



St. Philomena's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher: Miss V Maher

Newsletter – 08 October 2021 Autumn Term

Harvest Celebration

It was wonderful to have the whole school together on the playground this morning to celebrate Harvest. The singing was beautiful !

Thank you to Ms Omilegan, our RE subject leader, and her team of RE ambassadors for planning this wonderful event. Thank you, also, to all the staff who helped set everything up before school. It was amazing to see so many parents, carers and grandparents join us.

It is so important for us to appreciate what we have and to take the time to think of others. Your extremely generous donations of food will be sent to a food bank for local families in need of assistance, some more than ever at this difficult time.



Parent Teacher Meetings

I hope everyone managed to sign up for a parent teacher meeting via School Cloud. This virtual meeting is an important opportunity for teachers to share information on how well your child has settled, their successes and areas where they may need additional support.

Wick Court Meeting – YEAR 6

A reminder that a an information meeting for parents of children in **Year 6** who will be going to Wick Court Farm in June will be held in the school hall on Tuesday 12th October at 3.00pm. Don't worry if you are unable to attend, the information can be sent home to you via your child and staff are always on hand to answer any questions you may have.

Secondary School Admission

This is a reminder that the secondary transfer 2022 application deadline is **Sunday 31 October**, which falls at the end of the half term break. Reminder email has been sent out today.

Parking on Northfield Avenue

We were very upset to receive a call regarding parking on Northfield Avenue. The caller told us that her grandparents were unable to park on their drive upon their return from a hospital appointment due to one of our parents blocking the drive with their car. The elderly couple asked our parent to move their car and their request was met with a begrudging response. I have been given the number plate of the 4x4 vehicle concerned but have decided not to share it here. However, I may not hold back next time. We work so hard at school to foster kindness and helpfulness in the children. It was sad to hear this was not the example offered by one of our parents.

Healthy Snacks

Please make sure your children bring healthy snacks to school when they bring them for their after school clubs. We also aim to be a nut free school.

Taekwondo – Students of the Month

Congratulations to Juventus Taekwondo Academy students of the month.

Izabella – Year 4 July 2021

Elijah – Year 2 July 2021

Liam – Year 1 September 2021

Awarded for their positive attitude during Training sessions and their consistent dedication to the sport. Your perseverance has not gone unnoticed!! Well done Students! We are all so PROUD of you!



Facemask

Can we please remind visitors to wear facemasks if they are entering the school building. If a mask cannot be worn due to medical issues, please let the office know. Hand sanitiser will also be available for you to use on site.

ADVANCE NOTICE REGARDING GREEN ROOM CLUB CLOSURE

Our Green Room Club (GRC) After School Childcare Facility

WILL NOT BE OPEN

Wednesday 1st 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.

Term Dates

Autumn Term 2021:

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

Spring Term 2022:

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| First day of term | Tuesday 4 th January 2022 |
| Half-term | 14.02.22 – 18.02.22 |
| Last day of term | Friday 1 st April 2022 |

(Good Friday 15th April 2022 and Easter Monday 18th April 2022)

Summer Term 2022:

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

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 27th September 2021:

| Class | Attendance (%) | Lates (occasions) |
|--------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| Reception | 92 | 1 |
| Year 1 | 99 | 4 |
| Year 2 | 99 | 1 |
| Year 3 | 100 | 1 |
| Year 4 | 98 | 3 |
| Year 5 | 93 | 3 |
| Year 6 | 91 | 0 |

Year 3 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 | 1 |
| Year 4 | 1 |
| Year 5 | 1 |
| Year 6 | 1 |

Weeks in competition: 8 (full weeks only)

OVERALL ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK 95.8%

Have a wonderful weekend.

Miss Veronica Maher
Head Teacher



Head Girl / Head Boy

Hello parents, today me (the Head Girl) and the Head Boy are going to be talking about the new displays in our school hall and the meaning of each one of them. Every class has been learning about these subjects as a topic for their R.E lessons. The theme for each one of our displays is 'Catholic Social teaching'. It's based on believing that God has a plan for creations, to build his Kingdom of peace, love and justice. God has a unique plan for each and every one of us, no matter who we are or how we act.

In Reception, the children's display is about 'Caring for God's world and protecting the poor'. God's world needs to be cared for by us and we must protect people that are not as fortunate as us, like the poor. We can help and protect the poor in many ways, and in this time of year we can help the poor by donating foods as it is Harvest.

In Year 1, the children's display is about 'Caring for God's world'. Our world is very important as it is a special gift for us from God, and it needs to be cared for. We can care for the world and our people by sharing the love, peace and kindness God wants us to.

Year 2's displays topic is 'Family, community and participation'. Each one of these things are extremely meaningful to us. Our families help us in our day-to-day lives, as we should help them. Our community –the people all around us- are very kind and mean a lot to every one of us, like our friends, teachers, classmates, teaching assistants and so on. We participate in helping to build God's Kingdom by spreading positivity all around us.

Lea – Head Girl

I have written about Catholic Social Teaching principles of KS2.

Year 3 learnt all about "Solidarity." It is a feeling of unity based on common goals and interests. Our love for our brothers and sisters demands that we encourage peace in a world full of violence and conflict.

Year 4 learnt about "Human Dignity." Human dignity is when you are respected and valued for what you believe in.

Year 5 learnt about "Dignity in work." It is about treating people who you work with, respect and kindness.

In Year 6 we are learning about the "Common Good" which means working for the good of all and respecting rights of people.

Thank you for reading mine and Lea's work.

Best regards.

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