes so parents/carers please remain on the playground until that time. Thank you.

The plan is to roll this out every year and to introduce it at the end of the summer term, in preparation for the new school year ahead. If you have any questions, do ask your child's teacher.

'Open Classroom'

During the week beginning Monday 15th October, children will be bringing you to their classes after school to show you their class, displays and the work in their books.

Class teachers will not be available, it's all very informal and a lovely chance for the children to talk about their learning. Parents and carers have fed back very positively about how open classroom assists the conversation with teachers at the subsequent parent/teacher meetings.

The classroom will be available from 3.30pm until 4.15pm on the following days :-

Monday 14th October Reception and Year 3

Tuesday 15th October Years 1 and 4

Wednesday 16th October Years 2, 5 and 6

Again, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak with your child's teacher.

Parent and carer meetings with the teacher will take place on Tuesday 5th and Wednesday 6th November this year. Timings and appointment time will be shared shortly.

School Fund Contribution



We ask that each family contributes to a 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 online (under products, online shop). Your contributions are very much appreciated.

School Uniform

In accordance to the School Uniform Policy pupils are welcome to wear royal blue, navy or black track suit trousers in winter for outdoor play, outdoor PE and travelling to and from school over normal school uniform (shorts or skirts) or pe kit. Children will remove tracksuit trousers before they go in to class. Boys should wear grey, navy or black socks with their shorts long trousers, skirts, tights are not part of the boys uniform. Girls should wear white socks in the summer and navy, black or grey socks or tights for the winter.

Lost Property

Please make sure you label your child's uniform. Already we have had lots of lost property with no names on!



Donations

Can we please ask that only school uniform is donated as we do not have storage for other items. Any excess uniform that we do not have use for or cannot rehome will be donated to a good cause. Thank you

Centre Stage Theatre Academy

Our KS1 Club has now started on Tuesdays 3.30-4.30 and KS2 on Friday 3.30-4.30. Please contact them direct if you would like your child to join this club.



NEW

Act. Dance. Sing.

CENTRE STAGE THEATRE ACADEMY

PERFORMING ARTS CLUB

AT ST PHILOMENA'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

YEARS R-2
Tuesdays - 3:30 - 4:30

YEARS 3-6
Fridays - 3:30 - 4:30

- BUILD CHILDREN'S CONFIDENCE •
- INCREASE SOCIAL SKILLS •
- BOOST FITNESS •
- TAKE PART IN AN ANNUAL PRODUCTION •
- ALL WHILST HAVING THE MOST AMOUNT OF FUN! •

GET BOOKED IN NOW: 0800 058 2521
WWW.CENTRESTAGETHEATREACADEMY.COM

Lacrosse

Spaces available in Lacrosse Friday club.



ST PHILOMENA'S MORNING LACROSSE CLUB

YEARS 3 - 6

If you require more information please email Mike on mbctsuk@gmail.com 07787510631

FIRST COME FIRST SERVED

When
FRIDAY
8.00am - 8.45am

WHERE
Playground/ Field

COST:
£6 per week payable termly (£72)

If your young person would like to attend please book via email or phone
mbctsuk@gmail.com
07787510631

EX-ENGLAND AND DENMARK INTERNATIONAL PLAYER (MIKE BARRETT)

ENGLAND LACROSSE INSURED. FULL ENHANCED DBS SCHOOL SAFEGUARDING COMPLIANT

2024 - 2025

Attendance and Lateness for the week beginning 2nd September 2024 :

Class	Attendance (%)	Lates (occasions)
Reception	96	3
Year 1	100	0
Year 2	100	0
Year 3	99	0
Year 4	99	1
Year 5	96	0
Year 6	100	0

We have three classes who were all in on time every day last week and, therefore, they are all winners – Well done to you all !

Stickers will be given to you all

League Table

Year	No. of Wins
Reception	
Year 1	1
Year 2	1
Year 3	
Year 4	
Year 5	
Year 6	1

Weeks in competition: 3 (full weeks only)

OVERALL ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK 98.6%



PTA EVENT

Tickets will be on sale until the Monday 30th September midday.

If your child is booked in to after school club please let the office know if you wish to cancel it otherwise you will still be charged.



TERM DATES

ACADEMIC YEARS 2024 - 2025

Autumn Term 2024:

INSET DAYS:

Tuesday 27th August 2024

Wednesday 28th August 2024

First day back: Thursday 29th August 2024

Half-term 21.10.24 – 1.11.24

Last day of term Friday 20th December 2024

Spring Term 2025:

First day of term Monday 6th January 2025

Half-term 17.02.25 – 21.02.25

Last day of term Friday 4th April 2025

Summer Term 2025:

First day of term Tuesday 22nd April 2025

Bank Holiday

Monday 5th May 2025

Half-term

26.05.25 – 30.05.2025

Last day of term

Friday 18th July 2025

INSET DAYS

Monday 21st, Tuesday 22nd

and Wednesday 23rd July 2025

Have a wonderful weekend.

Miss Veronica Maher
Head Teacher

