

Academy Newsletter

Friday 9th September 2022
Summer Term
Issue: 1



After the news yesterday of the death of Her Majesty the Queen, there is a sense of loss amongst many of us. This morning we held a special assembly for the Queen where the children were very thoughtful and respectful. We remembered what an important figurehead she was and what she meant to each of us. We remembered her not only as our Queen and our sovereign but also as someone who believed that leadership meant dedicating her life to the service of others. At her Coronation, she affirmed the following vow:

“I declare before you that my whole life, whether it be long or short, shall be devoted to your service...God help me to make good my vow, and God bless all of you who are willing to share in it.”

In this vow, we are reminded of the following words from the Bible:

‘Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards.’ 1 Peter 4:9

As we process and reflect upon the death of the Queen, our children, and we ourselves, are reminded of those close to us whom we have lost. It is important to give ourselves the time to remember what we loved about them, why they were special to us, and acknowledge the sadness of losing them. Please give your loved ones an extra special hug and squeeze today; they may need it.

I would like to end with this quote from a 14-year-old Princess Elizabeth, from her broadcast to the children of the Commonwealth in October 1940:

“And when peace comes, remember it will be for us, the children of today, to make the world of tomorrow a better and happier place”.

God save the King.



Reading Books

You will notice that your child is now bringing two books home on a Monday and a Friday. The first is their usual reading scheme book that is matched to their phonic reading ability. These are changed on a Monday and a Friday.

Children should be able to read these books fluently and independently.

Children will also have a 'reading for pleasure' book that they have selected. This book will be more challenging and is designed to be shared at home to encourage and foster a love of reading. The reading for pleasure book may take several weeks to complete if it is a longer chapter book.

Research shows that just 20 minutes of reading a day can expose children to over 2 million words and have a significant impact on educational outcomes. As an academy we are committed to promoting reading for pleasure across the school.

We encourage children to read a wide range of different books from all genres to expose children to the myriad of vocabulary and language that books have to offer.



Parent Meetings

Thank you to those parents who have attended their class parent meetings. The teachers felt that this was a helpful way to start the year and feedback from parents has also been positive. We have three more meetings to carry out next week:

Tuesday: Year 2

Wednesday: Year 3

Thursday: Year 6

Refreshments will be provided by the PTA. We look forward to seeing you there.

Attendance

I was rather disappointed to see the large number of children who took time off at the beginning of the year as parents did not know that we were starting on 1st September. Communication was sent out at the end of last year with our start date and it was advertised on our website. These first two days are important for your child as they learn their new routines and class rules and settle back into the school day after the summer break.

We also have a number of children absent due to 'preparing' for the upcoming 11+ tests. This is not a valid reason for absence and will not be authorised by the school.



Amelie Taylor – EYFS

JJ – EYFS

Antonia – Year 1

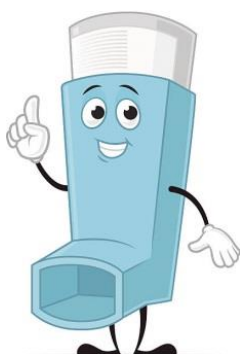
Anushka – Year 3

Logan – Year 5

Medication

Please return your child's medication as soon as possible and ensure you enclose the medication forms that were sent home at the end of last term.

All medication must come to the school office. Please note children must not have it in their possession.



Nursery	Ekua
EYFS	N/A
Year 1	Eloise
Year 2	Francesca
Year 3	Juan
Year 4	Vanya & Rikeem
Year 5	Zahav
Year 6	Isabelle

Attendance

EYFS	N/A
Year 1	97.3
Year 2	92.33
Year 3	91.94
Year 4	94.69
Year 5	95.0
Year 6	93.53
Whole School	94.17

The winning class this week was **YEAR 1** gaining **2** stars in the space race. Unfortunately, no class gained 1 Star for achieving over 97%.

Attendance Matters!



Every Student, Every School, Every Day



Academy Uniform

Pupils will continue to wear their PE kits to the Academy on PE days. Please refer to our uniform lists below for our expectations on PE and non-PE days.

Winter Uniform

White shirt or blouse worn with green and gold striped school tie

Green V neck jumper or cardigan with Academy logo

Academy blazer (optional)

Grey trousers with grey or white socks

Green Skirts or pinafore with Green or white socks or green tights

Green Academy Logo coat or dark coloured coat

Green woollen hat with Academy logo (optional)

Summer Uniform

White Academy logo polo shirt - no tie

Grey shorts with grey or white socks

Green Skirt with Green or white socks or green tights

Green checked dress with white socks

Green cap with Academy logo (optional)

Black shoes or PLAIN BLACK TRAINERS (black soles, black laces, and no logo). Shoes need to be appropriate for carrying out the daily run.

PE Kit

Academy gold t-shirt

Academy green shorts

Black plimsolls/black trainers

Bottle green Academy logo tracksuit



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

Pupils will be expected to wear their Academy PE kit on their PE days. Please see below:

EYFS: Tuesday and Wednesday

YEAR 1: Monday and Thursday

YEAR 2: Thursday and Friday

YEAR 3: Tuesday and Wednesday

YEAR 4: Wednesday and Friday

YEAR 5: Tuesday and Wednesday

YEAR 6: Monday and Friday



Please note that Year 5 will be swimming from Wednesday 14th September. This swimming lesson will replace their PE lesson and the Year 5 pupils will be expected to wear their PE for these Wednesdays.

Applications for Secondary School – Year 6 Pupils

You must apply for a secondary school place for your child to start Year 7 at secondary school when your child is in Year 6.

- Applications for Year 7 places in September 2023 open on **1 September 2022**
- The national closing date for applications is **31 October 2022**
- The national offer date for on-time secondary applications is **1 March 2023**

If you are a Bromley resident, you need to make your application through London Borough of Bromley. You can name schools outside of Bromley on your application if you wish.

If you live outside of Bromley, you need to apply through the local authority where you live and can name Bromley schools on that application if you wish.

You are strongly encouraged to apply online.

Please ensure that all required supporting documents are provided with your application to ensure that it can be processed without delay. Please see [application terms and conditions](#) for further information.

Bromley residents should apply online at <http://www.eadmissions.org.uk/>.

There are various pieces of useful information and guidance videos available on the eAdmissions website to help you.

You can download the [applying for a school place booklet](#) for more information and advice.

Education Sunday – 11th September 2022

Enlightening the Mind

The focus of this year's Education Sunday is 'enlightening the mind', based on the Gospel acclamation of 11th September, when it will take place. Education Sunday aptly falls on the second Sunday of September just as the new academic year starts and it is one of the oldest Days of Special Prayer in England and Wales. It provides an opportunity to celebrate and give thanks to all involved in making Catholic schools places of enlightenment, as well as to look forward in anticipation of the year ahead. You may wish to share the following prayer with your children:

A student's prayer for enlightenment, written by St. Thomas Aquinas:

Come, Holy Spirit, Divine Creator, true source of light and fountain of wisdom!

Pour forth your brilliance upon my dense intellect, dissipate the darkness which covers me, that of sin and of ignorance.

Grant me a penetrating mind to understand, a retentive memory, method and ease in learning, the lucidity to comprehend, and abundant grace in expressing myself.

Guide the beginning of my work, direct its progress, and bring it to successful completion.

This I ask through Jesus Christ, true God and true man, living and reigning with You and the Father, forever and ever.

Amen

Stars

Thank you to the parents who have been following the new drop off and collection routines from Stars. As a reminder, the children are now dropped off and collected at the Stars door by walking past the kitchen doors on the left of the school building. You will need to press the buzzer for Stars at the gate (kitchen/Stars) to enter and exit. We are still asking you to adhere to the set pick up and drop off times as indicated on our website, however if you are slightly late or early we can now be more flexible. Thank you.

The PTA

The PTA are super proud to have funded and built the Academy's brand new 'Book Nook' just inside the reception area of the school. It provides a comfy but inspiring area for children to further develop their reading skills with books provided for all ages. It is the first of two projects the PTA are championing on behalf of the Academy. The next will be a 'Reading Room' to be built in the playground for children to access during break and other times during the school day. Look out for our promotional events that will be aiming to raise funds to support this.



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**.

Autumn Term 2022

Tuesday 13 th September 2022	Year 2 Parents Meeting – After morning drop off in the Academy Gym
Wednesday 14 th September 2022	Year 3 Parents Meeting – After morning drop off in the Academy Gym
Thursday 15 th September 2022	Year 6 Parents Meeting – After morning drop off in the Academy Gym
Wednesday 14 th September 2022	Year 5 Swimming Starts
Friday 16 th September 2022	Start of Year Mass – 10:45am (parent/carers welcome)
Monday 26 th September 2022	Global Diversity Awareness Month
Tuesday 27 th September 2022	Individual/Sibling Academy Photos – Full Winter Uniform
Friday 30 th September 2022	Flu Vaccinations - EYFS to Year 6 (more information to follow)
Monday 3 rd October 2022	The Big Anti-Bullying Assembly
Monday 3 rd October 2022	Parent Consultation Meeting (more information to follow)
Friday 7 th October 2022	We Scare Hunger – Dress as a superhero (Harvest Celebration)
Monday 10 th October 2022	World Mental Health Day (Hello Yellow Day) ‘Wear yellow’
Monday 10 th October 2022	Parent Consultation Meeting (more information to follow)
Monday 17 th October 2022	Half Term – 2 weeks
Monday 31 st October 2022	Back to School
Monday 31 st October 2022	Interfaith Week
Thursday 3 rd November 2022	Diwali Assembly
Monday 7 th November 2022	Remembrance Week
Friday 11 th November 2022	Remembrance Day
Monday 14 th November 2022	Anti-Bullying Week (more information to follow)

Friday 18 th November 2022	Children in Need (more information to follow)
Friday 25 th November 2022	Advent Mass TBC (parent/carers welcome)
Monday 5 th December 2022	Enterprise Week (more information to follow)
Friday 9 th December 2022	Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 9 th December 2022	Enterprise Sale (more information to follow)
Tuesday 13 th December 2022	KS2 Nativity - Year 5 and Year 6 (more information to follow)
Wednesday 14 th December 2022	Christmas Lunch (pupil only event)
Thursday 15 th December 2022	KS1 Nativity – Year 1 and Year 2 (more information to follow)
Friday 16 th December 2022	Year 3 and Year 4 Carolling Event
Monday 19 th December 2022	Christmas Party Day (more information to follow)
Tuesday 20 th December 2022	EYFS Nativity (more information to follow)
Tuesday 20 th December 2022	Last Day of Term
Wednesday 21 st December 2022	INSET Day