



St. Philomena's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher: Miss V Maher

Newsletter – 11 October 2024

Autumn Term

On Monday, our ambassadors led the school in prayer to mark the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. The entire month of October is dedicated to the rosary, and children are welcome to bring in their own rosary beads for class prayer. A huge thank you to Adora's mum for her very generous donation of rosary beads, which will support our children in their devotion.



Pupils going to Mass at Our Lady of the Crays

Classes regularly attend Mass at Our Lady of the Crays. If Mass falls on a PE day, could children please wear their school uniform to school and bring PE kits to change into. Thank you

Glue Sticks

Can we please ask that your child has a glue stick for school so that they can stick their work into their books. Glue sticks £1.50 on the school gateway.



Harvest Festival

A wonderful assembly for our Harvest Festival. Thank you to everyone for your donations that have been donated to the food bank and our community.



'Open Classroom'

During the week beginning Monday 14th 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.

World Mental Health Day – 10th October

World Mental Health Day was on Thursday 10th October 2024. We hope you found the information leaflet sent out on the day useful - It's a great reminder to talk to children about their mental health, how to have a healthy mind, and why it's important to ask for help if they're struggling.

More information is available on the following link:

<https://www.nhs.uk/every-mind-matters/supporting-others/childrens-mental-health/>

Please remember, "we don't need to be perfect parents, being present and doing our best is what matters".



British Week Food Competition

A big congratulations to all who took part in the Green Team's British Week food competition! The entries were outstanding, showcasing seasonal British recipes with lots of effort and creativity. The winners are Noah with his delicious Harvest Vegetable Soup, and Emma-Gracie and Amiyah-Leigh who worked together to design a traditional Victoria sponge cake. They will be cooking for Ms Maher next week. Well done to everyone involved!

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.



Class Assembly

Reception Nativity Assembly
Tuesday 3 December 2.30pm
Year 1 To be confirmed
Year 2 To be confirmed
Year 3 Friday 18 October 10.00am
Year 4 Thursday 14 November at 10.00am
Year 5 Thursday 28 November at 10.00am
Year 6 Thursday 21 November at 10.00am

PTA EVENTS

Pumpkin Harvest Disco

Tickets on sale **until Wed 16.10.24**

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.



Lacrosse Camp

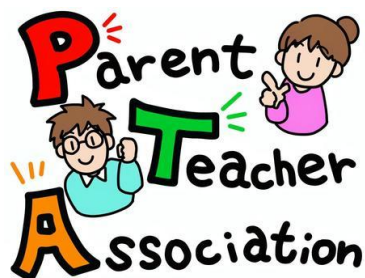
Lacrosse October holiday camp. Please contact them direct 07787510631

A poster for an October Holiday Lacrosse Camp. It features a blue header with the text "OCTOBER HOLIDAY CAMP". Below this, it says "MON 21ST TO WED 23RD OCT" and "MON 28TH TO WED 30TH OCT". The time is "09:30AM - 12:30PM". It describes the sessions as "Fun, energetic and engaging sessions, suitable for beginners or those looking to improve their Lacrosse skills." and lists activities: "Skills & techniques", "Footwork exercises", "Strategy & teamwork exercises", and "Fun games & matches". It also mentions "All coaches DBS checked and first aid trained" and "Sessions for children Year 3 - Year 9". The cost is "£17.00 for 1 session" and "any additional sessions at discounted price of £15.00 each". The location is "ST PAUL'S CRAY SCOUT HUT, Midfield Way, Orpington, BR5 2QL". Contact information is "mbctsuk@gmail.com" and "07787 510631". There is a "Tuck Shop available" note. The poster includes images of lacrosse sticks, a ball, and a player.

Own Clothes Day – PTA Event

Friday 22nd November - own clothes day for donation of chocolate for tombola at Christmas Fair

Friday 29th November – own clothes day for donations of alcohol/soft drinks for Christmas fair tombola



Community Events

A poster for a Halloween Pumpkin Trail event. It features a green background with a pumpkin, a bat, and a spider. The text reads: "HALLOWEEN PUMPKIN TRAIL", "19th - 31st October", "Join in our trail to find the animals hidden in pumpkin pictures around the farm", "Collect your prize from the Tea Room", "Open daily (except Tuesday) from 1.30pm - 4.30pm", "£4 per entry", and "FOAL FARM Animal Rescue". It includes images of a rabbit, a cat, and a dog. The contact information is "Foal Farm Animal Rescue, Jail Lane, Biggin Hill, TN16 3AX" and "www.foalfarm.org.uk".

**Attendance and Lateness for the week
beginning 30th September 2024 :**

Have a wonderful weekend.

Miss Veronica Maher
Head Teacher

Class	Attendance (%)	Lates (occasions)
Reception	94	2
Year 1	100	0
Year 2	96	0
Year 3	98	1
Year 4	99	1
Year 5	99	0
Year 6	99	0



Well done Year 1 – you are the winners this week as you were all in every day and on time. Stickers will be given out next week !

League Table

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

Weeks in competition: 7 (full weeks only)

OVERALL ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK 98%





ACADEMIC YEARS 2024 - 2025

Autumn Term 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**