



St. Philomena's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher: Miss V Maher

Newsletter – 08 September 2023 Autumn Term

Welcome to our very first newsletter of this academic year ! We are delighted to welcome all of the new children who have joined our school. The 30 wonderful children who have joined our Reception class alongside Joshua (Y6), Debbie (Y1) and George (Y2). We also welcome back Emily in Year 3 following her venture to Colombia earlier this year. The new academic year is always busy but very exciting !

We also extend a warm welcome to our new teachers, Mrs Standing, Mrs Mielnizcek and Mrs Bartholomew. We do hope everyone will be very happy in our school community.

Mass for the new School Year

Fr Cyriacus will join us at 11.00am on Thursday 14th September to celebrate Mass. At this Mass we will be asking for God's blessings on our school for the year ahead. All are welcome to attend !

Ofsted Report

You may be aware that our school was visited by Ofsted before the end of the summer term. The final report can be accessed via the following link <https://files.ofsted.gov.uk/v1/file/50224553>

We are very pleased that Ofsted recognised the hard work and commitment of all of our staff and governors and the exemplary learning attitudes and behaviour of our children. We are giving careful consideration to the suggested changes to curriculum sequencing identified during the inspection.

Well done and thank you to our staff, governors and children !

School Gateway System

Please make sure you are registered with our new School Gateway System. This system is used to make payments and to register for clubs. Clubs come on a first come first served basis and this is the only way club spaces can be reserved.

Congratulations

Zanna passed her Grade 1 piano exams and received her certificate on Monday.



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.

Orpington Library

Today the office has emailed information regarding Orpington Library illustrator visit on 11 September and reading groups with activities.

Have a lovely weekend !

Piano Lessons

There are spaces available for Piano lessons. Please contact the school office and we shall send you a Bromley Youth Music Trust form to complete.

Miss Veronica Maher



OUTSTANDING DINNER MONEY

Should there be any outstanding dinner money from last term please can you make sure this is paid as soon as possible so that the account can be cleared on the school gateway system.

TERM DATES

ACADEMIC YEARS 2023 - 2024

Autumn Term 2023:

INSET DAY: **Wednesday 30th August 2023**

First day back: Thursday 31st August 2023

Half-term 16.10.23 – 27.10.23

Last day of term Wednesday 20th December 2023

Spring Term 2024:

INSET DAY **Wednesday 3rd January 2024**

First day of term Thursday 4th January 2024

Half-term 12.02.24 – 16.02.24

Last day of term Thursday 28th March 2024

Summer Term 2024:

First day of term Monday 15th April 2024

Bank Holiday **Monday 6th May 2024**

Half-term 27.05.24 – 31.05.2024

Last day of term Friday 19th July 2024

INSET DAYS **Monday 22nd, Tuesday 23rd and Wednesday 24th July 2024**