



St. Philomena's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher: Miss V Maher

Newsletter –16 December 2022 Autumn Term

Christmas Fair

Thank you very much to Mrs Miller for organising the Christmas Fair and to the PTA and staff helpers. A wonderful day with some great stalls. The amount raised will be put into the newsletter hopefully next week.

Inter-house Quiz

Congratulations to the winning team of this year's Inter-house Quiz – Aylesford with a magnificent score of 1,370 points. Second were Walsingham with 1,250 points, third were Canterbury with 1190 points and in fourth place Faversham with 1070 points.

Miss Maher awarded the Quiz Cup to the winning team and they will all receive certificates. All the House points will be added to the total for this term.

Thank you to everyone for all your help and support in setting up the Quiz, it was greatly appreciated. Well done everyone.

Christine Bunton

Rock Steady

Thank you to Rock Steady for their great performance this week. Well done.



ADVANCE NOTICE REGARDING GREEN ROOM CLUB CLOSURE

Our Green Room Club (GRC) After School Childcare Facility

WILL NOT BE OPEN

Tuesday 24th January 2023 (3.20-5.45pm)
due to staff training.

Please make alternate provision should you require after school care on that day. Breakfast Club will be open as usual. Recognising others as our brothers and sisters and actively working for their good.



Note from the Art Prefects

We were so impressed with the time and effort that went into creating the Christmas crackers: they looked absolutely amazing.

In the infant Category, Amelia was awarded a gold medal for an amazing gingerbread house creation! Keira won Silver for a fantastic traditional cracker, and Christian and Ava -Joy were awarded joint Bronze for super Santa creations! We saw such a wonderful variety of crackers in KS2, and it was very difficult to judge! Camila was awarded the Gold medal, Robyn Silver and Bradley Bronze. We hope everyone enjoyed their crackers at the Christmas Fair!



KS1 & KS2 CHRISTMAS HATS

The children will have the opportunity to make Christmas hats to wear with their Christmas Dinner on Tuesday 20th December 2022. Paper and card will be provided but if the children would like to add anything to the hats e.g. glitter, stars, etc. would they please bring this with them on **Monday 12th December**, together with a glue stick – they will be making hats over the week.



KS1 & KS2 CHRISTMAS PARTIES

Class parties will also be held on Tuesday 20th December in the afternoon. Please could you provide your child with an individual, named small plate of party food covered in cling-film to be eaten at the party. Unfortunately, we will not have enough room to put all plates in the fridge, so please make sure that you do not include food which needs to be chilled. Food must be on a paper plate – children will not need a lot because they will have had their dinner at the normal time. Drinks and crisps will be provided by the school.



Thank you in advance for your help

CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE

All children, parents, carers and friends are invited to purchase raffle tickets for our Christmas Hampers that will be on display in the school entrance area. Tickets are £1 per strip. Please make payment online and raffle tickets will be sent home in your child's book bag.

Winners will be drawn on Monday 19th December 2022. All funds raised will go into School Fund - which is spent on enhancing school life for the pupils in many different ways.

Thank you for your support

PARKING

We have today had another complaint from Stanton Close residents. Please do not reverse on to people's driveways or park on pavements. Residents have been informed to contact Bromley Council and report this to parking enforcement.

PUNCTUALITY AND ATTENDANCE

We are seeing a lot of late arrivals to school at the moment.

Infant children should be at their respective classroom entry doors and Junior children should be in the playground ready to line up by **8.50am** every morning.

If Year 1 And Yr 2 pupils (and all other Junior children) arrive after 9am, parents should accompany them as they enter through the **MAIN SCHOOL DOORS** and parents should sign them in as late, providing an explanation and time of arrival (as they will not have been marked as present on the register).

The Reception Class teacher will inform the office of any late arrivals.

If children arrive any time up to **9.15am** they will be recorded as late. If children arrive **after 9.15am**, this counts as an unauthorised absence for the morning session..

The playground will be supervised from 8.45am – no children are to be left unsupervised before this time.

Inter-Class Attendance Race 2022 - 2023

Attendance and Lateness for the week beginning 5th December 2022:

Class	Attendance (%)	Lates (occasions)
Reception	96	1
Year 1	87	1
Year 2	88	2
Year 3	94	4
Year 4	78	0
Year 5	85	2
Year 6	68	0

Reception are the winners this week (their first win this year) – well done !

League Table

Year	No. of Wins
Reception	1
Year 1	1
Year 2	1
Year 3	0
Year 4	2
Year 5	4
Year 6	1

Weeks in competition: 10 (full weeks only)

OVERALL ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK 85.4%



IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 14.11.22

Christmas stamps sold

Christmas Hamper Raffle Tickets sold

Thursday 1.12.22

The "Sword in the Stone" panto performance

Saturday 10.12.21

PTA Christmas Multi-Cultural Event (12-2.00pm)

Monday 12.12.22

Bring in additional decorations for party hats – and a glue stick

Last day for Yr 1 & 2 parents to order tickets for Nativity dress rehearsal

Tuesday 13.12.22

EYFS Christmas Assembly (Reception Children) at 2.00pm

Wednesday 14.12.22

KS1 Nativity for Year 1 & 2 Parents at 2.00pm (Dress Rehearsal)

Last day for Yr 1 & 2 parents to order tickets for Nativity

Friday 16.12.22

Last Day for posting Christmas Cards

Last Day to buy Hamper Raffle tickets

KS1 Nativity for Year 1 & 2 Parents at 2.00pm (No Pre-Schoolers please)

Monday 19.12.22

Christmas Hamper Raffle winners drawn

Christmas Cards distributed

Christmas Carol Service at Our Lady of the Cray (6.00pm)

Tuesday 20.12.22

Christmas Lunch

Christmas jumper Day

Class parties – children will need individual plates of Party food

DINNER MONEY

Dinner money is £2.30 per day - please see below the monthly costs. ***In accordance with our school policy, dinner money should be paid monthly in advance.***

DINNER MONEY 2022 – 2023

AUTUMN 2022

September	£48.40
October	£24.20
November	£48.40
December	£33.00

SPRING 2023

January	£48.40
February	£35.20
March	£50.60

SUMMER 2023

April	£22.00
May	£41.80
June	£44.00
July	£33.00

Have a wonderful weekend.

Miss Veronica Maher



TERM DATES

ACADEMIC YEARS 2022 - 2023

Autumn Term 2022:

INSET DAYS **Tuesday 30 August and Wednesday 31st August 2022**

First day back: Thursday 1st September

Half-term 17.10.22 – 28.10.22

Last day of term Wednesday 21st December 2022

Spring Term 2023:

INSET DAY **Tuesday 3rd January 2023**

First day of term Wednesday 4th January 2023

Half-term 13.02.23 – 17.02.23

Last day of term Friday 31st March 2023

Summer Term 2023:

First day of term Monday 17th April 2023

Bank Holiday
01.05.23
08.05.23

Half-term 29.05.23 – 02.06.2023

INSET DAY **Monday 5th June 2023**

Last day of term Thursday 20th July 2023

INSET DAY **Friday 21st July 2023**

