



# St. Philomena's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher: Miss V Maher

## Newsletter – 10 November 2023

### Autumn Term

#### Choir Trip

The choir enjoyed an exciting theatrical workshop guided by a distinguished stage director from both Matilda and the Royal Shakespeare Theatre. They enjoyed lunch at the Portrait Gallery, immersing themselves in art through the ages. Choir returned to the theatre, where they enjoyed a performance of "Matilda," bringing a perfect end to their artistic journey.



#### Steel Band Workshop

The children loved participating in the Steel Pan workshop today, they learned how to play different notes on the steel pans and then put them altogether to create a beautiful tune. We also enjoyed a fantastic performance by Shareen who led the workshop at the end of the day. So many children have come up to me today to tell me how much they enjoyed the experience!



#### Term Dates for 2024-2025

We will be looking at the term dates for 2024-2025 next week and will send to parents as soon as they are available.

### Remembrance Assembly

This week we gathered in the Hall for a special assembly marking Remembrance Day. Each class laid a wreath of poppies made by the children and we gave a lot of thought to the importance of remembering the service and sacrifice of all those who have lost their lives in conflict since World War I. Thank you to those parents who joined us.



### Year 1

Year 1 celebrated Diwali by enjoying traditional Sri Lankan food and participating in a Sri Lankan dance workshop. We made Rangoli patterns and told the story of Rama and Sita by candlelight.



### Christmas Fair

Christmas fair Saturday 2nd December 1-3pm. We are looking for independent stall holders, so if any small businesses would like to hold a stall at the fair to contact the school office for us to pass details on to Mrs Miller. The Christmas fair is to be run by parents this year. Each year group will come up with their own stall idea (and let Mrs Miller know) the stall will be run by volunteers from their class. The stall which makes the most money will win a prize for their class. Staff will be running Tombola, golden boxes and Christmas crackers stall. Look forward to your ideas!

### PTA Events

Next PTA Meeting – Wednesday 15 December at 9am

Own clothes day in exchange for chocolate for the Christmas Fair on Friday 17 November.

Own clothes Day -Friday 24 November in exchange for non alcohol / alcohol contribution for the Christmas Fair

Christmas Fair – Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December

Break the Rules Day – Change of date now on Tuesday 5 December

School Disco – Thursday 14 December

**BREAK THE RULES DAY!**

**TUESDAY 5TH DECEMBER**

You can:

1. Have a crazy hairstyle (coloured, wig, huge bow, etc)
2. Wear your own shoes (e.g. trainers)
3. Bring squash in your bottle
4. Bring in a cushion to sit on in class
5. Wear nail varnish
6. Wear face paint
7. Wear your own jumper
8. Wear crazy socks/tights
9. Bring an unhealthy snack for breaktime
10. Wear your slippers in the classroom
11. Wear your own joggers or skirt
12. Have a cuddly toy on your desk in class

**£1 for every rule broken to be paid online.**



### Nativity Dates

Yr 1 and Yr 2      Friday 8 December  
Reception        Thursday 14 December

### Class Assembly Dates

Yea3 Thursday 16 November  
Year 4 Friday 1 December  
Year 5 Friday 24 November  
Year 6 Friday 17 November

### Important Dates

Reception Mass – Our Lady of the Cray  
Thursday 23 November

Remembrance Assembly, School Hall  
Thursday 9 November - **All are welcome**  
9.45am

Carol Concert – Our Lady of the Cray  
Monday 18 December

### Attendance Race 2023- 2024

**Attendance and Lateness for the week  
beginning 30<sup>th</sup> October 2023 :**

Class	Attendance (%)	Lates (occasions)
Reception	97	0
Year 1	98	1
Year 2	95	1
Year 3	98	1
Year 4	98	2
Year 5	99	1
Year 6	94	2

Year 5 have won again this week. Well done !

### League Table

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



**Weeks in competition: 6 (full weeks only)**

**OVERALL ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK 97.3%**

### 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.

### TERM DATES

#### **ACADEMIC YEARS 2023 - 2024**

##### **Autumn Term 2023:**

Last day of term      Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2023

##### **Spring Term 2024:**

**INSET DAY      Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2024**

First day of term      Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Half-term      12.02.24 – 16.02.24

Last day of term      Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024

##### **Summer Term 2024:**

First day of term      Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024

##### **Bank Holiday**

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

Half-term      27.05.24 – 31.05.2024

Last day of term      Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2024

**INSET DAYS      Monday 22<sup>nd</sup>, Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2024**

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Stacey Anderson

