



St. Philomena's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher: Miss V Maher

Newsletter – 17 November 2023

Autumn Term

YEAR 6's TIME TO SHINE

Lights, Camera, Action!

World War 1 assembly

Remembering our WAR HEROS

Year 6 is a very resilient class and we enjoyed rehearsing and practising a great deal. Our teachers played enormous role in motivating us into remembering our lines and song words. We hope that this is the next exciting thing leading up to the Year 6 production.

Nicolle

Year 6 (a very busy class) only had a short amount of time to prepare this spectacular assembly about the First World War. We worked so hard to commemorate our war hero's and it really paid off. It was dedicated to those that fought and gave their lives to allow us to live as we do today. Everyone paid their respects and we got extra support from our lovely parents. We hope that everyone who witnessed our assembly enjoyed it immensely.

Ishita



Year 3 Assembly

Year 3 performed their class assembly this week to the rest of the school. The assembly was all about the Stone-Age, a topic that they have been learning about over the Autumn term. A fantastic performance was given which was very informative with lots of singing and dancing!

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 which is a trip to Air Jump. Staff will be running Tombola, golden boxes and Christmas crackers stall. Look forward to your ideas!

Stalls so far, for Christmas Fair.

Teachers

- Hot chocolate / prosecco and mince pie
- Tombola
- Crackers
- Golden boxes

Class Stalls

- Yr R - Guess the weight of the cake
- Yr 1 - Selfie Booth
- Yr 2 - Reindeer food, Christmas game meringue lollies
- Yr 3 - AWAITING – PLEASE LET MRS MILLER KNOW
- Yr 4 - AWAITING - PLEASE LET MRS MILLER KNOW
- Yr 5 - Santa's Grotto
- Yr 6 - Silvia's Sweets and Candy Floww

'Pupil of the Week' Winner

Congratulations to our pupils of the week

Reception – Daniel H

Year 1 – Theo L

Year 2 – Benji

Year 3 – Jimmy

Year 4 – Freddie

Year 5 – Chetachi

Year 6 - Shravan



Year 1 School Trip

Year 1 visited Drusillas Farm to learn about penguins, in support of their Frozen World topic. They had a wonderful time and were even able to handle snakes and chinchilla's as part of their learning experience.



Odd Socks Day – Year 1

Year 1 wore odd socks and learnt to “Make some Noise” about Bullying. We are super happy that our children have not experienced any bullying at school and know how to react if they see or hear behaviour that does not reach our high expectations.



PTA Events

Next PTA Meeting – Wednesday 15 December at 9am – it would be great to see some more parents at the PTA meetings so that we can get some ideas of fund raising for our school.

OWN CLOTHES DAY -Friday 24 November in exchange for non alcohol / alcohol contribution for the Christmas Fair

Christmas Fair – Saturday 2nd December

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

School Disco – Thursday 14 December



Christmas Cracker Competition

The PTA would like to invite you to make a Christmas cracker that can be sold at the Christmas fair. Please see attached poster.



Nativity Dates

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

Class Assembly Dates

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

Carol Concert – Our Lady of the Cray
Monday 18 December

Attendance Race 2023- 2024

Attendance and Lateness for the week
beginning 6th November 2023 :

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

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	3
Year 6	

Weeks in competition: 7 (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 20th December 2023

Spring Term 2024:

INSET DAY **Wednesday 3rd January 2024**

First day of term Thursday 4th January 2024

Half-term 12.02.24 – 16.02.24

Last day of term Thursday 28th March 2024

Summer Term 2024:

First day of term Monday 15th April 2024

Bank Holiday

Half-term 27.05.24 – 31.05.2024

Last day of term Friday 19th July 2024

INSET DAYS

Monday 6th May 2024

27.05.24 – 31.05.2024

Friday 19th July 2024

Monday 22nd, Tuesday 23rd and Wednesday 24th July 2024

TERM DATES

ACADEMIC YEARS 2024 - 2025

Autumn Term 2023:

INSET DAYS:

Tuesday 27th August 2024

Wednesday 28th August 2024

First day back: Thursday 29th August 2024

Half-term 21.10.21 – 1.11.24

Last day of term Friday 20th December 2024

Spring Term 2025:

First day of term Monday 6th January 2025

Half-term 17.02.25 – 21.02.25

Last day of term Friday 4th April 2025

Summer Term 2025:

First day of term Tuesday 22nd April 2025

Bank Holiday Monday 5th May 2025

Half-term 26.05.25 – 30.05.2025

Last day of term Friday 18th July 2025

INSET DAYS

**Monday 21st, Tuesday 22nd
and Wednesday 23rd July 2025**

Have a wonderful weekend.

Miss Veronica Maher



The Pta and Art Prefects present...

Christmas Cracker Competition!

We would like to invite you to create a Christmas cracker that will be sold at the Christmas Fair.

The crackers do not have to be traditional or festive. Last year the children created very imaginative crackers, from nativity scenes, reindeer and elves, to giant Santas and snowmen!



What to put inside the crackers

We suggest spending £1 on the content of each cracker as this is the sale price at the fair. Plenty of £1 items can be found in The Works, Home Bargains, Poundshops or online!

Naturally, we are unable to check the content of each cracker before they are sold so please...

DO INCLUDE:

Sweets / money / pens / pencils / stickers / blind bags/ fidget toys/ anything you would want your own child to receive.

DO NOT INCLUDE:

Old Halloween sweets / second-hand toys / anything containing nuts.

The crackers will be judged in two categories: infants and juniors. Gold, silver and bronze medals will be awarded to the winners!

Please give your cracker to your teacher on

Friday 1st December

Please **DO NOT** bring your cracker before this date due to lack of storage. Make sure your name and class is on the cracker

Good Luck!