



## St. Philomena's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher: Miss V Maher

### Newsletter – 01 October 2021 Autumn Term



Our Harvest Festival Assembly will be held on

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

On the playground (weather permitting) at

**10.00 am**

**You are all welcome to join us.**

We are currently collecting food and other goods for The Hope Foundation, run from Bromley Christian Centre who help those in extreme poverty, the homeless, hostels and refugees.

We see this as an important way in which we can be aware of and help our community. Please try to send in donations of food and other goods toward our collection by **Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> October**.

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

We would also like you to send in any **produce** you can spare from your allotment/gardens so that we can make a lovely display for everyone to enjoy. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

**Food and other items that are most useful to needy people (according to Hope):**

Instant Rice (sachet packets)

Instant pasta (sachet packets)

Jams/Condiments

Long Life Milk

Passata (Jars)

Rice

Tinned Meat Products (eg. corned beef, hot dogs)

Tinned Potatoes

Tinned Puddings (eg. rice pudding, custard)

Baked Beans

### **Black History Month**

As we enter October, we will be marking the start of Black History Month in school. This is an international annual event that celebrates and recognises the inspirational events and individuals within the BAME (Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic) communities who have played an important part in society. Each class will be focusing on a specific area, such as sport, music and science. We look forward to sharing some of our work with you! *Miss Molineaux*



### **Uniform / PE kit check this week**

We had a routine check of both general school uniform and PE kits and are very pleased to say that overall all children are attending school in the correct dress.

If you are out buying winter coats now that the weather is turning, please remember that they should be blue or black and without pattern (as should pacamacs).

Shoes should be black with no markings, lights or brand names.

Please remember children are not allowed to wear trainers in school at any time or for PE!

Also, just to clarify as the colder weather creeps in, children are allowed to wear a sweatshirt/top over their PE kits when wearing them into school as long as they are blue or black.

A huge thank you to all of our parents and carers for ensuring that our children look so smart.

### New Displays

We have some wonderful new displays around the school. This is a very special way to celebrate the work of the children and to share learning and ideas.

Dominik and Lea (Head Boy and Head Girl) are going to share with you, next week, some information about our new Hall displays. These are always based on a theme connected to our Catholic faith and carry an important message for the whole school community.

### Parent Governor Election

The closing date for applications/nominations for our parent governor vacancy is today. We will update you next week.



On Sunday Pola and Maja went to the opening and blessing of The Father Phelan Centre at Holy Innocent Church by Archbishop John Wilson. They met our lovely Mrs Greenwood there !



### Inter-Class Attendance Race

The attendance rates have not been affected by any absence due to Covid-19 (isolation/symptoms or testing).

### **Attendance and Lateness for the week beginning Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2021:**

Class	Attendance (%)	Lates (occasions)
Reception	93	5
Year 1	93	2
Year 2	100	1
Year 3	94	2
Year 4	98	3
Year 5	94	3
Year 6	95	0

Year 2 are the winners this week with 100% attendance – which means they were all in every day. Well done!

Stickers were given to each class member earlier in the week.

### **League Table**

Year	No. of Wins
Reception	1
Year 1	1
Year 2	2
Year 3	0
Year 4	1
Year 5	1
Year 6	1

**Weeks in competition: 7 (full weeks only)**

**OVERALL ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK 95.3%**



**ADVANCE NOTICE REGARDING GREEN ROOM  
CLUB CLOSURE**

Our Green Room Club (GRC) After School  
Childcare Facility

**WILL NOT BE OPEN**

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2021** (3.20-5.45pm)  
OR

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2021** (3.20-5.45pm)

due to staff training.

*We have to use some INSET days in order to facilitate a 2 week half term in October. As a result, our vital staff training (for example, with regard to Safeguarding) needs to be carried out as twilight sessions after the normal school day.*

Please make alternate provision should you require after school care on that day.

**We apologise for any inconvenience caused.**

Breakfast Club will be open as usual.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Miss Veronica Maher  
Head Teacher



**Term Dates**

**Autumn Term 2021:**

First day of term      Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September  
Half-term              18.10.21 – 29.10.21  
Last day of term      Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December '21

**Spring Term 2022:**

First day of term      Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022  
Half-term              14.02.22 – 18.02.22  
Last day of term      Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022

*(Good Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2022 and Easter Monday  
18<sup>th</sup> April 2022)*

**Summer Term 2022:**

First day of term      Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2022  
**Bank Holiday**      **02.05.22**  
Half-term              30.05.22 – 03.06.22  
Last day of term      Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2022  
**\*Staff Training Day**      **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July**  
   **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July**