



St. Philomena's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher: Miss V Maher

Newsletter – 26th November 2021

Autumn Term

Anti Bullying Week – One Kind Word

Prize Winners

Reception – Poppy

Year 1 – Milan

Year 2 – Zoe and Fiona

Year 3 – Elena

Year 4 – Silvia

Year 5 – Bradley

Year 6 – Sadie

Rock Steady

Rock Steady will be holding a concert on Thursday 16th December 2021. Parents / Carers will only be able to watch their child's band perform rather than the whole concert so please come be on time for your allocated slot. Times have been emailed and a copy has been sent home.



Height and Vision Screening

We had a call from the School Nurse (Height and Vision Team) to inform us that due to staff sickness the screening for Reception and Year 6 today was cancelled. They will contact us when they have a re-arranged date. Sorry for any inconvenience.

The YoungMinds Wellbeing Advent Calendar

Christmas is a fun and exciting time, but for some, it can leave them feeling anxious, lonely or stressed. For some pupils and their families, this time of year will be very difficult, especially for those who have experienced trauma or bereavement.

We have started our Wellbeing Advent Calendar to help support staff and pupils throughout December - each week, teachers will put a regular time slot aside to try the different 5 minute activity to help boost wellbeing and look after our mental health in the lead up to the holidays.

This week it was **Positive paper chains** - each pupil was given a strip of paper for them to write a positive message. All the strips will be connected in a paper chain and displayed around the classroom



The Young Minds Wellbeing Advent Calendar

IMPORTANT DATES FOR CHRISTMAS

Monday 15.11.21

Christmas stamps sold



Monday 22.11.21

Christmas Hamper Raffle Tickets sold

Thursday 2.12.21

The "Reluctant Dragon" panto performance /live Streaming

Friday 3.12.21

Own clothes day – chocolate donation for the Tombola stall

Thursday 9.12.21

Last day for Year 1 parents to order tickets for Nativity

Friday 10.12.21

Last day that Christmas Cards can be posted
KS2 recording their Carol Concert

Last day for Reception parents to order tickets for Nativity performance

Monday 13.12.21

Bring in additional decorations for party hats and a glue stick

Last day for Year 2 parents to order tickets for Nativity

KS1 Nativity for Year Parents at 2.00pm

Tuesday 14.12.21

Christmas Cards distributed

Reception Nativity Performance for parents at 10.00am

Carols and Mince Pies in the playground from 3pm

Wednesday 15.12.21

KS1 Nativity for Year 2 Parents at 2.00pm

Thursday 16.12.21

Christmas Lunch Christmas jumper Day

Class parties – children will need individual plates of Party food

Christmas Hamper Raffle winners drawn

JTA E-Scooter Competition

Thank you to those of you who entered the Bromley JTA E-Scooter Competition. I am very pleased to announce that Maksym in Year 4 was chosen as our winning entry. We have now forwarded his entry to Bromley to be entered in the local authority competition.
Good luck Maksym - let's keep everything crossed for our entry !



INSTRUCTIONS—Create a poster to tell people why they should not ride an e-scooter in Bromley. Use the e-Scooter Fact Sheet to help you decide what to say. Make sure your poster stands out. Use anything you like to create it.

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| | Name | Maksym |
| | Year Group | Year 4 |
| | School | St Philomena's |

KS2 POSTER COMPETITION



Parking

Please consider our neighbours and children when parking near the school!



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 8th November 2021:

| Class | Attendance (%) | Lates (occasions) |
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| Reception | 88 | 1 |
| Year 1 | 100 | 2 |
| Year 2 | 99 | 1 |
| Year 3 | 99 | 4 |
| Year 4 | 96 | 2 |
| Year 5 | 97 | 3 |
| Year 6 | 99 | 3 |

Year 1 are the winners this week with 100% attendance. Well done - each child will get a sticker next week!

League Table

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



Weeks in competition: 12 (full weeks only)

OVERALL ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK 96.8%

ADVANCE NOTICE REGARDING GREEN ROOM CLUB CLOSURE

Our Green Room Club (GRC) After School Childcare Facility

WILL NOT BE OPEN

Wednesday 1st December 2021 (3.20-5.45pm)

And

Thursday 20th January 2022 (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:

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| First day of term | Wednesday 1 st September |
| Half-term | 18.10.21 – 29.10.21 |
| Last day of term | Friday 17 th December '21 |

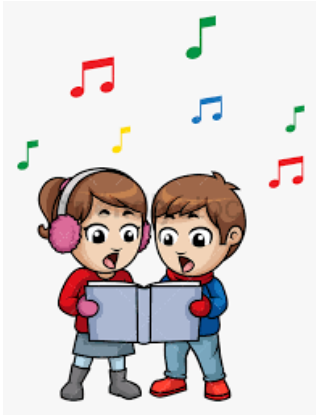
Spring Term 2022:

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| First day of term | Tuesday 4 th January 2022 |
| Half-term | 14.02.22 – 18.02.22 |
| Last day of term | Friday 1 st April 2022 |

(Good Friday 15th April 2022 and Easter Monday 18th April 2022)

Summer Term 2022:

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| First day of term | Tuesday 19 th April 2022 |
| Bank Holiday | 02.05.22 |
| Half-term | 30.05.22 – 03.06.22 |
| Last day of term | Thursday 21 st July 2022 |
| *Staff Training Day | Friday 22nd July Monday 25th July |



Christmas Carols on the playground – 14/12/21

Key Stage 2 would like to invite all families to come and enjoy Christmas Carols on the playground on Tuesday 14th December at 3:10pm.

We will be selling hot chocolate and mince pies and we hope to have a few stalls (tombola, Christmas decorations, etc) out on the playground for families who come to listen to the Carols.

The gates will open at 3pm and singing will start at 3:10pm. Key Stage 1 will be watching the Carols and can be collected from the playground from 3:20pm. Please come and join us if you can!

Volunteers please! Would you be available to run a stall during our Carols on the playground event? Helpers will be needed from 2:45 – 4pm please. If you can, please let the office know ASAP.



Own clothes day

Please be advised Friday 3rd December is a non-uniform day.

Own Clothes Day Guidelines:

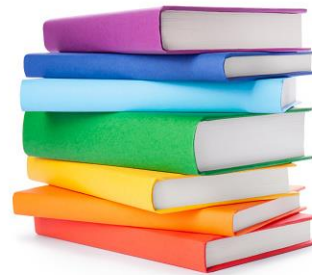
- No bare mid-riffs
- No strappy sandals or shoes with heels
- Dress appropriately for the weather (sunshine and rain!)

We would like to ask children to bring a chocolate contribution for the Chocolate Tombola stall.

Bromley's Holiday Activities and Food Programme

The Local Authority have a range of exciting activities available through the Bromley's Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme this Winter 2021, including nutritious meals, free to all children that are eligible for free school meals.

Please book your child's space by visiting visit Bromley Council's website at [Bromley holiday activities and food programme](#) and choose the activities your child would like to take part in. Please book as soon as possible in order to get a space with the preferred activity, provider and location. Attached is the information.



Reading

Reading is an essential part of every school day at St Philomena's. Reading is a life skill that we all use daily; ranging from reading road signs, adverts in shops, letters that come through our post boxes and of course enjoying stories as a family.

A love of reading is our focus at St Philomena's.

- Please listen to your child read and discuss with them what they have read. Set aside a regular few minutes each day to listen to and help your child read their book from school. Little and often is best. Please try to sign your child's reading record book every night.
- Read to your child. Enjoy stories and information books. This should continue well after children have begun to read to themselves. Remember that it's not a race. Reading is a skill for life. Encourage your child and be positive.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Mrs Rachel Williams
Deputy Head Teacher

