



Academy Newsletter

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The Department for Education have updated their guidance 'What Parents and Carers need to know about Early Years Providers, Schools and Colleges during the COVID 19 Outbreak'. Please see the link below for this guidance:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-in-the-autumn-term>

School's out

Please keep your distance and consider using a face covering





Anti-Bullying Week 2020

Anti-Bullying week will be taking place next week with theme for 2020 being United Against Bullying. This will be recognised in class through discussion and activities. The anti-bullying alliance have worked with Kidscape and SafeToNet to develop a tool for parents and carers to help you to support your children and bring Anti-Bullying Week to life this year. As a parent or carer you have a unique role to play in guiding and supporting your child through their school years and there are lots of positive steps you can take to help keep your child safe from bullying and harm. The link below includes details of organisations who can help to support you. There is also a downloadable pack for parents/carers at the bottom of the linked page.

<https://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week/parents-and-carers>

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.

Reminders

Please be mindful of the local community and switch off your car engines when collecting your children. Vehicle idling is an offence against the Road Traffic Regulations 2002. The law states that is an offence to idle your engine unnecessarily when stationary and you may incur a fine.

We would also like to take this opportunity to remind all parent/carers to drive cautiously when dropping or collecting their children.

It has been noted that some pupils waiting for their siblings to leave the Academy are climbing the trees. Whilst we encourage children embrace the outdoors, for their safety we ask that you don't encourage them to do this.

Bromley Y, School Wellbeing Service Improving Access to Wellbeing Support – Support Calls

Is your child experiencing difficulties with their emotional wellbeing? Are they feeling anxious and/or low and you are uncertain how to support them?

During these unprecedented times we would like to make it as easy as possible for young people and their parents/carers to receive appropriate wellbeing support. Up until the Christmas break, we are offering consultations via phone/video (up to 30mins) to talk to one of our practitioners. The aim of this is to provide advice and guidance to support the wellbeing of your child.

Email: sswellbeingsupport@bromley.y.org

Please provide your name, phone number, child's school, best times to call (morning or afternoon), a brief description of what you wish to discuss.

We will do our best to call within 5 working days to help you think about how to get the help you need. This may lead to a referral into our service or sign posting to a more appropriate service with your consent.

Visit www.bromley-y.org for self-help support

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

Children in Need

Thank you to everyone that has taken part in the Children in Need event. The donations page on School Gateway is still open and we are still able to accept donations.

The Academy has raised £165.00 and still counting...

Well Done St Peter and St Paul's Catholic Primary Academy!



“Show Me, Show Me” Creative Display

One of the many remarkable things about how both children and adults have responded to the stress and uncertainty of the Covid-19 lockdown has been the way in which creativity has been so widely embraced. We've seen many inspiring moments of spontaneous creativity since the start of the crisis. The role played by creativity has been profound. Stimulating and entertaining people while also breaching loneliness and isolation. Over the coming weeks and months, here at St Peter and St Paul Catholic Primary Academy, we want to showcase what's happening in the creative sector to support our health and wellbeing during the pandemic.

So with this in mind, we'd like to start off with “Show me, show me”.

What have you been doing creatively at home? Have you painted a picture? Have you learnt to knit or sew? Maybe you created something in the garden or used your creativity to bake and decorate some cakes? Whatever you have done, we'd love to see.

Send me, Mrs Lee, your photos of your creations with your name and class, and I will include as many as possible in the next newsletter to celebrate your works.

Diary Dates

| Diary Dates | Events |
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| Monday 16 th November 2020 | Anti-Bullying Week |
| 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.