



St. Philomena's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher: Miss V Maher

Newsletter – 3 February 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.



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.

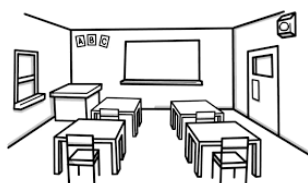
Monday 27th February – Year 2 and Year 4

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.

2022- 2023

Attendance and Lateness for the week beginning 23rd January 2023:

Class	Attendance (%)	Lates (occasions)
Reception	92	3
Year 1	94	2
Year 2	95	1
Year 3	97	1
Year 4	92	0
Year 5	98	1
Year 6	95	0

Year 5 are the winners this week and are extending their lead – well done !

League Table

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

Weeks in competition: 14

(full weeks only)

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.

Year 6 Fundraising

Children in year 6 are raising funds to contribute toward their end of year celebrations. They invite all pupils to buy Valentines Telegrams (25p each) which will be sent to all of their friends within the school. Telegrams are available to buy from Monday to Wednesday from Children in year 6. Children will need to write their kind and thoughtful messages and then return the completed telegrams by Thursday (with the name and year of the friend they want it sent to). A post box will be in the reception area for the returned telegrams - which will be delivered next Friday.



We will also be running a Pop-up shop Thursday & Friday after school. Balloons, sweets and other Valentines gift available from 20p.

RSE Newsletter February 2023

We begin February with the official end of Christmastide and a welcome theme of light. Just as the evenings and mornings are beginning to show signs of brightening, Candlemas, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on 2nd February, celebrates Jesus, the Light of the World.

In recent months, price rises have brought the cost of light and heating sharply into focus. Perhaps we've been a little more careful with our energy usage; switching off lights when leaving a room, being mindful of saving the planet and our pennies etc.

Light and salt were high-value commodities in ancient cultures, and Jesus uses these metaphors to describe the real value of our contributions to the Christian way of life. Towards the end of February, we begin the season of Lent, another opportunity to focus on our mission as followers of Jesus. By placing Jesus at the centre of our lives, we can be the valuable lights we are called to be, reflecting God's light of love through our actions.

This newsletter shares some of the content children will experience in school throughout February and suggests ways for you to engage with them about it.

www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/

Class Assembly List

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



TERM DATES

ACADEMIC YEARS 2022 - 2023

Spring Term 2023:

INSET DAY	Tuesday 3rd January 2023
First day of term	Wednesday 4 th January 2023
Last day of term	Friday 31 st March 2023

Summer Term 2023:

First day of term	Monday 17 th April 2023
Bank Holiday	01.05.23 08.05.23

Half-term	29.05.23 – 02.06.2023
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INSET DAY	Monday 5th June 2023
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Last day of term	Thursday 20 th July 2023
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INSET DAY	Friday 21st July 2023
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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

