



# St. Philomena's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher: Miss V Maher

**Newsletter – 28 January 2022**

**Spring Term**

## **Updated COVID information**

Please keep a close eye on your email inboxes as we are constantly updating and sharing information around the current situation with COVID in school.

Although Plan B restrictions were eased from yesterday, school staff will continue to have the choice to wear masks in school (the vast majority do !) and we will continue with daily LFD testing for the time being. We have not mixed the Infant and Junior classes since September, but due to a rise in cases, we have implemented some additional measures this week. Assemblies and staff meetings will now take place remotely and we have altered some of the arrangements for lunch sittings. We also request that visitors to the school office continue to wear a mask.

Thank you for your continued support.

## **Year 5 Trip to Wick Court**

Our Year 5 are so excited to be heading off to the farm on Monday morning. Please keep the children, and the staff accompanying them, in your prayers over the coming week. We really look forward to sharing all the stories of our farming adventure when we return.



## **Rocksteady Concerts**

It was wonderful to be able to rearrange these performances and all the bands played brilliantly. It is incredible to watch the confidence of the children, and how well they play and sing together. Huge thanks to our Rocksteady teacher, Deividas, and thank you to all the family members who came to watch and support.

## **Year 6 Cake Sale**

Well done to our enterprising Year 6 who planned, organised and delivered a brilliant Cake Sale this week. Thank you, also, to all of you for your amazing contributions; we had so many cakes we had to run it over TWO days ! The total amount raised was £238.18 and this will go the children's choice of charity, The Salvation Army.



### Punctuality

A reminder that the school day starts at **8.50am** - we have several children drifting in until **9.00am**. Being late for school can be very unsettling for your child and disruptive to classroom management. We are very keen to develop good habits in children to help them in the future. Thank you.

### The Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2022

As you are aware, the Government announced last year that there will be an additional bank holiday to celebrate Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee with the late May bank holiday being moved to Thursday 2 June 2022 and an additional Jubilee bank holiday on Friday 3 June 2022.

In order for our school staff to benefit from the additional bank holiday (which falls in the half term break), the DfE has agreed to reduce the school year from 190 days to 189 days for the academic year 2021-2022.

Therefore, this is advance notice that school will be closed to all pupils and staff on **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2022.**

### Considerate Parking

Please consider our neighbours and children when parking near the school. Please do not park across driveways – this is inconsiderate to our neighbours who may have an emergency or need to collect their children from school!



### Inter-Class Attendance Race

The attendance rates have not been affected by any absence due to Covid-19 (isolation/symptoms or testing).

### **Attendance and Lateness for the week beginning 17<sup>th</sup> January 2022:**

Class	Attendance (%)	Lates (occasions)
Reception	99	0
Year 1	96	4
Year 2	98	2
Year 3	97	3
Year 4	98	1
Year 5	94	6
Year 6	98	0

Reception are the winners this week. Well done !

### League Table

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

**Weeks in competition: 18 (full weeks only)**

**OVERALL ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK 96.9%**



## TERM DATES

### **Spring Term 2022:**

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

*(Good Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2022 and Easter Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2022)*

### **Summer Term 2022:**

First day of term	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> April 2022
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<b>Bank Holiday</b>	<b>02.05.22</b>
Half-term	30.05.22 – 03.06.22
<b>Bank Holiday</b>	<b>15.06.22</b>
Last day of term	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2022
<b>*Staff Training Day</b>	<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July</b>

## **ACADEMIC YEARS 2022 – 2023**

### **TERM DATES**

### **Autumn Term 2022:**

<b>Inset Days:</b>	<b>Tuesday 30 August</b>
	<b>Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022</b>
First day back:	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> September
Half-term	17.10.22 – 28.10.22
Last day of term	Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> December

### **Spring Term 2023:**

First day of term	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2023
Half-term	13.02.23 – 17.02.23
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>
Half-term	29.05.23 – 02.06.2023
Last day of term	Friday 21 July 2023

Have a wonderful weekend.

Miss Veronica Maher  
Head Teacher

