



# St. Philomena's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher: Miss V Maher

## Newsletter – 20 January 2023 Spring Term

We come to the end of another incredibly busy week of learning at St Philomena's.

### 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.

## Inter-Class Attendance Race 2022 - 2023

**Attendance and Lateness for the week beginning 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023:**

Class	Attendance (%)	Lates (occasions)
Reception	95	5
Year 1	98	0
Year 2	99	2
Year 3	100	2
Year 4	95	3
Year 5	99	0
Year 6	97	7

Year 3 are the winners this week with 100% attendance – well done !

### **League Table**

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

**Weeks in competition: 12 (full weeks only)**

**OVERALL ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK 97.6%**

## School Fund Contribution

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.



## Open Classrooms

Our new initiative of 'Open Classroom' was very warmly received so we will continue this offer for the foreseeable future.

Here are the dates for this term Please come with your child so they can share their super work and displays. The Class Teacher will not be available – all very informal.

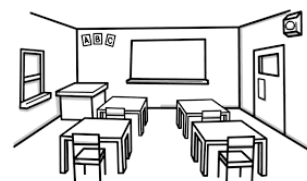
Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February – Year 2 and Year 4

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February – Years 1, 5 and 6

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March – EYFS and Year 3

I am confident this will assist with the conversation you will have with your child's teacher at the Parent/Teacher meetings the following week. (Confirmed timings and details of booking system to be shared with you soon).

If you have any questions, please ask.



### School Council Planning

Our industrious school council have been busy planning for this term's activities and are going to share these in assembly next week. They have so proactive in planning and organising, very impressive to watch.

### Chinese Dance Workshop

The children celebrated the Lunar New Year with a Chinese Dance Workshop that they all took part in (as well as a final dance performance).

A professional dancer visited the school and brought along a traditional Chinese dragon, parasols and fans for the children to use.



### Industrial Action

I wrote to all of you yesterday to inform you that St Philomena's is very likely to be affected by forthcoming industrial action balloted for by the National Education Union. I will be better informed to confirm the position at the beginning of next week.

### Class Assembly List

Year 6 - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January  
Hinduism Assembly - Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February  
Year 3 - Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March  
Year 4 - Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March  
Year 2 - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March  
Rocksteady Concert-Thursdays 23<sup>rd</sup> March  
Reception -Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March  
Year 5 Passion Play -Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March  
Year 1 -Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March

### LIFESAVERS SAVINGS BANK

We are delighted to be taking part in the LifeSavers programme yet again this year, helping our pupils learn about money and how to manage it wisely.



As part of LifeSavers we are partnering with our local credit union Bromley Plus to provide an in-school savings club for pupils. The savings club will provide real life, hands-on money experiences for your children to help them develop into financially confident young people. They will learn about saving and setting savings targets for things they want. The emphasis will not be on the amount they save but developing a positive savings habit. All amounts saved, no matter how small, will be welcomed. Our savings club will be run by our own school volunteers and will run on: Friday afternoon.

Any pupil is eligible to join the savings club and they will receive a Lifesavers Passbook and wallet when they join. If your child wishes to join the savings club, please fill in an application form at [www.lifesavers.co.uk/registration](http://www.lifesavers.co.uk/registration) or you may wish to fill in the attached paper application form and return it to school

### TERM DATES

#### **ACADEMIC YEARS 2022 - 2023**

##### **Spring Term 2023:**

<b>INSET DAY</b>	<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023</b>
First day of term	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2023
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
<b>Bank Holiday</b>	<b>01.05.23</b>
	<b>08.05.23</b>

Half-term	29.05.23 – 02.06.2023
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<b>INSET DAY</b>	<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023</b>
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Last day of term	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2023
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<b>INSET DAY</b>	<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023</b>
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**The 2023/2024 term dates are available on the School Website.**

**Please refer to these dates when you are considering booking your holidays as holidays MUST NOT be taken during term time.**

**Thank you for your co-operation**

**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

Have a wonderful weekend.

Miss Veronica Maher

