

Academy Newsletter

Friday 8th October 2021
Autumn Term
Issue: 5



As cold and flu season is upon us, we need to remain vigilant as symptoms of these can be similar to COVID-19. We do not wish to send pupils home unnecessarily, but the guidance we have from Public Health is that if any of the three main symptoms are present: continuous cough, high temperature/ fever or loss of smell/taste, then we advise self-isolation and then taking a PCR test to confirm whether your child is positive. We cannot accept Lateral Flow Tests for symptomatic cases, this is because they are not recommended for those with symptoms. The link to NHS Test and Trace is [here](#) should you need it.

As you are aware, from Monday we will be welcoming parents into the playground for collection at the end of the Academy day to reduce congestion at the gate. Members of Academy staff will be present next week to guide you to your collection area. This will be a period of transition and so please be patient with us whilst we all settle into this new routine.



Harvest Collection – We Scare Hunger

We will once again be accepting donations for Bromley Food Bank as part of our Harvest collection. This year we have been allocated **Rice (500g packs preferably) and Cooking Sauce**. Donations should be brought to the Academy on **Friday 15th October** where there will be containers to collect them in near the gates. **On this day we encourage the pupils to attend the Academy as a superhero** – to scare hunger away – this helps to raise awareness on the issue of food insecurity and helps create a world where no one goes hungry.

Collection from the Academy

You are asked to collect your eldest child first.

Years 6 and 5 – 2:45pm	Collection from the edge of the main playground
Years 4 and 3 – 2:50pm	Collection from the edge of the main playground
Year 2 – 2:55pm	Collection from the edge of the main playground
Year 1 – 2:55pm	Collection from EYFS Playground
EYFS – 3:00pm	Collection from EYFS Playground
Nursery	Siblings will be brought out to the EYFS playground at 3.00pm



Star of the Week

EYFS	Sophie
Year 1	Isla
Year 2	Jake
Year 3	Nathan
Year 4	Joseph
Year 5	Amelia O
Year 6	Brianna



Espen – Nursery

Lexi – Year 1

Sofia – Year 1

Zara – Year 3

Carys – Year 3

Poppy – Year 4

Alfie – Year 5

Sophie – Year 6

Reading

Real books from our reading scheme will start to be allocated from Friday 15th October. Your child will need to bring in a book folder on this day. **We will only require book folders on a Friday** when reading will be monitored and books changed.



Parent Consultation Meetings

Please sign up on School Cloud to talk to your child's class teacher. Meetings have been scheduled for Monday 11th October and Monday 18th October. Letters came home with your child this week with logon information. Please contact the Academy office for further help.



Swimming

Next week will be the last swimming session for Year 6. As from Wednesday 20th October Year 5 will start their sessions. Please look out for a letter to give your permission on School Gateway.



Uniform Reminder

Please ensure your child wears their tie when wearing the school shirt.



Hello Yellow

Thank you for your support on Thursday, the Academy staff and pupils looked very bright and cheery in their yellow clothing. So far we have raised £199.50 for the Young Minds charity. Please take a look at some of the photographs of the children.



Academy Uniform

Uniform will no longer be sold in the Academy and we have a very limited amount of uniform left in stock. If you require anything please contact the office to check with have these items then you order via the Gateway. Once stock has been sold uniform will only be available to order online using this link

<https://www.pbuniform-online.co.uk/stpeterandpaulcatholic>

Please note we will always hold Academy Ties in stock

Illness



When reporting your child's illness please could you state the symptoms, rather than just saying they are unwell as this will help Mrs Baines when looking at attendance.

How to Access Google Classroom

As you are aware, spellings, times tables and extended learning are uploaded onto your child's Google Classroom. Please see below a reminder of how to access this from home:

- Open a computer/chromebook/phone and open the Google Chrome web browser
- In the top right corner sign into google with the xxxxxx.305@stpstp.co.uk email
- Click on the waffle (the 9 dots arranged in 3 lines of 3) in the top right hand corner and select **Drive**
- Once in Drive, click waffle again in top right and select **Classroom**



International Walk to School Month

October is International Walk to school month and it couldn't have fallen at a more apt time, with the current situation at the fuel pumps. Maybe we could all question whether all our journeys are REALLY necessary. It's also an opportunity for our pupils to join hundreds of thousands of other pupils from across the globe as they take to the pavements and walk, cycle or even scoot to school every day. Why not try a 'Walk on Wednesday' or a 'No Fuel Friday' to consider the contribution that traffic pollution makes to climate change and get fitter at the same time?



Holiday Requests

Please remember taking children on holiday is unauthorised, therefore any requests for holidays will be submitted to the Governors and the Local Authority and may be subject to a penalty.

However, in order for us to maintain a high level of safeguarding, if you have booked to go away on holiday it is essential that you notify the Academy Office.

Please note that it will take the Academy at least 2 weeks to process your request, when submitting your form.



Science Challenge

To improve our pupils' Science knowledge, we have decided to encourage their research skills by posting a monthly Science challenge. The first one was carried out in the Academy, however for the month of October, we would like them to take it home and share what they are doing with their parents. Please feel free to support your child in researching these year group specific questions. Children's work can be presented in the form of a poster.



PTA – Citizen Course

Children taking part in the 'Sports and Young Citizen' course this week had another very special treat when Olympic sprints finalist Donovan Reid paid a visit to the Academy. He told how his journey to athletics stardom began aged five in his primary school! Children were shown his competitor number from the 1984 Los Angeles Olympic Games, and two international medals. They were also afforded an up-close look at an actual Olympic Torch from the London 2012 Games carried by PTA Chair, John Powell. Now an IT consultant, Donovan also discussed how important it is in the modern day to use the internet responsibly.



Diary Dates

Please note the lists of dates below are subject to change and we encourage you to look each week for any changes.
Amendments are in **Blue** and Cancellations are in **Red**.

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Monday 11 th October 2021	Mental Health and Wellbeing Week
Monday 11 th October 2021	Parents' Consultation Meetings
Friday 15 th October 2021	We Scare Hunger – Harvest Collection. Dress as a superhero.
Monday 18 th October 2021	Parents' Consultation Meetings
Thursday 21 st October 2021	Open Morning
Friday 22 nd October 2021	Last Day of Half Term – Stars close at 4:30pm
Monday 1 st November 2021	Pupils return to Academy
Monday 1 st November 2021	Inter-Faith Week (more information to follow)
Thursday 4 th November 2021	Whole Academy Diwali assembly and Year 5 Workshop
Tuesday 9 th November 2021	Open Morning
Monday 15 th November 2021	Anti-Bullying Week (more information to follow)
Thursday 18 th November 2021	Open Morning
Friday 19 th November	Children in Need (more information to follow)
Monday 6 th December 2021	Enterprise Week (more information to follow) TBC
Friday 10 th December 2021	Christmas Jumper Day and PTA Christmas Fayre TBC
Friday 17 th December 2021	Last Day of term – Stars close at 4:30pm

Chromebooks

Chromebooks will be available to purchase throughout the autumn term. All orders take around 4 working days to process.

All purchases can be made through School Gateway.

If you have any further questions regarding the purchasing of Chromebooks, please email admin@stpstp.co.uk

Please Read These Reviews from Our Parents/Carers



Parent of pupil in Year 1

The chromebook we purchased from the school has been a great addition to our homework routine. It's set up and works exactly the same as his one at school so there is no confusion of different layouts and where to go. I'm free to do other things, as I don't have to constantly supervise to make sure he doesn't press the wrong button and gets lost. My son is now independent in getting straight to work at home.

Parent of pupils in Year 1 and Year 4

The Lenovo Chromebook 100e 2nd generation is one of the cheapest Chromebook you can buy. Especially with a deal through our Academy, if you are looking for another device to access home schooling or any online work for your kids, this is the one to buy.

A Chromebook makes a lot of sense for a Primary School student who will be using it to access their work on Google Classroom as well as work on their homework on various websites required by the school from the eCollins reading library, Timestable Rock stars, Purple Mash and MyMaths; just to name a few.

It is a low-frills device which comes with limited features, a Chrome Operating System (OS) and access to the Android App Store. With this in mind, it starts up relatively fast and is easy to use. Ideal for basic browsing, email access and some low social media usage. It is also a seamless experience for our KS2 student, as it is exactly what they are using in school, which means it is easy to use. They can access Google Classroom and their required work that is bookmarked on the Google browser using their unique school email log-in; no excuse for them to not get their work done.

It was easy to set up. Just plug in the battery charger to get it charged, start it up and the Chromebook pretty much directs you on how to get going. The most important thing to do when you start out, is to make sure that it's the adult user's email address that is used to set it up and not the child. It only has 16GB of storage so you need to be mindful of how much you download. It has a 10 hour battery life which with light daily usage, only needed charging after a week. The speakers, camera and microphone for use on a video meeting is more than sufficient.