



St. Philomena's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher: Miss V Maher

Newsletter – 27 January 2023 Spring Term

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.



Virtue of FAITH

This month, we have been asking the children to focus on the virtue of FAITH and how they can live this out everyday. We have shared with children that when they pray, they are showing the trust they have in God and their everyday interactions with others, demonstrate they are followers of the message of Christ.

The winners of our FAITH award in each year are :-

Reception	Maksymilian
Year 1	Amelia
Year 2	Emily
Year 3	Theodora
Year 4	Joy
Year 5	Ava
Year 6	Sienna

Well done to those children for showing their faith and trusting in God.

Parent Governor Vacancy

Yesterday, we shared with you the information regarding our parent governor vacancy. It would be wonderful to have another parent governor representative so please do give this your consideration. The thought of taking up this role can be a little daunting, so please do ask any questions you may have.

Auto-Injector/Asthmas Inhaler Training

On Tuesday after school, the school nurse team visited to train ALL staff on how we can best support children who have allergies or suffer from asthma. We updated all we know about indicators of allergic reactions, how to administer auto-injector pens and ensure that asthma pumps are used properly. Training such as this ensures that we are really confident in assisting many of our children with additional health needs.

Uniform Check

We carried out an extensive uniform and PE kit check this week. If you have received a note informing you of incorrect uniform items, please address this as soon as possible. Our uniform is an integral part of demonstrating the children belong to the community of St Philomena's and, as such, **must** be worn correctly. Thank you for your continued support.



GRADUATES
Schoolwear

Year 6 Class Assembly

A very special assembly indeed ! Not only because of the quality of the performance but also because it's the first Class Assembly in three years ! Year 6 did such a beautiful job of sharing with us all they had learned about World War I; a terrible event in our history but one which must not be forgotten. Very well done to all the children in Year 6, to Ms Omilegan and all the adults who helped prepare the children.



Football success !

Well done to our brilliant Year 6 football team for a resounding 3-0 win against Blenheim on Thursday after school. It was a thrilling match to watch, despite the cold, and it was lovely to see the team so well supported by so many parents and grandparents.



Wick Court Farm

On Monday our Year 5 children will become farmers for the week as they set off for their residential trip to Wick Court Farm. I will have the pleasure of joining them from Wednesday (just in time for roast lunch !) and I know they are going to have the most amazing time and make some brilliant memories together. Please keep all the children and the staff in your prayers next week.



Open Classrooms

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

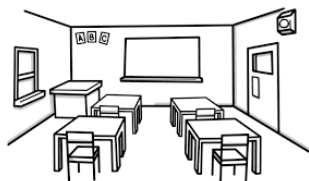
Here are the dates for this term Please come with your child so they can share their super work and displays. The Class Teacher will not be available – all very informal.

Monday 27th February – Year 2 and Year 4

Tuesday 28th February – Years 1, 5 and 6

Thursday 2nd 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.

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2022- 2023

Attendance and Lateness for the week beginning 16th January 2023:

Class	Attendance (%)	Lates (occasions)
Reception	97	3
Year 1	90	2
Year 2	97	0
Year 3	98	1
Year 4	96	1
Year 5	93	0
Year 6	97	3

Year 3 are the winners again this week – well done !

League Table

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

Weeks in competition: 13

(full weeks only)

OVERALL ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK 95.5%

Appeal for help!

If there are any carpenters/handy people/DIY enthusiasts who would be able to help us refurbish/rebuild/replace our playground picnic tables, we would be very grateful for your help. Please let the school office know your contact details so we can pass them on to our site manager, Martin Hill.

Class Assembly List

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

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

Spring Term 2023:

INSET DAY Tuesday 3rd January 2023

First day of term Wednesday 4th January 2023

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

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

