



St. Philomena's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher: Miss V Maher

Newsletter – 05 January 2024

Spring Term

It has been wonderful to welcome you all back to school this week. I hope you enjoyed your Christmas celebrations and wish you all the very best for the year ahead.

Epiphany

Today in assembly, we talked about the Feast of the Epiphany which is celebrated this Sunday and how the arrival of the three wise men represents the 'revelation' of Jesus to the whole world. We also thought about how the gifts they gave symbolised the importance of this very special baby.

Gold is a precious and expensive metal, often worn by kings - **This was a sign of Christ's royalty.**

Frankincense is a type of incense, which when burned gives off a perfumed, pleasant-smelling smoke **This was a sign of Christ's holiness.**

Myrrh is a perfumed ointment which was used to prepare the dead for their burial. **This was a sign of Christ's humanity.**

Do take some time to talk with your child about this significant feast day and how it marks the closing of the Christmas season.



Whole School Mass

Fr Cyriacus will join us at school on Thursday 18th January at 11.00am in the school hall to celebrate Mass, asking God's blessings on our school community for the year ahead. All are welcome to come along !

Headteacher Awards

The following children were awarded a special certificate at the end of last term. Each class has three nominations for a Headteacher's Award and last term's nominations were :-

Reception: Mihali, Michelle and Christopher

Year 1 : Maksymilian, Mia and Darcie

Year 2 : Noah and Samuel

Year 3 : Keira, Diego and Clinton

Year 4 : Dolly, Robyn and Chloë

Year 5 : Alfie, Hannah and Jeffrey

Year 6 : Ryan and Ishita

Congratulations to all those children for working so hard !

After School Clubs

All slips went home today for after school clubs – There are available spaces in Girls Football Squad (lunchtime club) and Tag Rugby (Wednesday 8-8.45am). Please apply for clubs on the School Gateway System. Lacrosse and Skills Academy see info below.



JUVENTUS TAEKWONDO ACADEMY KICK STARTS THE NEW YEAR!!!!

Taekwondo will be back training after school from **MONDAY 8th JANUARY 2024** and **SPACES ARE AVAILABLE !!!!!**

Check out what the Juventus Taekwondo Academy students achieved last year on Juventus Taekwondo Academy's

YouTube channel:

<https://www.facebook.com/messages/t/563862680/>

or our website:

www.juventustkd.com

If you would like more information or would like to sign your child/ children up for their first **FREE** session, please contact Head Instructor **MASTER TRICIA** on **07832 991469** or email at juventustkd@live.co.uk

Monday 15th January class has also been moved to Thursday 18th January



ST PHILOMENA'S LACROSSE CLUB



FRIDAY

08:00AM - 08:50AM

Fun, energetic and engaging sessions, suitable for beginners or those looking to improve their Lacrosse skills.

All coaches DBS checked and first aid trained

Sessions for children in years 3, 4 & 5

- ✓ Skills & techniques
- ✓ Footwork exercises
- ✓ Strategy & teamwork exercises
- ✓ Fun games & matches



Located on the playground or field (weather permitting)

£5.00 per session payable termly

Please state:
Name: year group and any medical needs or other considerations when booking

To book or more info:
mbctsuk@gmail.com
07787 510631






Spring Term

For Boys & Girls

After School Football Club

- ✓ Fun and safe environment
- ✓ Practice and develop technical skills
- ✓ Coaches deliver enjoyable sessions
- ✓ Match time included in the sessions



WEDNESDAY'S 10 JAN - 20 MAR



- 10 Sessions - 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM
Excluding 14th February

PRICING: £7.50 PER SESSION
Booked termly in advance



For Boys & Girls
In School Years 1 - 6

St Philomena's RC School
Chelsfield Road, Orpington BR5 4DR

For bookings  01689 828385  SKILLSACADEMYLTD.COM

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ONLINE FROM
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TERM DATES

Spring Term 2024

Half-term 12.02.24 – 16.02.24
Last day of term Thursday 28th March 2024

Summer Term 2024:

First day of term Monday 15th April 2024

Bank Holiday

Monday 6th May 2024

Half-term 27.05.24 – 31.05.2024

Last day of term Friday 19th July 2024

INSET DAYS

Monday 22nd, Tuesday 23rd and Wednesday 24th July 2024

Have a wonderful weekend.

Miss Veronica Maher
Head Teacher



TERM DATES

ACADEMIC YEARS 2024 - 2025

Autumn Term 2023:

INSET DAYS:

Tuesday 27th August 2024

Wednesday 28th August 2024

First day back: Thursday 29th August 2024

Half-term 21.10.21 – 1.11.24

Last day of term Friday 20th December 2024

Spring Term 2025:

First day of term Monday 6th January 2025

Half-term 17.02.25 – 21.02.25

Last day of term Friday 4th April 2025

Summer Term 2025:

First day of term Tuesday 22nd April 2025

Bank Holiday

Monday 5th May 2025

Half-term 26.05.25 – 30.05.2025

Last day of term Friday 18th July 2025

INSET DAYS

Monday 21st, Tuesday 22nd and Wednesday 23rd July 2025