



St. Philomena's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher: Miss V Maher

Newsletter – 17 March 2023 Spring Term

Living Willow Workshop

This week, as part of our design technology curriculum, we participated in a Living Willow workshop. We learnt about the environmental benefits of using natural materials in design and learnt to cut,



plant and weave willow. We built a beautiful bike sculpture and a reading dome to honour the memory of Maria Meaney.



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.

Kitchen

This week we had an unannounced visit from the London Borough of Bromley Kitchen Hygiene Inspection Team (in association with the Food Standards Agency).

We are very proud to say that we are noted as having "Good standards of operation" and we achieved a

scoring of 5 – 5 is the top of the scale and means that the hygiene standards are very good and fully comply with the law.

This relates particularly to how our food is handled, stored and prepared, the cleanliness of the facilities and how food safety is managed.



Huge congratulations to Richard and the catering team

Year 3 Trip to London Aquarium

On Monday, Year 3 travelled to the London Aquarium to learn about animals found in the Amazon Rainforest. They saw a variety of animals including sea - turtles, stingrays and sharks! We also got to see some of the famous London landmarks such as the London Eye and The Houses of Parliament. A great day was had by all!



PTA Events



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

School Fund Contribution

St Philomena's CP School is a Company Limited by Guarantee, registered in England and Wales, company number 09218084. Registered office: St Philomena's CP School, Chelsfield Rd, Orpington



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.

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

Attendance Race

2022- 2023

Attendance and Lateness for the week beginning 6^h March 2023:

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

Year 5 are the winners this week – taking them even further into the lead - well done ! (but there is still time to catch up)

League Table

Year	No. of Wins
Reception	1
Year 1	1
Year 2	2
Year 3	3
Year 4	2
Year 5	7
Year 6	2

Weeks in competition: 18

(full weeks only)

OVERALL ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK 95.3%

Scooter and Bicycles !

Pupils / Children /adults should not cycle or ride their scooters on the school drive or on the school playground !

This is strictly prohibited for the safety of everybody using the school premises. Please be good role models to your children by insisting that they adhere to the rules – thank you !



STAFF CAR PARK

Could we please request that you **DO NOT** park in the staff car park **AT ANY TIME** (including for before or after school clubs) – even for short drop offs - as the car park is very busy with staff coming and going and, therefore, is not a safe place for children. We wish to avoid any accidents.

Thank you for your co-operation and understanding

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

