



# St. Philomena's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher: Miss V Maher

## Newsletter – 24 March 2023 Spring Term

### Reception Assembly

Reception were delighted to perform their Spring Play and showcase their fantastic talents in Expressive Arts. They were able to perform a wide variety of song and dance and we are very proud of their achievement.



### Rocksteady Concert

Once again, we were so impressed with our budding rockstars as they performed in their bands for the concert yesterday. Their confidence and ability are incredible and we are so proud of each and every one of them.

Our Rocksteady tutor, David does such a fantastic job with patience and good humour. Flyers also went home yesterday for those who may wish to join – there are a couple of spaces available.

### Bunny Hop Disco

I know the children are really excited about their evening of dancing and fun ! Thank you to the PTA for organising this event, I'm sure it will be a great success !

### Family Quiz Night

This was such an enjoyable evening and it was lovely to see so many of our families, the Hall was packed ! Thank you to Mrs Anderson and Mrs Miller for putting everything together and to Richard for cooking the food. A total of £ 513 was raised which will go towards the cost of the next trip for Reception class.

### Safety



Please be aware that the speed limit on the school drive is 5 miles per hour at all times –please stick to this limit to keep us all safe !

### Year 6 Imperial War Museum Trip

*On Wednesday we went on a trip to the Imperial War Museum. We visited the WWI and WWII galleries. We also attended a*



*session with Dave and Jess, who were both eye witnesses during the conflicts. Dave is a Veteran – he served in the army from 1979 to 2001. We learnt about how he served in various countries and how his children found it hard moving every 2 years. We saw all of his medals and even felt his army boots – they were so heavy! Jess was born during the Second World War and grew up in its aftermath. She showed her album that her father put together of a whole community who slept in an underground tunnel during the Blitz in 1940. Overall, we had an amazing experience and would love to go back again!*  
Natalia and Kim

### 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.

### Wacky Onesie Walk

CAFOD Club and the RE Ambassadors organised a "Wacky Onesie Walk" to raise funds for the Catholic Children's Society during this Lenten season.

It was a joyous day as the children walked together, while singing and dancing to music. Please don't forget to sponsor your child if you haven't already.

Thank you

Diara, Ruby-Ann, Bobby and Bethany



### Ofsted questionnaire

I have had a very positive response to yesterday's Ofsted questionnaire so thank you to all those who have completed it. I will keep it open over the weekend. Here is the link again, should you need it.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe5lyDZZXHHwTCMjvWlEzPvjIM8ZUxy-xly6f1NoEcdFaXudg/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe5lyDZZXHHwTCMjvWlEzPvjIM8ZUxy-xly6f1NoEcdFaXudg/viewform?usp=sf_link)

### 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.



### Class Assembly List

Year 5 Passion Play -Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March

Year 1 -Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March

**Year 2 - Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April**

### Year 2 Class Assembly

Please note this has been postponed to Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> March 2023:

Class	Attendance (%)	Lates (occasions)
Reception	93	5
Year 1	95	0
Year 2	97	1
Year 3	99	0
Year 4	93	1
Year 5	97	1
Year 6	94	2

Year 3 are the winners this week – well done !

### League Table

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

**Weeks in competition: 19**

**(full weeks only)**

**OVERALL ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK 94.3%**

## TERM DATES

Have a wonderful weekend

### 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

