



St. Philomena's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher: Miss V Maher

Newsletter – 10 March 2023 Spring Term

Living Willow Workshop

Due to weather conditions the workshop was sadly cancelled. A rearranged date is to be confirmed.

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.



Parent Teacher Meetings

It was great to see so many of you when you came to meet with teachers this week. I am confident you found all the conversations around children's progress, attainment and behaviour positive and constructive.

If you were unable to keep your appointment, please contact the school to re-arrange. Working in partnership with parents is key to the success of the children.

Road Safety

Following on from last week's shocking accident on the zebra crossing outside school, I am pleased to share the following :-

- School have written to the council appealing for additional measures to be considered near the crossing
- I received additional information from one parent to help support our case
- Another parent works for an organisation called 'Traffic Watch' (Dante in Year 5's Mum – Carol) and has requested that they install an automatic traffic counter (ATC) outside school to provide us with some hard data to justify our concerns. They have agreed to do

so, which is amazing ! You can find out more about how it works here

- <https://www.trafficwatchuk.co.uk/automatic-traffic-counters>
- Ms Sawyer (Mum of Miller in Reception) is also organising a petition and has been in contact with a family member, Tracy Morrish, at Bromley council who deals with traffic management. Do seek her out if you wish to add your name to the petition !

This is such a wonderful response from our school community – thank you everyone !

Will keep you updated.

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 21st 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 17th 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



Year 1 Owl Visit

On Thursday morning, we welcomed the most beautiful selection of owls to school. Our Year 1 children are currently learning all about animals' habitats and they took part in a special workshop. Thank you to our Year 1 teacher, Mrs B, for organising these gorgeous visitors.



Easter Treat Raffle

All children, parents, carers and friends are invited to purchase raffle tickets for our Easter Raffle that are on display in the school entrance area.

Tickets are £1 per strip. Please make payment online and raffle tickets will be sent home in your child's book bag. Winners will be drawn on Friday 31st March 2023.

All funds raised will go into School Fund - which is spent on enhancing school life for the pupils in many different ways – this fund 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 real strength here at St Philomena's.



Thank you for your support.

Year 4 Class Assembly

Well done Year 4 for your fantastic assembly this morning. Their assembly was about the Ancient Roman's and the legacy that they have left on World History. The children have been learning about the myths, villas, armies and inventions of the Roman Empire and shared this with the school through re-enactment and songs.

Thank you to Mr Oviveri, Mrs Bartlett and Mrs Weatherall.

PTA Events



Any offers of help would be greatly appreciated at the Bunny Hop Disco. Please contact Mrs Miller kmiller38.305@lgflmail.org

Class Assembly List

Rocksteady Concert-Thursday 23rd March

Reception -Friday 24th March

Year 5 Passion Play -Wednesday 29th March

Year 1 -Friday 31st March

Year 2 - Thursday 20th April

Year 2 Class Assembly

Please note this has been postponed to Thursday 20th April 2023.

We apologise for any inconvenience this change of date may cause at this late stage but it is unavoidable – sorry.



Class Assembly

PE Kit

I am seeing an increasing number of children wearing incorrect items for PE, particularly trainers. Please note that children **must** wear black plimsolls for PE in line with our uniform policy. Thank you for your cooperation



Attendance Race

2022- 2023

Attendance and Lateness for the week beginning 20^h February 2023:

Class	Attendance (%)	Lates (occasions)
Reception	89	1
Year 1	98	0
Year 2	99	0
Year 3	94	1
Year 4	97	0
Year 5	98	0
Year 6	98	2

Year 2 are the winners this week – well done !

League Table

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

Weeks in competition: 17
(full weeks only)

OVERALL ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK 96.2%

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

SUMMER 2023

April £22.00

May £41.80

June £44.00

July £33.00

Have a wonderful weekend

Miss Veronica Maher

