



# St. Philomena's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher: Miss V Maher

## Newsletter – 03 December 2021

### Autumn Term

#### The Reluctant Dragon

Yesterday we were treated to a visit from the Image Theatre Company. The children (and staff!) all enjoyed watching this year's panto – 'The Reluctant Dragon'. Last year we were unable to invite the company to school due to the restrictions so it was wonderful to have them back. They commented on how well behaved and enthusiastic the children were which was wonderful to hear. So to maintain some of the safety measures in place that we still have in school, KS1 first took part in the workshop and then continued to watch the show via a video link in their classrooms. KS2 could then watch the show in the hall. This way, all children were able to enjoy an aspect of the real life performance, being able to participate as an audience member and have lots of fun. Thank you to the PTA for this special treat for our children.

#### Chocolate Tombola

Thank you for all the generous donations of chocolates that you have sent into school today. I promise I didn't touch a single box (although it was very tempting having so many boxes of chocolates stacked up beside me all day!) These will be available to win on February 14<sup>th</sup> in the playground at 3pm

#### 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 home by Rock Steady – please double check your time slot as Rock Steady previously made an error with times.

### IMPORTANT DATES FOR CHRISTMAS

#### **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

## Police Safety Visit

Hello, I'm Lea. I will be telling you about the visit Year 5 and Year 6 had last week from 2 policemen and one policewoman.

The kind police informed us on things that can be dangerous if not handled properly which we will face while growing up. This included social media and watching who we hang around with, as they influence our attitude.

We were spoken to about the dangers of social media. As we get older, we will start going onto social apps, and a very popular one nowadays is TikTok. If you talk to stranger and give them your private information (this goes without saying for every social app), it can become extremely dangerous.

The policemen and woman educated us on the dangers we may face and how to avoid them. This talk really helped me and my peers understand how to be safe on social media.

Thank you for listening,

Lea  
Head Girl



Last week, we had a special visitor. It was a police officer - with his colleagues.

They came to our school to talk about safety. This encounter was only for years 5 and 6.

They told us their job is to protect people and keep the country safe. They gave us advice to do certain things in certain situations for example:

When you're on a bus and someone is acting strange towards you, you should tell the bus driver.

They showed us the weapons such as a bat and chili spray which was really cool.

After that event, the police officers showed us the police car and gave us a tour in and around it. This was for year 6. Meanwhile, Year 5 were dressing up in police clothes. Later, we switched and year 6 were dressing up and year 5 had a tour in and around the police car.

We also talked about online safety and social media safety.

Overall it was very interesting and enjoyable experience for us.

Dominik  
Head Boy

*Stay Safe!*

# Festive Storytelling with Ferelith

Join Ferelith as she tells festive stories from around the world

Orpington Library  
Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December  
4-4.30pm.

For 4-7s and their parents/carers to book:  
<https://orpingtonlibraryfestivestorytelling.eventbrite.co.uk>

## Christmas Dinner

If your child is packed lunch and they would like Christmas Dinner on Thursday 16 December please complete the form that was emailed and sent home and return to the school office. All payment must be made via our Pay 360 System.



## 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 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2021:**

Class	Attendance (%)	Lates (occasions)
Reception	97	1
Year 1	98	1
Year 2	95	2
Year 3	97	1
Year 4	95	3
Year 5	95	3
Year 6	97	5

Year 1 are the winners again this week. Well done !

## League Table

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

**Weeks in competition: 14 (full weeks only)**

**OVERALL ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK 96.3%**





### **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.



### **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, 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.

### **Term Dates**

#### **Autumn Term 2021:**

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

#### **Spring Term 2022:**

First day of term	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2022
Half-term	14.02.22 – 18.02.22
Last day of term	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2022

*(Good Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2022 and Easter Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2022)*

#### **Summer Term 2022:**

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

Have a wonderful weekend!

Mrs Gemma Eves  
Deputy Head Teacher

