



# St. Philomena's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher: Miss V Maher

## Newsletter – 20 May 2022 Summer Term

### Year End Production

In consideration of the current situation regarding the Covid Pandemic, we have taken the precaution of going ahead with our year end production, however, the cast will consist of year 6 pupils only.

#### PERFORMANCE TIMES:

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July (dress rehearsal) at 2pm –  
for Infant children only

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July at 2.00pm – afternoon  
performance for KS2 children and parents

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July at 7.00pm – evening  
performance for parents/adults only

### SPORTS DAY AND SUMMER FAIR DETAILS

Sports Day will take place on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.

### RECEPTION – TRIP TO ORPINGTON FIRE STATION

The children visited Orpington Fire Station on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2022 to explore the station and vehicles in relation to their Marvellous Machines topic. They visited the fire station and learnt about modern technology to extinguish fires, compared with methods used in the past. The children made their own fire back at school, and compared cooking on the fire to using an oven or toaster.



## Reception

We were also super excited to discover that Teddy the Tadpole had metamorphosed into Freddy the frog!



## Request for Leave of Absence

A gentle reminder that if you are planning to take your child out of school during term time, this is not automatically authorised. Much will depend on the reason for the absence, your child's attendance record etc..

Here is the relevant section from our Attendance Policy for reference. Please note this is 'national' and not just particular to St Philomena's.

### *Requests for leave of absence*

***4.1 2013 Amendments to The Education (Pupil Registration England) Regulations 2006 have removed references to family holidays and extended leave as well as the statutory threshold of ten school days. The amendments make clear that headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. Headteachers should determine the number of school days a child can be away from school if the leave is granted.***

## Girls Brigade

Congratulations to Izabella for Best Explorer and Best Junior in Girls Brigade – she has been attending since Reception and takes part in many activities.



## Platinum Jubilee Street Party

St Philomena's will be holding a street party event on the afternoon of Monday 6<sup>th</sup> 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
	Queens/Princesses



## **Orpington Library**

Orpington Library are taking part in the Orpington Literary Festival which is now underway and there is a fantastic author event for ages 8-12 this coming Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May, details are below

**Author: Venessa J Taylor**

**Date: Sat 21<sup>st</sup> May**

**Time: 11-12**

**Venue: The Green Room, 51 The Walnuts**

Please see below for more info about Venessa Taylor and her series: Baller Boys

Venessa Taylor is a number 1 best selling author and winner of the 2021 People's Book Prize. Baller Boys is the first in a series of books about two boys who want to join their local football club and involves themes of family, friendships and empathy. The session will be a fun interactive workshop plus readings from Venessa's book.

Orpington Library  
Bromley Partnership

<http://www.better.org.uk/library/london/bromley>



## Inter-Class Attendance Race

The attendance rates have not been affected by any absence due to Covid-19 (isolation/symptoms or testing).

**Attendance and Lateness for the week beginning 9th May 2022:**

Class	Attendance (%)	Lates (occasions)
Reception	96	0
Year 1	100	0
Year 2	99	0
Year 3	99	0
Year 4	96	1
Year 5	94	4
Year 6	99	1

Year 1 are the winners this week – they were all in everyday and on time - Well done ! Stickers were given out to year 1 this week.

## **League Table**

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

**Weeks in competition: 25 (full weeks only)**

**OVERALL ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK 97.7%**



## Dates to Remember

### **Summer Term 2022:**

<b>Bank Holiday</b>	<b>02.05.22</b>
<b>Summer Fair Meeting</b>	<b>25.05.22 at 2.50pm</b>
EYFS & KS1 Sports Day	22.06.22
KS2 Sports Day	22.06.22
School Photos	23.06.22
Summer Fayre	22.06.22
Half-term	30.05.22 – 03.06.22
<b>Bank Holiday</b>	<b>15.06.22</b>
Rock Steady Concert	07.07.22
Last day of term	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2022
<b>*Staff Training Day</b>	<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July</b>

## **ACADEMIC YEARS 2022 – 2023 TERM DATES**

### **Autumn Term 2022:**

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

### **Spring Term 2023:**

First day of term	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2023
Half-term	13.02.23 – 17.02.23
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
<b>Bank Holiday</b>	<b>01.05.23</b>
Half-term	29.05.23 – 02.06.2023
Last day of term	Friday 21 July 2023

Have a wonderful weekend



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