

Academy Newsletter

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Spring Term
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I am delighted to be writing this in my new role as Interim Principal of St Peter and St Paul Catholic Primary Academy. Having been at this school for 18 years I hope that I can bring strong knowledge of the Academy community and consistency for the pupils, parents and staff.

The needs of the children will remain paramount in the life and decision making within the Academy. I strongly believe in providing the children with exciting, creative and meaningful learning experiences, which build their enthusiasm for learning and help them to grow and develop positively in a variety of ways. As you are the key educators in your children's lives, I feel that it is important that as an Academy we are approachable and can dedicate time to listen to your concerns, worries or thoughts about the school – we also like to hear the positive things too! With this in mind I will attempt to be available in the playgrounds after school on some days each week, however I can always be contacted via telephone or email. I will also be sending out a parent survey over the next couple of weeks to gain a better understanding of your views of the Academy. My hope is to have a whole school community which thrives on mutual respect and values positive relationships. I look forward to working with you all over the next two terms.



Information on the changes to the self-isolation period for individuals who test positive for COVID-19

Since Wednesday 22 December, the 10 day self-isolation period for people who record a positive PCR test result for COVID-19 has been reduced to 7 days in most circumstances, unless you cannot test for any reason.

Individuals may now take LFD tests on day 6 and day 7 of their self-isolation period. Those who receive two negative test results are no longer required to complete 10 full days of self-isolation. The first test must be taken no earlier than day 6 of the self-isolation period and tests must be taken 24 hours apart. This also applies to children under 5, with LFD testing at parental or guardian discretion. If both these test results are negative, and you do not have a high temperature, you may end your self-isolation after the second negative test result and return to your education or childcare setting from day 7.

Daily testing for close contacts of COVID-19

People who are fully vaccinated, or children and young people aged between 5 and 18 years and 6 months, identified as a close contact of someone with COVID-19, should take a LFD test every day for seven days and continue to attend their setting as normal, unless they have a positive test result or develop symptoms at any time.

Children under 5 are not being advised to take part in daily testing of close contacts. If a child under 5 is a contact of a confirmed case, they are not required to self-isolate and should not start daily testing. If they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19 they should limit their contact with anyone who is at higher risk of severe illness if infected with COVID-19, and arrange to take a PCR test as soon as possible. They can continue to attend an education or childcare setting while waiting for the PCR result.

Request from the Academy

Although not mandatory, due to the increase in COVID-19 cases through December, I am asking parent/carers to wear a mask (unless exempt) when dropping pupils at the gate and on collection. Where possible, please try to socially distance yourself from others, adhering to a 1m+ distance. I am also requesting that only one parent/carer collects pupils at the end of the day, from their designated area, to avoid unnecessary crowding.

Confirmatory PCR tests to be temporarily suspended for positive lateral flow device (LFD) test results

Confirmatory PCR tests following a positive lateral flow device (LFD) test result are to be temporarily suspended from Tuesday 11 January. This will mean that anyone who receives a positive LFD test result will be required to self-isolate immediately and will not be required to take a confirmatory PCR test.



Marko – Nursery

Isaiah - EYFS

Jake – Year 2

Jolicia – Year 2

Milo C – Year 3

Madison – Year 4

Mark O – Year 5

Olivia- Year 5

Cold Weather

With the weather becoming increasingly colder, and the guidelines from the government to continue to ventilate the classrooms, please consider sending your child/children in wearing a fleece or gilet in plain dark colours e.g. green, black, navy (with no logos) that can be worn in the classroom. We have various sizes of the fleece/rain jacket in stock at the Academy which can be purchased through the school Gateway app.



Dental advice for children and their families.

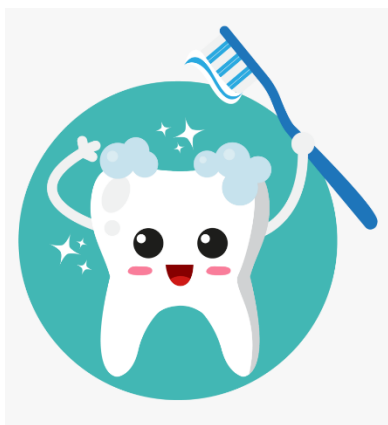
- Children should see a dentist as soon as their teeth start erupting.
- Then have regular check-ups every 6 months to a year depending on your dentist's advice.
- Children aged 3 and above may be entitled to free fluoride varnish; please ask your dentist for more information.
- Brush twice a day, last thing at night and any other occasion for two minutes.
- Parent's supervision is essential until 7 years of age.
 - Use fluoride toothpaste (1350-1500ppm).
 - No need for children's toothpaste; adult toothpaste can be used straight away.

Make brushing fun

For a free NHS approved award winning Brush app go to Brushdj.com

Problems finding an NHS dentist: If after contacting several dental surgeries you still cannot find a dentist accepting NHS patients, call NHS England's Customer Contact Centre on 0300 311 2233.

If you do not have a dentist and require urgent dental care please



Seedlings Nursery

Places still available!

Please email the office for details and to secure your child's place



Staffing

The end of last term brought about a few staff changes. I am sad to announce that Miss Mullen will not be returning this term and would like to take this opportunity to thank her for her hard work at the Academy. We would also like to wish Miss Medley well as she starts her maternity leave this term – we wish her all the best.

Mrs Harris has re-joined the St Peter and St Paul team and is now assisting in Year 2. It is lovely to have her back and hope she settles well in her new role.

Hello

Good bye

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**.

Spring Term 2022

Tuesday 8 th February 2022	Safer Internet Day – More Information to Follow
Thursday 10 th February 2022	Year 5 Horniman Museum School Visit
Friday 11 th February 2022	Last day of half term – Stars finish at 4.30pm
Monday 21 st February 2022	Pupils Return
Monday 21 st February 2022	Parent Consultation Meetings – More Information to Follow
Monday 28 th February 2022	Parent Consultation Meetings – More Information to Follow
Wednesday 2 nd March 2022	Ash Wednesday – More Information to Follow
Thursday 3 rd March 2022	World Book Day – More Information to Follow
Monday 21 st March 2022	Enterprise Week TBC*
Friday 25 th March 2022	PTA Easter Fayre TBC*
Friday 1 st April 2022	Lower Key Stage 2 Easter Passion TBC*
Friday 1 st April 2022	Last day of term – Stars finish at 4.30pm

*items TBC dependent on COVID-19 restrictions

Summer Term 2022

Tuesday 19 th April 2022	Pupils Return
Monday 2 nd May 2022	Bank Holiday
Thursday 26 th May 2022	Last day of half term – Stars finish at 4.30pm
Monday 6 th June 2022	Pupils Return
Friday 22 nd July 2022	Last day of term – Stars finish at 4.30pm