



St. Philomena's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher: Miss V Maher

Newsletter – 18 November 2022 Autumn Term

Our RE leader, Ms Omilegan, and myself are currently carrying out a thorough self-evaluation of RE teaching and Learning, Collective Worship and the Catholic Life and Mission of the school.

Gathering your views is an essential part of this process so this week, we would really appreciate your views on the Catholic Life of the School by following the attached link. If you feel you do not know enough to answer any question in full, please write this in your response as it will identify areas we may need to provide additional information for.

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Many thanks in advance for your valuable contribution.



Own Clothes Day

The PTA invited all children to wear their own clothes to school today in exchange for a bottle of drink for the Christmas Fair Tombola.

Any "late" bottles can be left at the School Office

Thank you for your support!

Donations for PTA Christmas Fair Event

We are looking for donations for our Christmas Fair, wrapping paper, new/nearly new toys, any unwanted gifts and raffle prizes.

ADVANCE NOTICE REGARDING GREEN ROOM CLUB CLOSURE

Our Green Room Club (GRC) After School Childcare Facility

WILL NOT BE OPEN

Tuesday 24th January 2023 (3.20-5.45pm)
due to staff training.

Please make alternate provision should you require after school care on that day. Breakfast Club will be open as usual. Recognising others as our brothers and sisters and actively working for their good.

CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE

All children, parents, carers and friends are invited to purchase raffle tickets for our Christmas Hampers that will be on display in the school entrance area. Tickets are £1 per strip. Please make payment online and raffle tickets will be sent home in your child's book bag.

Winners will be drawn on Monday 19th December 2022. All funds raised will go into School Fund - which is spent on enhancing school life for the pupils in many different ways.

Thank you for your support



CHRISTMAS CARDS AND CHRISTMAS STAMPS

We ask that ALL CHRISTMAS CARDS come through the School Post Box (not handed to individual Children and Staff). Children can bring the cards in with them (with the receiver's name and year clearly marked on the envelope) and post them into the Special Post Box near the School Office.

The final date for posting will be **FRIDAY 16TH DECEMBER 2022. We cannot accept any cards after this date.**

Cards will be sorted by members of the school council and delivered to classrooms before the end of term.

For our Christmas Charity Fundraising we will once again be selling

St Philomena's postage stamps. We charge 5p per stamp so for example, if your child chooses to send 20 cards to their friends, the outlay for stamps will be £1.00.

Any additional donations will be passed directly onto the charity.

All money raised will go toward Crisis at Christmas.

Stamps should be paid for online and will be sent home in Children's book bags.

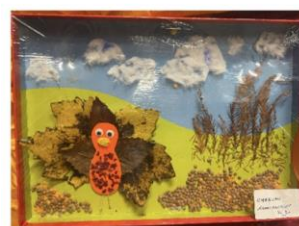
PLEASE NOTE: CHILDREN DO NOT HAVE TO PURCHASE STAMPS TO USE THE SCHOOL POSTAL SYSTEM

Tickets and stamps are available for purchase from Monday 14th November



Autumn Art Work

The Autumn art work was outstanding: it was lovely to see such original and inventive creations. It was very difficult to judge, and in the infant category we decided to award two bronze awards, as it was impossible to choose just one! All art work was displayed at the Art Exhibition and we hope you enjoyed viewing it. Medals and certificates have been awarded to the winners and we hope you are excited for the next competition! *From the Art Prefects*



CAFOD's Nativity Fun Run, on Saturday 10th December on Clapham Common!

Join us for a **festive walk, run or stroll** around Clapham Common at **11am on Saturday 10th December**. Participants will follow a 2.5km route around the park twice. We encourage all people of all ages to participate. You can walk or run as fast or as slow as you would like for as long as you would like, so it really is an event for everyone and is particularly perfect for families. We will have various fun activities and festive refreshments for participants to stop and enjoy. Entry is £10 for adults, £5 for children and £20 for a family.

I have attached a PDF of our flyer promoting the event. We would be really grateful if you could put this into your newsletter or parent mail at the next available opportunity. We would love to see families from your school community there!

PUNCTUALITY AND ATTENDANCE

Infant children should be at their respective classroom entry doors and Junior children should be in the playground ready to line up by **8.50am** every morning.

If Year 1 And Yr 2 pupils (and all other Junior children) arrive after 9am, parents should accompany them as they enter through the **MAIN SCHOOL DOORS** and parents should sign them in as late, providing an explanation and time of arrival (as they will not have been marked as present on the register).

The Reception Class teacher will inform the office of any late arrivals.

If children arrive any time up to **9.15am** they will be recorded as late. If children arrive **after 9.15am**, this counts as an unauthorised absence for the morning session..

The playground will be supervised from 8.45am – no children are to be left unsupervised before this time.

Lacrosse

Spaces are available in Lacrosse – Friday mornings at 8am. Cost: £4.50 per session. Please contact coach Mike on mbctuk@gmail.com 07787510631
If your child has already started Lacrosse please make sure payment is made by the next lesson direct to Coach Mike.

Inter-Class Attendance Race 2022 - 2023

Attendance and Lateness for the week beginning 7th November 2022:

Class	Attendance (%)	Lates (occasions)
Reception	94	3
Year 1	93	1
Year 2	98	2
Year 3	93	4
Year 4	98	1
Year 5	99	3
Year 6	96	4

Year 5 are the winners again this week – well done !

League Table

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

Weeks in competition: 6 (full weeks only)

OVERALL ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK 96.1%



IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 14.11.22

Christmas stamps sold

Christmas Hamper Raffle Tickets sold

Thursday 1.12.22

The "Sword in the Stone" panto performance

Saturday 10.12.21

PTA Christmas Multi-Cultural Event (12-2.00pm)

Monday 12.12.22

Bring in additional decorations for party hats – and a glue stick

Last day for Yr 1 & 2 parents to order tickets for Nativity dress rehearsal

Tuesday 13.12.22

EYFS Christmas Assembly (Reception Children) at 2.00pm

Wednesday 14.12.22

KS1 Nativity for Year 1 & 2 Parents at 2.00pm (Dress Rehearsal)

Last day for Yr 1 & 2 parents to order tickets for Nativity

Friday 16.12.22

Last Day for posting Christmas Cards

Last Day to buy Hamper Raffle tickets

KS1 Nativity for Year 1 & 2 Parents at 2.00pm

(No Pre-Schoolers please)

Monday 19.12.22

Christmas Hamper Raffle winners drawn

Christmas Cards distributed

Christmas Carol Service at Our Lady of the Cray (6.00pm)

Tuesday 20.12.22

Christmas Lunch

Christmas jumper Day

Class parties – children will need individual plates of Party food

DINNER MONEY

Dinner money is £2.30 per day - please see below the monthly costs. ***In accordance with our school policy, dinner money should be paid monthly in advance.***

DINNER MONEY 2022 – 2023

AUTUMN 2022

September	£48.40
October	£24.20
November	£48.40
December	£33.00

SPRING 2023

January	£48.40
February	£35.20
March	£50.60

SUMMER 2023

April	£22.00
May	£41.80
June	£44.00
July	£33.00

Have a wonderful weekend.

Miss Veronica Maher



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TERM DATES

ACADEMIC YEARS 2022 - 2023

Autumn Term 2022:

INSET DAYS **Tuesday 30 August and Wednesday 31st August 2022**

First day back: Thursday 1st September

Half-term 17.10.22 – 28.10.22

Last day of term Wednesday 21st December 2022

Spring Term 2023:

INSET DAY **Tuesday 3rd January 2023**

First day of term Wednesday 4th January 2023

Half-term 13.02.23 – 17.02.23

Last day of term Friday 31st March 2023

Summer Term 2023:

First day of term Monday 17th April 2023

Bank Holiday **01.05.23**

Half-term 29.05.23 – 02.06.2023

INSET DAY **Monday 5th June 2023**

Last day of term Thursday 20th July 2023

INSET DAY **Friday 21st July 2023**