



St. Philomena's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher: Miss V Maher

Newsletter – 13 May 2022 Summer Term

It's been such an incredibly busy week here at St Philomena's.

Crowning of Our Lady

Thank you so much to all the parents, carers and grandparents who joined us for this beautiful event. We think of Our Lady especially during the months of May and October and make full use of the opportunity to request she takes our prayers to God. It is important to honour the significant role Mary played in the life of Jesus and what better way to show our appreciation than the gift of flowers.



The children, sang and read beautifully and it was so lovely to see our older children taking the younger ones with them to lay their flowers. You will be delighted to know that the majority of the flowers were taken to a local residential care home, Apsley Court,

where they were accepted with joy. The remainder are set at the foot of our main statue of Our Lady indoors and at Our Lady of Lourdes in the prayer garden.



Parent Survey – Google Forms

Thank you to all those who took part in our online survey. Once analysed, we will share the results with you. Your views are incredibly important to us and whilst celebrating what we do very well, I'm sure we will identify some areas for improvement.

Year 6 SATs

I would like to start by congratulating our phenomenal Year 6 children for facing the challenge of SATs with maturity and commitment. This is a significant time for them and they were all so sensible and supportive of each other, which was great to see.

We must also acknowledge the extraordinary hard work put in by Ms Omilegan and all the adults working with Year 6 to prepare the children and, most importantly, not to stress them out. We always encourage the children to do their very best and for that we are so proud of them.

Now onto the end of year production....!

SATs monitoring

On Wednesday morning, we were visited by two representatives from the Local Authority to oversee our administration of the tests. This is a random visit that happens at all schools every few years as a matter of course, and ensures that all schools are following the rules e.g. test papers not opened early etc... Our visitors were delighted with our procedures and commented on how wonderful our children were too.

Marvellous Machines

This term Reception class are learning about Marvellous Machines. Jason and Amber's dad visited last Friday with his 3D printer and demonstrated how to print different items.





SPORTS DAY AND SUMMER FAIR DETAILS

Sports Day will take place on Wednesday 22nd June.
 Reception/KS1 event will take place at 9.30-11.15.
 KS2 event will be 1.15-3.15.

Our annual PTA Summer Fair will also be held on the same day. The fun will start at 3.15 pm and will finish at 5.15 pm.



School Fund Contribution

Thank you to all of you who have already contributed to our school fund this term. 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 on our Pay360 online system (under products, online shop). Your contributions are very much appreciated.

Platinum Jubilee Street Party

St Philomena's will be holding a street party event on the afternoon of Monday 6th June 2022, our first day back after the half term break, to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Children are invited to dress up in the decades of the Queens if they wish - the Queen succeeded to the Throne on the **6 February, 1952** on the death of her father, King George VI, so we will start from the 1950's:

- Year 6 1950's
- Year 5 1960's
- Year 4 1970's
- Year 3 1980's
- Year 2 1990's
- Year 1 2000's
- Reception Kings/Queens/Princesses



Dates to Remember

Summer Term 2022:

Bank Holiday	02.05.22
EYFS & KS1 Sports Day	22.06.22
KS2 Sports Day	22.06.22
Summer Fayre	22.06.22
Half-term	30.05.22 – 03.06.22
Bank Holiday	15.06.22
Last day of term	Thursday 21 st July 2022
*Staff Training Day	Friday 22nd July

ACADEMIC YEARS 2022 – 2023 TERM DATES

Autumn Term 2022:

Inset Days:	Tuesday 30 August
	Wednesday 31st August 2022
First day back:	Thursday 1 st September
Half-term	17.10.22 – 28.10.22
Last day of term	Wednesday 21 st December

Spring Term 2023:

First day of term	Tuesday 3 rd January 2023
Half-term	13.02.23 – 17.02.23
Last day of term	Friday 31 st March 2023

Summer Term 2023:

First day of term	Monday 17 th April 2023 Bank Holiday
	01.05.23
Half-term	29.05.23 – 02.06.2023
Last day of term	Friday 21 July 2023

Have a wonderful weekend



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