



## St. Philomena's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher: Miss V Maher

### Newsletter – 15 October 2021 Autumn Term

#### COVID-19

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our parents, carers and staff for assisting us with limiting the spread of COVID in our school. We have not had to close any 'bubbles' since October 2020 and since returning in September, have had only two positive cases.

Parents and carers have always complied with requests for children to get PCR tests and have happily shared results. Our staff have complied with the on-going regime of LFD testing at home and maintaining excellent handwashing/sanitising routines. I am confident, that continuing in this way, will benefit everyone in our school community. Thank you.

#### Rocksteady Concert 16<sup>th</sup> December 2021

If your child is in one of our Rocksteady bands, you may have received an invitation to a concert on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December. **Please note that family attendance at the concert will be dependent on the COVID 19 picture at that time.** We would, of course, love to welcome parents and carers to watch so by all means make a note in your diary. We will confirm, nearer the time, what the arrangements will be. Thank you for your understanding.

#### School Council Meeting

It was wonderful that our School Council were able to hold their first meeting this afternoon. We will share more details in newsletters after half-term.

#### Cashless Payment System

Just to keep you updated, we are working hard to have the cashless payment system set up online. Invitations, registration codes and all of the information you need to begin will hopefully be sent out to you in the week beginning 1st November 2021 - our first week bag after half term.

#### Year 5 Trip to Kent Life Museum

Year 5 looked great in their Victorian outfits this week - as part of this term's Victorian history topic they also visited Kent Life Museum for a series of workshops based around the Victorians which included a Victorian classroom and learning more about Florence Nightingale.



### Assemblies

In Monday's assembly this week, I reminded the children that October is one of the months when we think especially of our Heavenly Mother, Mary. We do this by making a special effort to pray the Rosary. Follow this link for resources to help pray the Rosary with your children at home

<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/prayers-for-home-joyful-mysteries/>

In assembly this morning, I reminded the children about the amazing Dr Martin Luther King and that it is great to have hopes and dreams.

### Parent Governor Election

We had one nomination for the above vacancy and I am delighted to announce that Mrs Louise Blyde (mum of Keira in Year 4) stood uncontested and is now our new parent governor. I know she will make an excellent contribution to our wonderful governing body.

### Harvest Contributions

Mrs Knott very kindly delivered your generous contributions to our local food bank on Wednesday. They were incredibly appreciative.

### Black History Month

This week in Year 3, we have been celebrating the achievements of famous athletes including: Marcus Rashford, Dina Asher - Smith and Usain Bolt.



### 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.

### ADVANCE NOTICE REGARDING GREEN ROOM CLUB CLOSURE

Our Green Room Club (GRC) After School Childcare Facility

**WILL NOT BE OPEN**

**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.

### 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
<b>Bank Holiday</b>	<b>02.05.22</b>
Half-term	30.05.22 – 03.06.22
Last day of term	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2022
<b>*Staff Training Day</b>	<b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July</b>
	<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July</b>

### 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 4<sup>th</sup> October 2021:

Class	Attendance (%)	Lates (occasions)
Reception	98	3
Year 1	99	5
Year 2	98	1
Year 3	97	2
Year 4	99	4
Year 5	96	0
Year 6	100	2

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	2

Weeks in competition: 9 (full weeks only)

OVERALL ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK 98.1%



### Parking

An urgent reminder to be considerate to our neighbours when parking as we have had numerous complaints from Stanton Close!!



### Half Term

We are all looking forward to enjoying our first ever two week Autumn half term !

I hope that everyone manages to have a good break and look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November.

Miss Veronica Maher  
Head Teacher

