



# St. Philomena's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher: Miss V Maher

## Newsletter – 21 April 2023 Summer Term

It was lovely, as always, to welcome the children back to school on Monday. I do hope you all managed to have a restful and enjoyable Easter break.

### Mass for the New Term

Father Cyriacus joined us this morning to celebrate Mass with the whole school, asking for God's blessings for the term ahead. Thank you to Ms Omilegan for organising the children, to Fr Cyriacus for celebrating the Eucharist in school, to the children for participating so beautifully and those parents and carers who came along too.

### Year 3 Swimming Lessons

We are pleased to inform you that swimming lessons will commence for all Year 3 children on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2023 at Darrick Wood Pool for ten morning sessions.



Every Wednesday, pupils are to bring a named plastic carrier bag or swim bag with trunks/costume, a towel, goggles and swimming hat. Goggles are optional and are the pupil's own responsibility during the lesson and when getting changed.

Boys and girls **MUST** wear a swimming hat in the pool at all times and pupils who do not have a hat **will not** be allowed in the pool. Swimming hats can be bought at any sports shop. There are large quantities of schools swimming at the pool every day and, as well as a precaution with regards to hygiene, the hats prevent hair from clogging the filter and keeps hair out of the children's faces. Girls must have a one piece costume as tankinis and bikinis are not allowed and boys should wear standard swim shorts or trunks. These are the swimming pool rules which are enforced for reasons of hygiene and safety.

If children do not have the required equipment, they will not be permitted to take part in the swimming lesson – they will still travel to the pool but will sit on the side.



*St Philomena's CP School cordially requests the pleasure of the children's company at a garden party fit for royalty, in honour of Prince Charles III Coronation.*



*We will be turning school into Buckingham Palace for the day and the children will have a "Picnic at the Palace" in the school grounds*

*Date: Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2023 Time: 12.00 Noon*

We will be eating outdoors on the day and school dinner will be meaty or quorn hotdogs, vegetable sticks, crisps, celebration cake/fruit platter. Pupils are welcome to bring a packed

*Dress Code: Posh Frocks/Finery/ Formal attire or National Dress*

All pupils will be given a small memento on the day to remember the occasion; a donation to the school of a minimum of £1 would be greatly appreciated. Please could this be paid online by Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

### Year 2 Class Assembly

It was wonderful to witness the enthusiasm of our Year 2 children, as they shared all of their learning about Space. Not only did they tell us all they had been taught, but we also saw examples of their written work, 3D planet representations and artwork. They finished the assembly with some beautiful singing and instrument playing. Well done to the children and thank you to Mrs Turner, Mrs Wenban, Mrs Foscett and all the adults who work with Year 2.

### Football

Last night our team accomplished a resounding victory against Chislehurst St Nicholas' School with a 5-1 result! It was a really exciting match to watch and the teamwork of our boys was brilliant to watch. Particular congratulations to Ryan for scoring a hat trick! They are now through to the final of the Small schools' Spring Cup Challenge taking place next week. Well done, and good luck boys!



### Industrial Action

A letter was shared yesterday regarding the situation for the planned closure of the school on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April and Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May due to industrial action. Please check your email to ensure you have received it and are in a position to make alternative arrangements in good time.

### After School Clubs

All clubs due back next week – clubs slips were sent home yesterday. If your child did not get a space their name will be put on the waiting list.

### Attendance Race 2022- 2023

**Attendance and Lateness for the week beginning 27<sup>th</sup> March 2023:**

Class	Attendance (%)	Lates (occasions)
Reception	98	4
Year 1	95	3
Year 2	94	1
Year 3	99	2
Year 4	98	1
Year 5	98	4
Year 6	95	1

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	5
Year 4	3
Year 5	7
Year 6	2

**Weeks in competition: 2(full weeks only)**

**OVERALL ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK 96.9%**

### 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.



### Important Dates

Monday 01/05/23 – Bank Holiday  
Wednesday 03/05/23 – Pre SATs Mass 11.00 am  
Friday 05/05/23 – King's Coronation Garden Party  
Monday 08/05/23 – Bank Holiday  
Tuesday 09/05/23 – SATs Week  
Tuesday 23/05/23 – Marian Service 9.30 am  
Monday 05/06/23 – Inset Day (No children in school)  
Thursday 22/06/23 – VanCols Class Photos  
Wednesday 28/06/23 – Sports Day & Summer Fair  
(weather permitting)  
Wednesday 12/07/23 – Sports Day (back up)  
Thursday 20/07/23 – Last Day of Term

### TERM DATES

### ACADEMIC YEARS 2022 - 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 £2.60 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	£26.00
May	£52.00
June	£49.40
July	£36.40

Have a wonderful weekend.

Miss Veronica Maher



