



Academy Newsletter

Friday 27th November 2020

Autumn Term

Issue: 11

We understand that as the weather gets colder - as it has today - ventilating the classrooms, whilst at the same time ensuring a comfortable working temperature will become more challenging. The current Department for Education guidance is to have windows and doors open to ensure good ventilation. It specifically states 'The opening of doors and windows should be encouraged to increase natural ventilation'. The Environment Agency advice is that good ventilation needs to be maintained in all circumstances.

A new video campaign by the Government illustrates how Covid lingers in the air in spaces with no fresh air and advises indoor air ventilation to reduce Covid spread. Within the video it tells how research has shown that being in a room with fresh air can reduce the risk of infection from particles by over 70%. You can watch the video on this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=326lcthFCII>



Please be assured that the room temperatures are constantly monitored so the children are in a comfortable working environment. Also note that we have made adjustments to our Academy uniform so your child can wear a plain black, blue or green gilet or fleece for inside use. We currently have a limited number of Academy fleeces (see pictures) for the cost of £13.00. These are available in sizes 9-10 (x4) and

7-8 (x2) and will be allocated on a first come first served basis via the Academy Office. If these prove to be popular, we may purchase some more to meet demand.



Our Lady of the Crays First Holy Communion 2021

The next First Holy Communion Masses are scheduled for the 29th and 30th of May 2021. If you have a child in Year 3 or above and are interested in them joining the First Holy Communion programme, please send an email with your details to the parish office (crayvalley@rcaos.org.uk) as soon as possible. An information meeting for parents will be held on **Thursday the 10th of December 2020 at 7pm.**

Advent

Advent begins on Sunday 29th November. This is a period of preparation extending over the four Sundays before Christmas. Advent means 'Coming' in Latin which refers to the coming of Jesus into the world. During this time, we will be engaging in many activities with the children as we prepare for the birth of Jesus.

Please find an advent calendar attached, with suggested activities, from the Missio charity, which you may wish to share at home. Or you may wish to use the link below to access an interactive Advent calendar which has daily scripture and related activities.

<https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Primary-teaching-resources/Advent-calendar-for-children>

Both resources can also be found on the Academy website under Catholic Life at Home.

Reminders

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.

Christmas Lunch

Please complete the link below to indicate if your child will be staying for Christmas Lunch. Thank you to everyone who has already completed it.
<https://forms.gle/Bz113VeHdLKRYjoP9>



PTA Fundraising

Don't forget! The PTA's lottery initiative kicks off in just eight days time. Families are signing up, but don't worry if you haven't yet - it isn't too late. It's a super fund raiser for the PTA, and the more people who sign up, the larger the prize is at draw time! Just go to www.onelottery.co.uk and click on "Players - Support a good cause". Then start typing the Academy name in the search bar and you won't have to get very far before it springs up with the link to join. Good luck!

Star of the Week



Nursery
EYFS
Year 1
Year 2

Millie
Nellie
Alexandra
Melody

Year 3
Year 4
Year 5
Year 6

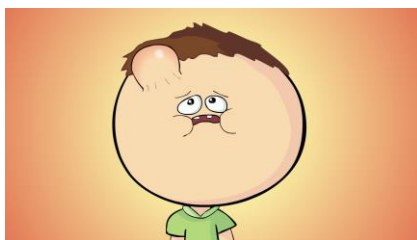
Isla
Mark
Nathan
Shaquille



Head Bumps

From the week commencing Monday 23rd November, parents started to receive a head bump email at the end of the Academy day.

Please bear this in mind and monitor your email system.



“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.

Nursery - Christmas Jumpers

From Tuesday 1st December we welcome the Seedlings Academy Nursery to wear a Christmas Jumper every day if they so wish.



Diary Dates

Diary Dates	Events
Wednesday 9 th December 2020	Christmas Lunch
Friday 11 th December 2020	Christmas Jumper Day – more information to follow
Tuesday 15 th December 2020	Flu Vaccinations
Friday 18 th December 2020	Christmas Party Day - more information to follow
Friday 18 th December 2020	Last day of Autumn Term Stars finish at 4:30pm

Academy Nursery Meets the Mayor

On Thursday 27th November, Seedlings Nursery had a very exciting morning. The poppy pictures the children created for Remembrance Day were judged by the Mayor of Bromley, Councillor Hannah Gray. She told the children that she found judging the pictures very tricky as they were all so creative, however did go on to announce our winners. In 3rd place was Isla, in 2nd place was Alva and in 1st place was Isaiah. Each winner received a certificate from the Mayor and all children in the nursery will receive a special gift. Seedlings shared a poem about

Remembrance with the Mayor which she felt was very moving and she happily answered questions from the children. It was a memorable morning for all involved. If you would like to view the artwork, it is on display in the Spitfire Cafe in Biggin Hill. We extend our thanks to Poppy's Nanny for arranging the competition and display of work at the cafe.



Mental Health Survey

What do people in Bromley understand about Mental Health and the support available to them if they need it?

Bromley School Wellbeing Service offers free Emotional Wellbeing support to young people and those that care for them (parents/carers and school staff) in the Bromley Borough. For more info please go to their website - www.bromley-y.org

They are trying to better understand what people think about Mental Health and support they can access in Bromley. This information will help them to develop their service in the best way possible. They ***have created an on-line survey and ask if you might be prepared to fill it out via the link or QR code below by 31st Dec 2020. It should take no longer than 10 minutes to complete.***

The survey can be found here:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=s8-t7hd8AkKWy2ocUVGS7mjeUImLW0FBgp//BZW0GpFUN0MyNDBGNk9OT0Y1MEZJTU1DNzVDRThRNj4u>

Or here:



Upon competition you will be entered into a prize draw to win one of five £20 vouchers!

The winner will be notified by email by 15th January 2021.

Thank you very much for your support.

Christmas Cards

To date we have not had any positive cases of Covid 19 amongst children or staff, which may be partially due to the measures we have in place of not transferring items to or from the Academy. With this in mind we have made the difficult decision not to send Christmas Cards to one another.. We understand this has been a difficult year and we would like to thank you for your continued support.

