



St. Philomena's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher: Miss V Maher

Newsletter – 24 November 2023

Autumn Term

Year 5 Class Assembly

Year 5 did a brilliant job of sharing all they have learned about life in Victorian Britain in their class assembly this morning. They told us all about how children had to do work when they were very young, often in terrible conditions ! If they were lucky enough to attend school, the teachers were very strict and lessons were very boring. The singing was lovely and children learned and performed their parts so well. Thank you to Mrs Didd and Mrs Williams and well done to all of the children.

Punctuality

At the end of assembly, the children were reminded about the expectation to be in school **on time**. Children should be ready to line up when the bell rings at **8.50am** or, in the case of Reception class, at the gate to the outdoor learning area. Yesterday when I was on the gate, there were several families walking up the drive long after the bell had been rung. Lateness can be upsetting for your child and disruptive for the Class Teachers. Thank you for your continued support.

'Pupil of the Week' Winner

Congratulations to our pupils of the week

Reception – Samuel

Year 1 – Tymon

Year 2 – Hazel

Year 3 – Tejas

Year 4 – Yasemin

Year 5 – Jeffrey

Year 6 – Nehemie

Congratulations

Parking on the School Drive/ Staff Car Park

We need to keep the school grounds safe for pupils, staff and visitors and, therefore, remind you that there should be **NO PARKING** on the highlighted "Keep Clear" box on the school drive or on the double yellow lines either side of this box **AT ANY TIME** (even for short drop offs or pick ups



Could we also please request that you **DO NOT** park in the staff car park **AT ANY TIME** (including for before or after school clubs)– even for short drop offs - as the car park is very busy with staff coming and going and, therefore, is not a safe place for children. We wish to avoid any accidents.

Thank you for your co-operation and understanding

Football News

Our girls' football team played away last night against St George's in Bickley, and came away with a 2-0 win. Well done girls!



Ryan is part of the football club Glebe. They played against Elmstead on Sunday and drew 2-2. Ryan scored the 2 goals and won man of the match for his team work and determination. It is the first time he has ever been awarded a trophy since playing football as part of a club, so he was incredibly chuffed. Well done Ryan!



Skills Academy

If your child attends Skills Academy football on Wednesday after school please note this club has now finished until after Christmas. The children should have received their end of term certificates this week from the coaches. Please collect your child from school at normal time.

Christmas Fair

Christmas fair Saturday 2nd December 12-2pm.

We are looking for independent stall holders, so if any small businesses would like to hold a stall at the fair to contact the school office for us to pass details on to Mrs Miller. The Christmas fair is to be run by parents this year. Each year group will come up with their own stall idea (and let Mrs Miller know) the stall will be run by volunteers from their class. The stall which makes the most money will win a prize for their class which is a trip to Air Jump. Staff will be running Tombola, golden boxes and Christmas crackers stall. Look forward to your ideas!

Stalls so far, for Christmas Fair.

Teachers

- Hot chocolate / prosecco and mince pie
- Tombola
- Crackers
- Golden boxes

Class Stalls

- Yr R - Guess the weight of the cake
- Yr 1 - Selfie Booth
- Yr 2 - Christmas game and meringue lollies
- Yr 3 - Toy Stall
- Yr 4 - Board Game and gifts
- Yr 5 - Santa's Grotto and Reindeer food
- Yr 6 - Silvia's Sweets and Candy Floss

PTA Events

Next PTA Meeting – Wednesday 15 December at 9am – it would be great to see some more parents at the PTA meetings so that we can get some ideas of fund raising for our school.

Christmas Fair – Saturday 2nd December 12-2pm

Break the Rules Day – Change of date now on Tuesday 5 December

Christmas School Disco – Thursday 14 December *(last chance to buy tickets is Monday 11th December 2023)*

Christmas Cracker Competition

Please give your cracker to your teacher on FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER. Please DO NOT bring your cracker before this date due to lack of storage. Make sure your name and class is on the cracker.



Breakfast and After School Club

Breakfast Club and Green room Club Bookings Our Breakfast Club and Green Room Club (wrap around child care facility) is extremely popular and in order to maintain our high standards of Health & Safety we have had to put a cap on the numbers of pupils who can attend any one session. Your place will only be booked if you have received an email of confirmation – if you have not had this email a space HAS NOT BEEN BOOKED FOR YOU. We are reaching capacity almost every day now, and places are given on a first come first served bases – the earlier you send in your booking form, the more chance there is that you will get a place.

Attendance Race

2023- 2024

**Attendance and Lateness for the week
beginning 13th November 2023 :**

Class	Attendance (%)	Lates (occasions)
Reception	90	2
Year 1	99	1
Year 2	97	0
Year 3	96	1
Year 4	97	0
Year 5	96	2
Year 6	98	0

Year 1 have won again this week. Well done !

League Table

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

Weeks in competition: 8 (full weeks only)

OVERALL ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK 96.3%



Nativity Dates

Yr 1 and Yr 2 Friday 8 December
Reception Thursday 14 December

Class Assembly Dates

Year 4 Friday 1 December
Year 5 Friday 24 November
Year 6 Friday 17 November

Important Dates

Carol Concert – Our Lady of the Cray
Monday 18 December

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.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Miss Veronica Maher



TERM DATES

ACADEMIC YEARS 2023 – 2024

Autumn Term 2023:

Last day of term Wednesday 20th December

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**

TERM DATES

ACADEMIC YEARS 2024 - 2025

Autumn Term 2023:

INSET DAYS:

Tuesday 27th August 2024

Wednesday 28th August 2024

First day back: Thursday 29th August 2024

Half-term 21.10.21 – 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



ST PHILOMENA'S PTA PRESENTS

Christmas Fair

A FESTIVE EVENT FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY!
FREE ENTRY

ON SATURDAY
2ND DECEMBER
12 - 2PM

Our Event Includes:

- GOLDEN BOXES £1
- CRACKERS £1
- PROSECCO & MINCE PIES £3.50
- TOMBOLA (3 GOES FOR £1)
- BAUBLES MADE BY CHILDREN FROM EVERY CLASS £2
- SANTA'S GROTTO WITH GIFT AND MAKING REINDEER FOOD £5



BREAK THE RULES DAY!

TUESDAY 5TH DECEMBER

You can:

1. Have a crazy hairstyle (coloured, wig, huge bow, etc)
2. Wear your own shoes (e.g. trainers)
3. Bring squash in your bottle
4. Bring in a cushion to sit on in class
5. Wear nail varnish
6. Wear face paint
7. Wear your own jumper
8. Wear crazy socks/tights
9. Bring an unhealthy snack for breacktime
10. Wear your slippers in the classroom
11. Wear your own joggers or skirt
12. Have a cuddly toy on your desk in class

£1 for every rule broken to be paid online.