



# Academy Newsletter

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2020

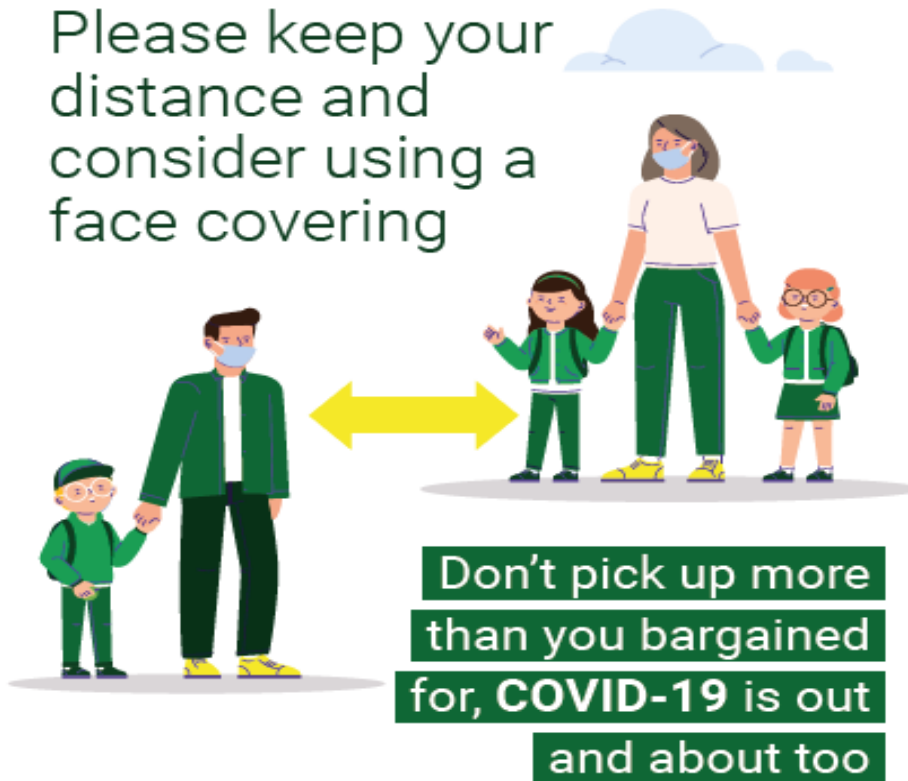
Autumn Term

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We hope you had a relaxed half term break and managed to spend quality time with your loved ones and friends safely. Unfortunately this half term is starting with an air of uncertainty with the introduction of a month long lockdown. This will no doubt bring some anxieties and concerns for some of you, and we want to reassure you that we will continue to provide your children with the care, nurture and learning they need. Every measure is in place to mitigate risks and guidance is searched routinely to ensure we can keep each other as safe as possible. So as this half term starts and as we head into another National lockdown, we will be encouraging you more than ever to observe social distancing at the gates and to wear a face mask, if possible, in order to keep each other safe. Please also remember to contact the Academy office should you have any queries or need any advice, as opposed to speaking to Academy staff at the gate, so we can support you appropriately and safely.

## School's out

Please keep your distance and consider using a face covering





## Parents' Evening

Thank you to those of you who have booked a parents' evening slot using SchoolCloud. For those who haven't yet booked please visit <https://stpeterstpaulcatholic.schoolcloud.co.uk> to book your appointments. You will need your parent log in information which was given to your child this week in a sealed envelope. We have extended the booking period until Sunday 8th November to give you all an opportunity to make an appointment.

If you have made an appointment please keep your log in information safe as you will need to use this on the day. As you know the meetings will be held virtually using SchoolCloud so you will need to log into your account 5-10 minutes before your appointment. You will then be taken to the video/audio screen where you will be instructed to join the video appointment. Academy staff will be using audio only and you may prefer to do the same - you can click on the camera icon to turn off the video. Appointments will last 5 minutes, please be aware that the software ends the meetings automatically at the end of the time allocation and neither the parents or the teacher can prevent this. There is a countdown on the screen which will alert you as to how much time you have remaining. We look forward to meeting you, albeit virtually.

## Free School Meals

Please apply for Free School Meals regardless of your child's age. You may benefit in two ways if you are successful.

- 1) You will receive £50 credit for use at the Academy.
- 2) As you may have heard in the press, the government policy may change and you may be eligible for food vouchers during the school holidays.

## Harvest Donation

Bromley Borough Food Bank would like to thank St Peter and St Paul Catholic Primary Academy for sending our harvest donations. This year it totaled 116.3kg. This means that Bromley Foodbank is able to help more people who need help in Bromley.

Thank you to everyone that donated!

## Ten Ten Parent

Each class uses the resources supplied by Ten Ten for their weekly collective worship. If you would like to share some of the activities and prayers with your child at home, please use the link on the Academy website under 'Catholic Life'. You will find the link under the 'Catholic Life at Home' tab - Ten Ten Parent Newsletter.

## Uniform

Current guidelines state that ventilation still needs to remain in place in all areas of the Academy. Please be reassured that we have increased the temperature of the classrooms since returning after half term, especially as the temperature has dropped. However, we are happy to make reasonable adjustments to our uniform if your child is still feeling the chill whilst they are working. We are happy for pupils to wear a plain black, blue or green gilet or fleece for inside use, however please ensure you still supply them with a suitable outdoor coat to keep them warm at playtime.

## PTA Fundraising

The Academy PTA is registered with *easyfundraising* which means you could help us to raise funds for the school at no extra cost to yourself. Since some of our normal fundraising events are on hold, this is a great opportunity to keep raising much needed funds for the school. When you shop online, with over 4,100 of your favourite retailers, including John Lewis & Partners, Amazon, eBay, notonthehighstreet, you will raise FREE donations for St Peter and St Paul Catholic Primary Academy PTA. If you are not already signed up, it only takes a couple of minutes, and then you can begin using the *easyfundraising* website or app straightaway - simply shop online as normal. This will be an enormous help to the school, at absolutely no extra cost to yourself. Visit our *easyfundraising* page to get started:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stpstprimarypta>

## One Lottery

Please see the attached flyer for the One Lottery.

## Nametags

Please help the PTA to raise money by purchasing your child's name tags from <http://www.mynametags.com> The Academy ID number is: 31250

## Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November – Special Menu

On Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November Nourish is providing a special thank you menu in recognition of Key Workers. This is in celebration of National School Meals week and to recognise the great work of all key workers this year.

Please see the attached menu.



## Children In Need

On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November, we are marking Children in Need by having a non-uniform day. If your child has PE this day, please send them in wearing appropriate clothing for PE. We are asking for donations of £1 or £2 which can be made through School Comms. Please do not send money into the Academy.

Each class will also be participating in their 'Five to Thrive' Primary School campaign. The aim of the campaign is to make children's well being a number one priority. This is especially important this year and will compliment the Recovery Curriculum work we carried out at the beginning of the year 'Here We Are'. Each day next week will have a different focus with a video and some follow up activities. The themes for each day are: Monday: Connect; Tuesday: Take Notice; Wednesday: Get Active; Thursday: Be Curious; Friday: Give.



# Diary Dates

Diary Dates	Events
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> November 2020	Remembrance Day – 2 minute silence at 11:00am
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> November 2020	Nourish Special Lunch – see attached
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> November 2020	Children In Need – Non-uniform Day
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December 2020	Flu Vaccinations
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2020	Last day of Autumn Term <b>Stars finish at 4:30pm</b>

## Midday Supervisor Vacancy

St Peter and St Paul Catholic Primary Academy are seeking to appoint a Mid-Day Assistant from Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November or as soon as possible thereafter.

This is a fixed-term post for 1.5 hours per day, five days a week until the end of the academic year.

Pay scale: BR2/BR3 according to experience

Applicants will preferably have;

- A minimum NVQ Level 2 or equivalent
- Previous experience working with children

Practising Catholics are desirable but not essential.

If you are interested in this post please contact the Academy Office for an application pack.

St Peter and St Paul Catholic Primary Academy is committed to the safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all members of staff to share this commitment. Any appointment will be subject to receipt of satisfactory health check, references and enhanced DBS check.