



Academy Newsletter

Friday 5th March 2021

Spring Term

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WELCOME BACK

We are very much looking forward to welcoming all children back on Monday 8th March. Much of the day to day running of the Academy will look much the same as it did in December with staggered start times, break times, lunchtimes and home times. The children will continue to attend the Academy on their PE days in Academy PE kit. This information will be listed below.

We are sure you realise how important regular attendance between now and the end of this academic year is. If children are to regain confidence in learning and mix socially they simply must attend full time in order to achieve this shared goal. As you will be aware from Government announcements and guidance, school attendance will be mandatory for all pupils from next week. The exceptions to this will be if a student is self-isolating or shielding or has any of the symptoms of Covid-19.

Please be mindful that we remain in a national lockdown and there are national restrictions still in place. We therefore ask you to continue to adhere to social distancing whilst waiting at the gates and to wear a mask if you are not exempt.

Year Group Information

Year	Start Time	Finish Time	PE Days
Nursery	8:30am	3:30pm	n/a
EYFS	9:00am	3:15pm	Tuesday and Thursday
Year 1	8:50am	3:05pm	Monday and Wednesday
Year 2	8:50am	3:05pm	Thursday and Friday
Year 3	8:40am	2:55pm	Tuesday and Wednesday
Year 4	8:40am	2:55pm	Wednesday and Friday
Year 5	8:30am	2:45pm	Tuesday and Thursday
Year 6	8:30am	2:45pm	Monday and Friday

Information for Parents from the Department of Education

Asymptomatic testing information for parents and adults in households with children at school or college

Undertaking regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing helps reduce transmission of the virus. Parents and other adults in households with children at school or college, who do not have symptoms, can now access regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing. This includes childcare and support bubbles.

Tests are fast, easy and completely free. There are [different ways](#) for a household, childcare or support bubble to collect their test to take at home, twice-weekly:

- through your employer, if they offer testing to employees
- by collecting a home test kit from a local test site – anyone aged 18 or over can collect 2 packs of 7 tests
- by ordering a home test kit online – please do not order online if you can access testing through other routes, this frees up home delivery for those who need it most

If you have any queries about the tests, and you live in England, please call 119 (free from mobiles and landlines). Lines are open every day from 7am to 11pm.

Children of primary school age (and below) without symptoms are not being asked to take a test.

Testing is voluntary, but strongly recommended to all who are eligible. Alongside the vaccine, washing hands, wearing face coverings, and maintaining social distancing, rapid testing plays a vital role in reducing transmission rates. Getting into the habit of regular testing as part of our everyday lives will help us all to play our part and do what we can to protect each other.

Safeguarding – New perimeter fencing

The Academy has been most fortunate in securing Condition Improvement Funding to replace the fencing surrounding the Academy grounds.

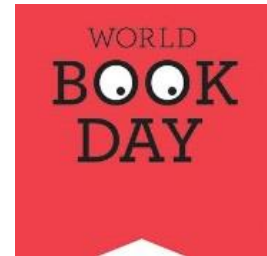
Work commenced on Monday 1st March 2021 and will continue until approximately 14th May 2021. As there will be additional adults on site extra safeguarding procedures will be in place alongside our Covid19 risk assessment.

Thank you in advance for cooperating whilst the works are being carried out, we are sure that you will agree this will be an excellent improvement to further increase safeguarding at the Academy.

World Book Day – Thursday 4th March

We would like to thank all parents and children for their support, the children looked amazing inside the academy and on their live lesson. Please see below a list of the winners.

EYFS Olly and Nelly
Year 1 Olly and Kianna
Year 2 Noah and Zara
Year 3 Erika and Joseph
Year 4 Olivia and Henry
Year 5 Declan and Emma
Year 6 Jack and Lola



Music Tuition

Please note that face-to-face socially distanced piano lessons will be resuming on Monday 8th March. Your child will need to bring in their piano books, notebooks and a pencil, on the day of their lesson. We are able to offer socially distanced piano lessons onsite in line with the Academy's Music Risk Assessment. Lessons take place in a large, well ventilated space with enough room to space out two pianos at a safe distance, with one piano for the student which is thoroughly sanitised, and one for Dr Shore. When lessons take place, Dr Shore wears a face mask and a screen is also placed between the two pianos.

We are unable to resume face-to-face BYMT flute lessons at present. As the flute is a **wind** instrument, rather than a keyboard instrument, there are further risks to consider due to expelled droplets in the air when playing. A lot more space is needed between the teacher and the flute student to ensure that the air does not blow onto either player. At present the Academy is unable to provide a space suitable for flute lessons to take place safely.

Keeping Children Safe – During Community Activities, Afterschool Clubs and Tuition

Please look at the following link with regards to the information above.

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/931508/6.6903_DFE_OOSS_Parental_Guidance_v5_ac_.pdf



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. 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: swswellbeingsupport@bromleyy.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

Bromley Y, School Wellbeing Service

'Helping Children with Fears & Worries' - Parents & Carers Webinar

A free one-off session supporting parents/carers of children in school years 4-11 living in the Bromley Borough to:

- Understand more about anxiety in children
- Consider strategies for that that can help to manage fears and worries, and build confidence at this challenging and uncertain time
- Learn more about local services for further support

Primary Webinar Dates:

- Weds 14th April @ 10:30am – 12noon
- Sat 15th May @ 10:30am – 12noon
- Tues 15th June @ 1pm – 2:30pm
- Thurs 15th July @ 10:30am – 12noon

To book a place at one of the sessions please visit:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/helping-children-with-fears-and-worries-tickets-128113455795>

STREET TAG

We are delighted to announce that St Peter and St Paul Catholic Primary Academy will be participating in the Street Tag WORLD Schools Leaderboard program.

With Street Tag, participants record the distance they walk, run, or cycle by collecting **virtual tags** with their smartphone at various locations, watching their total distance accumulate to climb up the Schools leaderboard; steps are converted into points by syncing their steps into the Street Tag app. This is designed to encourage families to walk and cycle to school, to be physically active, to connect with green spaces, and is an opportunity to rediscover their local area as well as earning rewards for their school.

Dates for WORLD PRIMARY SCHOOLS LEADERBOARD are:

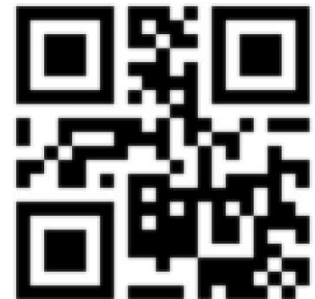
SEASON 1 -- 4th March 2021 to 14th July 2021

SEASON 2 --14th July to 18th November

SEASON 3--18th November to 10th March 2022

Steps to join your School Team.

- Download the App “Street Tag” from Play Store/ App Store.
- Click on Sign up.
- Fill in your details.
- Password should be at least 8 characters with 1 special character, 1 upper case, and 1 number.
- Click YES for Team QR Code.
- Scan the school QR Code
- Click Sign Up
- Verify either by email or phone number.
- Fill in the questionnaire.
- You are ready to go.



Features of the App:

Menu (top left) where you will see

1. Leader board: The leader board displays your rank, team name, and the number of points you have.
2. Opportunity: The opportunity section is a way for all users to know what's going on and new things they should look out for!! When a new opportunity is placed by Street Tag you get a notification.
3. Dashboard: You can see your team's scores and individual players' scores. Miles/distance covered.
4. Tags can be seen on the main screen map. The tags are yellow. Once they are scanned they turn red. A tag cannot be re-scanned within an hour.
5. Tags with Star are more than 10 points value.

All members of our Academy community can join, children and adults alike. The more people we have, the more points we can gain and move up the leaderboard. We look forward to seeing the Academy's progress from the 4th March.

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