

St. Philomena's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher: Miss V Maher

### Newsletter – 29 November 2024 Autumn Term

### **Dentist visit**

This week, we were delighted to welcome Dentaid the Dental Charity who taught the children how to care for their teeth, the importance of visiting the dentist every six months, and why brushing twice daily is essential All classes had a visit and were given advice about good brushing and healthy eating and given free samples of toothbrushes and toothpaste. The children left with valuable tips to keep their smiles healthy and bright! Please find below an information sheet for parents provided by the charity

### **Christmas Hamper Raffle**

Tickets are now on sale via our online payment system for our Christmas Hamper Raffle. All monies raised goes towards our School Fund. Winners will be drawn and prizes given out Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December.





#### Looking after your Children's Teeth

- Tooth decay is preventable with a healthy diet and daily toothbrushing with fluoride paste
- Children need their teeth for growth, speech, wellbeing, and self-
- confidence
- 0-3 years Start brushing your child's teeth as soon as first tooth erupts. Use a smear of paste at least 1000 ppm fluoride. Brush twice daily
- 3-6 years Supervise your child's brushing. Use a pea-size amount of paste at least 1000 ppm fluoride. Brush twice daily. Encourage to spit don't rinse away paste
- Choose a healthy diet of fruit and vegetables Minimise consumption and frequency of sugar-containing foods and drinks
- Encourage water and milk as healthy alternatives
- Children should visit the dentist regularly for check-ups

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### **ADVANCE NOTICE REGARDING GREEN ROOM CLUB CLOSURE**

Our Green Room Club (GRC) After School Childcare Facility

### WILL NOT BE OPEN

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2025 (3.20-5.45pm)

due to staff training.

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.

Any fees paid in advance for Green Room Club on this day will be held on account for future use

### **Glue Sticks**

Can we please ask that your child has a glue stick for school so that they can stick their work into their books. Glue sticks £1.50 on the school gateway.



### **Green Team**

We are thrilled to announce that our Green Team has been selected from over 300 applications to secure a place in the Veolia Orchard Project! This fantastic initiative will bring plants to our school in spring 2025, contributing to local biodiversity and giving our children the opportunity to engage with nature. The Veolia Orchard Project aims to create sustainable green spaces while inspiring young environmental ambassadors. The Green Team will take part in a special planting event, learning from experts about how these trees benefit our community and the environment. A huge congratulations to everyone involve: this is a wonderful step toward a greener future!



#### **Congratulations**

Congratulations to Cheruni who passed with Distinction her ABRSM initial grade piano exam.



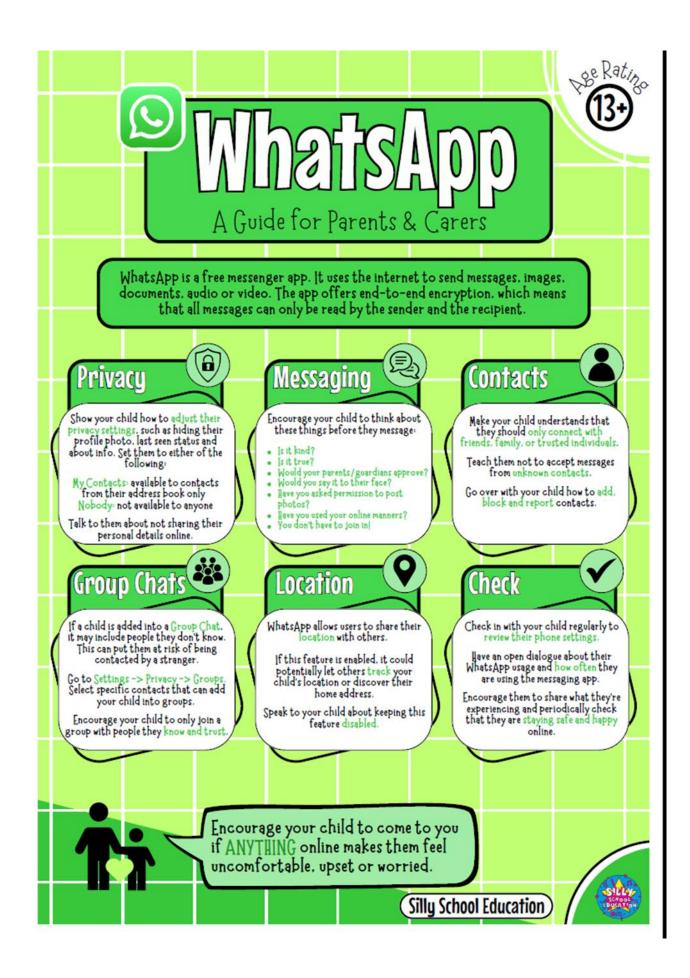


<u>Class Assembly</u> Reception/EYFS Nativity Assembly Tuesday 3 December at 2.30pm

**KS1 Nativity Performance for Year 1 and 2** Dress Rehearsal (pre-schoolers welcome) Monday 9 December 2024 at 10.00am

**KS1 Nativity Performance for Year 1 and 2** Wednesday 11 December at 10.00am

Year 5 Thursday 28 November at 10.00am



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# MILKSHAKE MONDAY!

Year 3 are enjoying their financial education this week!

Inspired by their business knowledge and recent dentist visit, they will be selling healthy snacks: fresh strawberry and banana milkshakes and fruit muffins. These will be available on the playground during morning playtime on 2nd December.

Please ensure your child has the **<u>correct change</u>** if they would like to enjoy a delicious treat!

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Fruit muffins

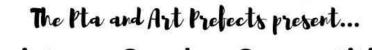


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Banana or strawberry milkshake

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## **Christmas Cracker Competition!**



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We would like to invite you to create a Christmas cracker that will be sold at the Christmas Fair.

The crackers do not have to be traditional or festive. Last year the children created very imaginative crackers, from nativity scenes, reindeer and elves, to giant Santas and snowmen!







What to put inside the crackers

We suggest spending £1 on the content of each cracker. Plenty of £1 items can be found in The Works, Home Bargains, Poundshops or online!

Naturally, we are unable to check the content of each cracker before they are sold so please ...

DO INCLUDE: Sweets / money / pens / pencils / stickers / blind bags/ fidget toys/ anything you would want your own child to receive.

DO NOT INCLUDE: Old Halloween sweets / second-hand toys / anything containing nuts.

The crackers will be judged by the art prefects in two categories: infants and juniors.

Gold, silver and bronze certificates will be awarded to the winners!

Please give your cracker to your teacher on

Friday 6th 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



Good Luck!





### PTA EVENTS

# Fair Saturday 7th December 12-2pm

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### **Competition time!**

Win your child's class a special treat.

Each class will come up with their own stall and manage it.

The class that raises the most money will win a special treat for the whole class.

In addition to this staff will manage their own stalls, which will include a Prosecco bar, tombola, golden boxes, and crackers.

Once you have decided what stall you would like to run, please let Mrs Miller know via the school office.



## Attendance and Lateness for the week beginning 18<sup>th</sup> November 2024 :

Class	Attendance (%)	Lates (occasions)
Reception	96	3
Year 1	94	0
Year 2	96	4
Year 3	99	1
Year 4	98	1
Year 5	97	2
Year 6	100	0

Well done Year 6 - you are the winners this week in school on time every day !

### League Table

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

Weeks in competition: 12 (full weeks only)

OVERALL ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK 97%



**ACADEMIC YEARS 2024 - 2025** 

Autumn Term 2024:

Last day of term

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024

### Spring Term 2025:

First day of term Half-term Last day of term Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025 17.02.25 – 21.02.25 Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025

### Summer Term 2025:

First day of term

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2025

Bank Holiday Half-term Last day of term INSET DAYS Monday 21<sup>st</sup> Tu *Monday 5th May 2025* 26.05.25– 30.05.2025 Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2025

INSET DAYS Monday 21<sup>st</sup>, Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2025

Have a wonderful weekend

Miss Veronica Maher Head Teacher

