



# St. Philomena's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher: Miss V Maher

## Newsletter – 3 March 2023 Spring Term

### Living Willow Workshop

We are excited to announce that as part of our Design Technology curriculum, children will be participating in a Living Willow workshop.

The workshop is designed to teach the children about the benefits of using natural materials in design, and will provide them with an opportunity to work with willow, a versatile and sustainable material. Willow is a fast-growing plant that is easy to cultivate and harvest, making it an excellent choice for environmentally friendly projects. Not only will the children have a chance to learn about the practical aspects of working with willow, but they will also be able to appreciate its natural beauty.

The workshop will support children to create a memorial sculpture to honour Mrs. Meaney's memory. We hope that this will be a beautiful way to remember her and the legacy she has left behind. We believe that involving the children in the creation of the sculpture, with each child contributing a small part to the overall design, will give them a sense of ownership and pride in the finished product and we hope that this memorial sculpture will be a fitting tribute to Mrs. Meaney and the impact she had on our school community.

The workshop will take place on 9th March. We are asking for a donation of **£5** per child to cover the cost of the workshop, willow and other materials that will be used. Please make payment via our online system.

### Taekwondo

There will be no Taekwondo Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March. Children will need to be collected at normal time.



### Parent Governor

We welcome Ms Kate Proctor (Mum of Teddy in Year 2) to our governing body. The voting was very close indeed with Ms Proctor winning by two votes ! I would also like to thank Mrs McDonald for standing for election and all of those parents who made use of their vote.

### 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.



### Lent

This Lent St Philomena's are supporting The Catholic Children's Society. We will also be thinking about how we can connect with children and families who need our help.

The Catholic Children's Society supports disadvantaged children and families across London, Hertfordshire and the South East – they work with individuals of all faiths and none: helping those in greatest need.

### Sponsored Walk for The Catholic Children's Society

To raise money, our pupils will be walking laps around our school field while they are dressed in their 'Onesie'

Our event will take place over on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2023



Each class will walk 15 laps of our playing field (Reception will walk 10) on the day

PLEASE SPONSOR YOUR CHILD ONLINE – SIMSPAY360/PRODUCTS/EVENTS by Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

No amount is too large or too small !!!

There will be a small prize for each child in the class that raises the most money

### Road Safety

You may be aware that one of our children was involved in a road traffic accident on the zebra crossing outside the main entrance. Thankfully, the child concerned was not seriously hurt but the event was, without doubt, terrifying for this poor child and her family.

We must learn lessons from incidents such as this and with this in mind, I have a question..

Are there any other parents/families who have experienced difficulty/potential danger when using the zebra crossing ? If so, I would like to know. We will use this information in conjunction with information about Wednesday's accident and our real concerns about the speed of traffic on Chelsfield Rd to lobby the local authority for improved signage or signals near our school. Anything that might contribute to the safety of our children and families.

I would urge you all to join us in our efforts and encourage you to contact Bromley yourselves. More voices make for a stronger argument.

Please send me an email via the school office if you have any information you think pertinent.

### Parking

On a similar note, we have received complaints from neighbours regarding parents parking across drives and blocking access. This is not only extremely irritating and inconsiderate to our neighbours, but unsafe parking also compromises the safety of our children.



Please park considerately and safely.

### Book Week

The children have enjoyed so many activities this week including Reading breakfast, library trip, story time teacher swap and of course, the opportunity to dress up on Tuesday ! It is always wonderful to see our children engaging so positively with the magic of books and their characters.

Thank you to our English leader, Mrs Williams, for organising the week and to all of our children and parents for your continued support.



### Open Classrooms

It was so wonderful to see so many parents at our open classroom events this week. I love watching the children lead you in; they simply can't wait to show you their work and their classrooms ! Hopefully, this will really help discussions when you meet with the class teachers next week at our parent teacher meetings.

### Parents Evening

Parents evenings for this term are being held on:

Monday 6th March 3:45 - 7pm and Wednesday 8th March 2023 3:45 - 6pm..

You will need to make appointments online but will meet face to face with teachers at school

Don't forget  
parents  
evening!

### PTA Events



Any offers of help would be greatly appreciated at the Bunny Hop Disco. Please contact Mrs Miller [kmiller38.305@lgflmail.org](mailto:kmiller38.305@lgflmail.org)

### Fantastic football !

Well done to our school team for beating The Highway 5-2 yesterday. Ryan scored a hat trick and Xander scored the other two goals. A great result !



### Attendance Race

#### **2022- 2023**

Massive apologies to Year 5!!!! In last weeks newsletter we wrongly stated that Year 4 were the winners of the attendance race for the week . In fact, it was Year 5 with 99%.

The table has been amended and updated and is now correct.

We are sure that Year 4 can get the win next week !!!

### **Attendance and Lateness for the week beginning 20<sup>h</sup> February 2023:**

Class	Attendance (%)	Lates (occasions)
Reception	97	0
Year 1	96	2
Year 2	95	0
Year 3	97	2
Year 4	93	2
Year 5	95	2
Year 6	99	3

Year 6 are the winners 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	6
Year 6	2

**Weeks in competition: 16**

**(full weeks only)**

### Class Assembly List

Year 4 - Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March  
 Year 2 - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March  
 Rocksteady Concert-Thursday 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



**Class Assembly**

### TERM DATES

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

#### **Spring Term**

**2023:**

**INSET DAY** Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023

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

**Bank Holiday** 01.05.23

08.05.23

Half-term 29.05.23 – 02.06.2023

**INSET DAY** Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023

Last day of term Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2023

**INSET DAY** Friday 21<sup>st</sup> 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

**SUMMER 2023**

April	£22.00
May	£41.80
June	£44.00
July	£33.00

Have a wonderful weekend

Miss Veronica Maher

