



St. Philomena's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher: Miss V Maher

Newsletter – 1 March 2024

Spring Term

Monday 4th – Friday 8th March will be St Philomena's book week.

A letter was sent out in the week with details of our book week events, including:

- **'decorate a paper plate'** competition - the deadline for entries is Friday 1st March.
- All children are invited to come to school on Wednesday 6th March **dressed as their favourite book character** - no high heels, mid-drifts showing or jewellery and hair should be tied back
- If you have pre-loved costumes that your child no longer needs/ fits into, please consider donating them to the school on by end of day today. Costumes will be sold on Monday after school.
- **reading breakfast** for the children on **Wednesday 6th March at 8am**. The cost of the breakfast will be £1.50 per person. Pre-school children are welcome to join us. ALL CHILDREN MUST BE SUPERVISED BY AN ADULT – THEY SHOULD NOT BE LEFT UNATTENDED. Could adults please bring along a reusable coffee cup to use
- If you have pre-loved books in good condition that you would like to add to our library, any donations would be gratefully received. A box will be in the entrance hall for book donations after half term.



Please encourage your child to read as much as possible and enjoy sharing books together throughout the year. Reading records/diaries should be signed daily by an adult to help the children get into good reading habits and develop a love of reading at home as well as in school. Fluent reading is essential for all aspects of life and will help your child fulfil their potential in all they do.

ADVANCE NOTICE REGARDING GREEN ROOM CLUB CLOSURE

To whom it may concern,

Our Green Room Club (GRC) After School Childcare Facility

WILL NOT BE OPEN

Thursday 16th May 2024 (3.20-5.45pm)

due to staff training.

Please make alternate provision should you require after school care on that day.

We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

Breakfast Club will be open as usual.

Incident on Chelsfield Rd

I wish to express my gratitude to all our parents and carers for responding so positively to our instructions following the very sad accident outside school on Wednesday. We had to make some very quick decisions due to the timing of the incident, the landing of the helicopter on our playground and communication from police on the scene.

We managed to get all children off site in good time preventing them from witnessing anything and preserving the privacy and dignity of the injured lady. Thank you also to our school staff team for pulling together brilliantly. The injured lady remains in our prayers.

Danger on Chelsfield Rd

Sadly, this incident highlights the danger of the speed of some vehicles outside our school. You may remember that one of our children was injured in a similar way last year. Not as seriously but we dread to think what could have happened...

I know that many parents and carers have communicated extensively with the Local Authority. One of our parent governors, Karis Procter, has also written to Bromley in order to stress our concerns for the safety of our children, families and the wider community. When we visited the Houses of Parliament, we invited our local MP, Gareth Bacon, to visit school. Please be assured, this subject will be brought to his attention, again, by our School Council should he take up our invitation. In the meantime I would urge as many of you as possible to lobby the local authority and Gareth Bacon to bring about some positive change.

<https://www.bromley.gov.uk/TrafficManagementContactForm+>

Community Email

We received an email from an ex parent regarding the incident this week:

Good morning

I would like to say thank you for the way St Philomena's staff handled yesterday's situation with the nasty accident in Chelsfield road. The lady was in a critical condition and the people helping her can only be described as hero's. From the young police volunteer to the helicopter paramedics. What was more evident is the way they respected her, and the utmost attention was given to keeping the very stressful time 'private'. This is where I would like to thank Miss Maher for ensuring no children were in the area, even on the other side of the police tape. We do love to hear them running, singing and just being kids, but yesterdays was not the time for it. I could see from all the people helping that they needed all the emotional support the community could give at this time. Please thank the parents/grandparents and carers as well.



Happy News !

We are delighted to share that our Year 3 teacher, Ms Molineaux, is expecting a baby boy in June ! Many congratulations to her and her partner Kevin.



Love of Neighbour

The 'virtue' we are looking to develop with our children for the month of March is 'Love of Neighbour'. In Monday's assemblies this week, we looked at the story of the Good Samaritan as a wonderful example of Jesus' teaching on how we should treat everyone around us. Over the next couple of weeks, teachers will be looking out for children who display the following :-

Virtues to Live by

I love my neighbour

when

I treat others as I want to be treated.
I say kind and loving things.
I share my things with others.
I do little things for others that make them happy.
I show affection.
I notice when someone needs my help.
I show I care by listening to others.
I help people and animals in need.

Do chat this through with your child at home and perhaps you will have examples of how children have lived out this virtue outside of school. Please feel free to share these with us, we'd love to know

Mini Vinnies/CAFOD Club

Wednesday 6th March Mini Vinnies/CAFOD club will be cancelled due to the Deanery Mass

BPV SEND COFFEE MORNING

Join us at our supportive coffee mornings for parent/carers of children/YP with SEND

Rhiannon's Cafe, Bromley United Reform Church, Widmore Rd, BR1 1RH

Friday 22nd Feb 10 - 11:30am

Friday 8 March 10 - 11:30am

Friday 22 March 10am - 11:30am

Coffee Mornings will then resume after Easter



CELEBRATING AUTISM ACCEPTANCE 2024

Do you have a child/family member that is autistic or are you autistic yourself? Or do you want to learn more about how you can support and advocate for Autistic and Neurodivergent people? Come and join us at one of the below events and learn about Autistic Acceptance from the experts, Autistic people!

Visit www.caspabromley.org.uk/autismacceptanceweek for details on how to register for these events.

MARCH 26 BROMLEY AUTISM SHOW
OAKLEY HOUSE, BR2 8HA
1PM - 8PM
Local Services & Speakers
Inc. 'It's raining Cats and Dogs' Author Michael Barton, Jordan James 'The Autistic Photographer' and more!

MARCH 28 18+ CONNORS NIGHT
OAKLEY HOUSE, BR2 8HA
7PM - 9:30PM
THEME: WEAR GREEN TO BE SEEN
Celebrating autism & neurodiversity. AUTISTIC ADULTS & FRIENDS WELCOME

APRIL 10 FAMILY ACTIVITY DAY
BROMLEY UNITED REFORM CHURCH BR1 1RY
1PM - 4PM
Come and celebrate Autism at this Family event, with bouncy castles, trains and other children's entertainment. SUPPORTED BY CASPA STAFF AND PARTNER AGENCIES

Events in partnership with

CASPA **Bromley** **BROMLEY AUTISM PARTNERSHIP** **NHS** South East London

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Class Assemblies

We were treated to not one but TWO splendid assemblies this week.

On Thursday, our amazing Reception children shared with us their learning about minibeasts and the story of The Very Hungry Caterpillar. All accompanied by some lovely singing and dancing. It brought sunshine to our school on a very grey day.



This morning Year 3 performed a very energetic re-telling of Henry VIII and his six wives, drawing on all they have learned about the Tudors this term. It was a lovely way to complete our week.

Thank you, as always, to the teachers and support staff for preparing the children so well and to parents and carers for coming to watch.



Pupil of the Week

Congratulations to this week's winners!

Reception - Jeshurun and Elijah

Year 1 - Lorenzo

Year 2 - Zoe

Year 3 - Sofia K

Year 4 - Zack

Year 5 - Justeena

Year 6 - Izabella

Mother's Day Breakfast

MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

CELEBRATE MOTHER'S DAY Friday 8th March
8am in school hall.

Your child/children would like to serve you breakfast and present you with a small gift.
(please bring your own coffee cup for hot drinks)

Tickets are £5 per mummy and payable through pay.

POSTER MAKER

Class Assembly

Year 1	22.03.24
Year 4	08.03.24
Year 5	27.03.24
Year 6	15.03.24

Have a wonderful weekend.

Miss Veronica Maher



TERM DATES

Spring Term 2024

Last day of term Thursday 28th March 2024

Summer Term 2024:

First day of term Monday 15th April 2024

Bank Holiday

Half-term 27.05.24 – 31.05.2024

Last day of term Friday 19th July 2024

INSET DAYS

Monday 6th May 2024

27.05.24 – 31.05.2024

Friday 19th July 2024

Monday 22nd, Tuesday 23rd and Wednesday 24th July 2024

TERM DATES

ACADEMIC YEARS 2024 - 2025

Autumn Term 2023:

INSET DAYS:

Tuesday 27th August 2024

Wednesday 28th August 2024

First day back: Thursday 29th August 2024

Half-term 21.10.21 – 1.11.24

Last day of term Friday 20th December 2024

Spring Term 2025:

First day of term Monday 6th January 2025

Half-term 17.02.25 – 21.02.25

Last day of term Friday 4th April 2025

Summer Term 2025:

First day of term Tuesday 22nd April 2025

Bank Holiday

Half-term 26.05.25 – 30.05.2025

Last day of term Friday 18th July 2025

INSET DAYS

Monday 21st, Tuesday 22nd and Wednesday 23rd July 2025