



# St. Philomena's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher: Miss V Maher

## Newsletter –21 December 2022 Autumn Term

With a huge thank you we say farewell to our Year 4 teacher Mrs Bunton. We wish her all the best in her retirement and her new adventures and are truly grateful for her dedication to the children of St Philomena's.

### CHRISTMAS CARDS AND CHRISTMAS STAMPS

Thank you for purchasing the Christmas stamps for our Christmas Charity Fundraising. £211.20 was raised in total and this has been sent off to Crisis.

For a donation of £29.07 an individual would get:

- Hot meals and a Christmas lunch
- Help with a safe place to stay
- Hotel accommodation for those most in need
- Year-round support, including training and education
- A long-term personal case worker
- Advice on housing, employment, welfare and benefits
- Companionship and support from befrienders
- Health and wellbeing programmes
- Support to leave homelessness behind for good



### Christmas Fair

We raised £1071.31 – thank you again to everyone .

### CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE

Our Christmas hamper raffle raised an amazing £580 which has gone into our School Fund account which we use to provide little “extras” for our pupils. The lucky 37 winners were:

Nel	Yr 5
Keira	Yr 2
Julian	Yr 4
Joseph M	Yr 1
Milan	Yr 2
Tymon	R
Camila	Yr4
Izabella	Yr 5
Nicolle T	Yr 5
Ioane	Yr 2
Gabriella	Yr 4
Amelia- Ruby	Yr 2
Zoe	Yr 3
Paulette	
Cheruni	Yr 2
Christian F	Yr 1
Lola	Yr 2
Natalia	Yr 6
Ryan	Yr 2
Maksym	Yr 5
Tia	Yr 6
Emily	Yr 2
Ava-Joy	R
Bradley	Yr 6
Liam	Yr 2
Sebastian	Yr 2
Jimmy	Yr 2
David	Yr 1
Taraji	Yr 3
Niki	R
Eloise	Yr 5
Sylvia	Yr 5
Nicole I	Yr 5
Ryan	Yr 5
Zehira	Yr 5
Victor	Yr 3
Belle	Yr 1

## **Christmas Dinner**

Thank you to our kitchen staff for a lovely Christmas dinner and to all staff that helped on the day.



## **Thank you to Rochester Bridge Trust**

We have recently been awarded a very generous grant of £300 towards purchasing construction kits for our school by the Rochester Bridge Trust. The purpose of the grant is to facilitate STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) activities, including 'Learning about Bridges' and other of the Rochester Bridge Trust's resources, with students. You may remember the Rochester Bridge Trust joined us in Science Week last April, leading workshops with all the classes that included bridge building, construction and plant growth. You can find out more about the Rochester Bridge Trust at <https://rochesterbridgetrust.org.uk/learning-activities> and you can find resources, games and links for more inspiration and to enthuse your children about civil engineering by going on to their Facebook: Exploring Engineering - RBT page. We would also like to thank our school PTA who have, in addition, donated a further £100 towards the cost of the construction kits we are purchasing. Thank you to everyone who has supported our application for these grants.

*Christine Bunton  
Science Leader at St Philomena's*

Thank you to everyone who entered the latest Science Challenge:

**Find out about (research) the life and achievements of a scientist and create a fact file poster about them.**

**People in EYFS and Years 1 and 2 could research any scientist they wanted to find out about. People in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 were asked to research a scientist that was born after 1922.**

These people have been awarded a certificate of distinction, a prize and 10 house points for their fact file poster:

Amelia Year 1	Josiah O Year 1
Noah P Year 1	James C Year 2
Keira M Year 2	Maëva Year 2
Adachukwu Year 3	Rhian Year 3
Darcy Year 4	Nicolle T Year 5
Shenali Year 5	Silvia Year 5
Bradley Year 6	

These people have been awarded a highly commended certificate and 5 house points for their fact file poster:

Amber Year 1	Jason Year 1
Sandra Year 1	Chloe Year 2
Lola L Year 2	Tejas Year 2
Samuel A	Raymond Year 3
Victor Year 3	Amelia Year 4
Cesco Year 4	Julian Year 4
Niya Year 4	Ava Year 5
Catherine Year 6	

Well done winners! Look out for the next challenge and you too could be a winner. Good research everyone, Mrs Bunton



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

Our Green Room Club (GRC) After School  
Childcare Facility  
**WILL NOT BE OPEN**

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Inter-Class Attendance Race 2022 - 2023**

**Attendance and Lateness for the week  
beginning 12<sup>th</sup> December 2022:**

Class	Attendance (%)	Lates (occasions)
Reception	87	15
Year 1	86	10
Year 2	91	12
Year 3	95	2
Year 4	89	5
Year 5	93	9
Year 6	86	13

Year 3 **are the winners this week** (their first win this year) – well done !

It was a challenging week for us all with the snow and ice (which explains the high number of late arrivals), but you all made a huge effort.

### **League Table**

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



**Weeks in competition: 11(full weeks only)**

**OVERALL ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK 89.7%**

## **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**

#### **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

On behalf of the staff and governors of St Philomena's, we wish you a happy and holy Christmas. It will be the first for a few years when we can celebrate together without any restrictions and for this, we thank God.

Thank you also, for your amazing generosity with gifts and cards. We are always overwhelmed.

We look forward to seeing you all back at school on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

Miss Veronica Maher



## TERM DATES

### ACADEMIC YEARS 2022 - 2023

#### Autumn Term 2022:

**INSET DAYS** **Tuesday 30 August and Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022**

First day back: Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September

Half-term 17.10.22 – 28.10.22

Last day of term Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2022

#### Spring Term 2023:

**INSET DAY** **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023**

First day of term Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Half-term 13.02.23 – 17.02.23

Last day of term Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023

#### Summer Term 2023:

First day of term Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023

**Bank Holiday**  
**01.05.23**  
**08.05.23**

Half-term 29.05.23 – 02.06.2023

**INSET DAY** **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023**

Last day of term Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2023

**INSET DAY** **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023**