



Academy Newsletter

Friday 16th October 2020

Autumn Term

Issue: 6

With the Government announcement yesterday that London has moved from Tier 1 to Tier 2, we need to be especially careful when following the Government guidelines. Please refer to the information below that we received from Dr Nada, Director of Public Health in the London Borough of Bromley. We have also attached an information poster regarding social distancing at the Academy gates.

Covid-19 - help us slow the spread **Please keep your distance at the school gates**

The numbers of Covid-19 cases in Bromley are rising, so it is important we work together to do everything we can to reduce the spread of the virus and keep our children, families and communities as safe as possible.

That's why I'm writing to ask you to make sure you follow the social distancing guidance when dropping off or collecting your child from school please, as well as considering wearing a face covering.

Covid-19 spreads mainly through respiratory droplets generated by coughing and sneezing, and through contact with contaminated surfaces, so these simple precautions can be effective in helping to stop the spread of the virus.

Please remember:

- Wash hands** – regular washing
- Cover face** – wear a face covering
- Make space** - at least two metres (6ft 6ins)

It's a small price to pay to help protect our children, families and others, especially those who are older and with health conditions.

For further information please go to:

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Then choose:

Protect yourself and others from coronavirus

Thank you so much for your support.



School Uniform Orders

Message from our uniform suppliers:

Most of our stock is imported and due largely to congestion at ports our shipments keep being delayed.

I fully appreciate how frustrated you must be.

Please rest assured that we are doing everything we possibly can to improve the situation. We will, of course, dispatch the garments as soon as we receive them.

Online Reading Scheme

We are happy to announce that the online reading scheme, provided by Collins Big Cat, is now up and running. The children should have all received their passwords along with instructions on how to log on and how the scheme works. Initial feedback is that the children are enjoying reading in this new way. Please contact the Academy if you would like any further support on this.

Bromley Autism Awareness Week (22-25th October) - Calling all volunteers!

The Bromley Autism Awareness Week will be held 22nd - 25th October in collaboration with The Glades.

Due to the outbreak of the Coronavirus in March, the National Autism Awareness Week that Bromley had originally planned in April, had to be cancelled. They are keen to make sure that Autism remains a priority in Bromley despite the challenges of the pandemic.

The Bromley All-Age Autism Working Groups need parents, professionals and people with Autism to volunteer and 'man' their Autism store in the Glades during the local 'Autism Awareness Week'.

Please see the attached flyer for further information.

PTA

The PTA are pleased to announce that they will be able to offer pre-loved uniform to anyone who is in need of any after half term. They will circulate a full inventory of items they have so that parents/carers know in advance if what they need is available. Meanwhile, anyone having any *badged* uniform which is washed and in wearable condition, please let PTA Chair John Powell have it and it will be added to the list of available items. He is available outside the main gate at most pick-up and drop-off times for Years 2 and 4.

Head Bumps

Due to the pandemic the Academy has decided the safest way to communicate that your child has experienced a head bump would be for you to receive a 'head bump' phone call at the end of the Academy day. This is to replace the 'head bump' letter that used to come home in your child's book bag.

For any serious head injuries you will still receive a phone call at the time of the accident.

Hello Yellow Fund Raising

Thank you to all those that participated in #HelloYellow-World Mental Health Day.

The children really brightened up the Academy in their yellow clothing and we enjoyed hearing their jokes.

**The Academy raised
£183.50**

Ventilation

Please note that we are required to keep windows open at this current time to ensure the rooms are well ventilated. We appreciate that there has been a drop in temperature, however please be reassured that the heating is on and the temperature of the classrooms is being monitored. Please make sure your children come into the Academy with a jumper or cardigan. You could consider your child wearing a vest or white t-shirt underneath your shirt.

Nail Varnish

Although it may be a lovely treat for your child to have nail varnish applied over the weekend or half term. We would like to remind you that it is not Academy uniform and it must be removed before your child comes into the Academy.

Thank you for your continued support.

INSET DAYS

The Academy will be closed on:

Friday 23rd October 2020

Monday 2nd November 2020

Communication

If you would like to speak to the class teacher please email or call the Academy office who will then make arrangements for this to take place as a phone call. We understand that you may have lots of questions at the gate, however we are trying to limit the amount of adult to adult contact to reduce the risk of transmission.

Many thanks.

Diary Dates

Diary Dates	Events
Friday 23 rd October 2020	INSET Day
Monday 26 th October 2020	Half Term
Monday 2 nd November 2020	INSET Day
Tuesday 3 rd November 2020	Return to the Academy
Tuesday 15 th December 2020	Flu Vaccinations
Friday 18 th December 2020	Last day of Autumn Term Stars finish at 4:30pm