



St. Philomena's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher: Miss V Maher

Newsletter – 7 January 2022

Spring Term



Happy New Year to you all ! I do hope you managed to enjoy a lovely Christmas with your families. It was wonderful to be able to return to school as normal on Tuesday as I am sure we were all fearful of another potential lockdown. Our updated 'COVID Risk Assessment' and 'Outbreak Management Plan' were emailed to everybody earlier this week and are available to view on our website. At present, we have very few staff and/or children affected by COVID, thankfully, so will not be making any major changes to procedures at this time. We are all aware by now, however, that things can change rapidly. Rest assured we will keep you all updated to make sure any impact on our school community is minimal.

We are so very grateful for the co-operation of our families in helping to keep everyone safe. Your communication with us is timely and your responses to our requests for tests, isolation etc.. are acted upon without question. Thank you for your support.

Feast of Epiphany

In our assemblies on Thursday, we reminded children of the significance of the Feast of Epiphany as a time when Jesus was revealed to the whole world. These wonderful children from our Reception class remembered the names of the special gifts given to Jesus.



School Fund Contribution

Thank you to all of you who have already contributed to our school fund this term.

We ask that each family contributes to a fund which helps to subsidise outings, cover the cost of cooking ingredients and pay for various other items needed to provide enrichment activities for your child. Enrichment of the curriculum is a strength here and your family contribution to the school fund will be put to very good use. The recommended amount is **£5 per family per term**, and this can be paid online (under products, online shop). Your contributions are very much appreciated.

If you have not already contributed, there is still time!



Dinner Money

In accordance with our school policy, dinner money should be paid monthly in advance. Lunch choices (ie packed lunch or school dinners) are made for the month therefore can only be changed at the beginning of a month. Dinner money is now to be paid on our Pay360 Online system.

"School badge" School Uniform

Please remember that we gratefully receive any "School badged" pre-worn school uniform that your children may have grown out of - if it is clean and in good condition. We can help other children and the planet by re-selling such items.



RE Curriculum Newsletters

The information on the content of RE teaching for every class has been sent home today via Class Dojo or Seesaw. Please do have a look at this in order to support your children's understanding of our catholic faith.

Full Curriculum Overview

The information for the wider curriculum content for each class this term will be distributed on Monday 10th January in the same way.

Teeth

Important information about your child's teeth from Bromley 0-19 Public Health Service

Dental advice for children and their families.

- Children should see a dentist as soon as their teeth start erupting.
- Then have regular check-ups every 6 months to a year depending on your dentist's advice.
- Children aged 3 and above may be entitled to free fluoride varnish; please ask your dentist for more information.
- Brush twice a day, last thing at night and any other occasion for two minutes.
- Parent's supervision is essential until 7 years of age.
- Use fluoride toothpaste (1350-1500ppm).
- No need for children's toothpaste; adult toothpaste can be used straight away.

Make brushing fun

For a free NHS approved award winning Brush app go to Brushdi.com

Problems finding an NHS dentist

If after contacting several dental surgeries you still cannot find a dentist accepting NHS patients, call NHS England's Customer Contact Centre on 0300 311 2233.

If you do not have a dentist and require urgent dental care please



FLUTE LESSONS



- Lessons offered from year 2 upwards
- Lessons offered on the flute, fife, recorder and Nuvo Toot
- Instruments are available to hire
- Flute lessons are fun, creative and musical!
- Musical games and theory are incorporated
- Competitive prices
- Enquiries either via the school office or on 07712342668/sdesbruslais1066@gmail.com

School Individual and Family photographs

Van Cols (the school photographers) are coming into school first thing Thursday morning, 13th January to take our photos. Please ensure your child is at school promptly on that day. Proofs of these photographs are usually sent to us within a few weeks and will be sent out with your child as soon as we receive them.

We would remind you that all children should be wearing school uniform - **Juniors to bring in their PE kit** and that normal school rules apply. Hair should be tied back as normal, earrings should not be worn and children should not wear large colourful hair accessories for the photographs.

PTA

Happy New Year from your new PTA. We are looking to restart our schools Parent Teacher Association and are currently looking for 2 class representatives per year group.

If you are interested in finding out more about what the role involves, please contact Mrs Miller on the following email address:-
kmiller38.305@lgflmail.org

Rock Steady

Would your child like to play in their very own rock band?

Rocksteady in-school band lessons are the perfect opportunity for your child to learn new skills, develop friendships and have the time of their life.

Watch this short video to see what learning in a band could do for your child's well-being:

<https://www.rocksteadymusicschool.com/watch-video/>



Term Dates

Spring Term 2022:

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

*(Good Friday 15th April 2022 and Easter Monday
18th April 2022)*

Sumer Term 2022:

First day of term Tuesday 19th April 2022

Bank Holiday **02.05.22**

Half-term 30.05.22 – 03.06.22

Last day of term Thursday 21st July 2022

***Staff Training Day** **Friday 22nd July**

Have a wonderful weekend.

Miss Veronica Maher

Head Teacher

