



Academy Newsletter

Thursday 22nd October 2020
Autumn Term
Issue: 7

As we have reached the last day of a very different half term, we would like to take the opportunity to thank you again for your continued support. We have been very fortunate to have no positive cases of Covid-19 at St Peter and St Paul Catholic Primary Academy, especially as we have heard of cases in several local schools. We would like to commend the whole Academy community in their efforts to keep themselves and others safe and supporting the changes that are now becoming the new normal. We will be continuing with the measures put in place for this half term and although a challenging time for everyone, we are pleased to have provided as near to 'normal' education as we can.

We wish everyone a well deserved restful half term and look forward to seeing the pupils back in the Academy on Tuesday 3rd November.

Bromley has created a simple poster to identify some of the key points of being within a tier two area. Please see below.

COVID-19 Local level

HIGH ALERT

Follow the Covid-19 guidance

Only socialise indoors with people you live with or those in your bubble

Work from home if you can

Travel less

Socialise outdoors with people who are not in your bubble or household in groups of six

www.bromley.gov.uk/covid-19

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Father Cyriacus, Parish Priest, Our Lady of the Crays, sends the following message to all parents.

Supplementary Information Forms for Church School Applications

If you are applying for a Secondary school place for your child and the school you are applying for requires a Supplementary Information Form, these must **only** be submitted to Father Cyriacus for signing if :-

You live in the parish of Our Lady of the Crays and this is where you and your family attend Mass (this does not include your child's attendance at Mass with the school)

Father Cyriacus is **not** in a position to sign your Supplementary Information Form just because your child attends St Peter and St Paul Catholic Primary Academy. His signature verifies your commitment to the Catholic faith demonstrated by your attendance at Mass at Our Lady of the Crays on Saturday or Sunday.

Please note, the same applies for Early Years applicants for the academic year 2021-2022

To all parents and carers of SEN children

Orpington Football Club would like to invite students of ALL ABILITIES aged 7-15 to join our SEN friendly football training at Goddington Park on 31 October, 21 November and 19 December from 10-11 am. There will be more training dates in 2021 - to be confirmed.

All the children need is an ability to move freely on the grass and a willingness to listen, play and have fun! The training will be held on the pitches near the Goddington Park Pavilion, which you can see from the Goddington Park parking lot. Please come to the Football Academy check-in desk next to the Academy flag, to register your child and pay £3 for the session.

We ask that parents stay on the premises while the session takes place. Teas, coffee and hot chocolates are available for £1.50 from the Pavilion (please wear a mask inside).

The session will be overseen by qualified coaches with the intention to give an enjoyable and informative practise session for all!

Children need no special equipment, but should wear loose fitting clothes/training kit, trainers and bring a water bottle. They can wear football kit and shin pads if they want to.

If you are interested or have any questions, please contact us on orpingtonfc@gmail.com.

Hope to see you soon at OFC, Goddington Park, Goddington Lane, Orpington, BR6 9DH!

Any further questions please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards,

Simon

Trustee /Head of Football
Orpington Football Club

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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.

Autism Support Engagement - Bromley Local Offer

Parents and carers of children and young people who have social communication difficulties, including Autism, are invited to attend a Zoom session to help shape the new Autism Family Support Contract, which is due to start in 2021. These sessions will be taking place in November. For more details please see the attached poster.

Meet Your PTA

As we cannot have our usual AGM this term, the 2019-20 officers will continue in post for a further year. We are still keen to hear from parents who want to be involved as and when it becomes practical, and of course any ideas for future activities. So to introduce ourselves, the 'Executive' group consist of:

Chair:	John Powell	(children in Years 2 and 4)
Secretary:	Melissa Olivier	(children in Years 2 and 4)
Treasurer:	Aurelijia Baikstiene	(child in Year 6)
Asst Secretary:	Helen Hobson	(child in Year 4)

We are all contactable via email to the office, or in person at pick-up or drop-off.

PTA Easyfundraising

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>

Sports Equipment

The PTA were able to secure a variety of sports equipment for the Academy to the cost of £1000. The children are looking forward to utilising this in their upcoming PE lessons. A big thank you from all the staff and pupils.

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

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

Midday Supervisor Vacancy

St Peter and St Paul Catholic Primary Academy are seeking to appoint a Mid-Day Assistant from Monday 20th 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.