

Academy Newsletter

Friday 2nd December 2022
Autumn Term
Issue: 11



The school is now in full swing of Christmas, with the sound of carols and Nativity songs filling the corridors. The children are very much looking forward to showing you their plays and carol service, so make sure you have checked the diary dates at the end of this newsletter.

This week, we had our last 2 Free Range Assemblies for the autumn term. Thank you to the Year 5 and Year 6 parents and carers who were able to attend and see the work of these classes. We also invited in our EYFS and Year 1 parents and carers for a phonics and cursive handwriting masterclass with Mrs. Sanford. I hope you all now feel equipped to support your children at home.

Year 2 donned their wellies on Tuesday for their visit into Scadbury Nature Reserve and Year 3 ventured out to Chislehurst Caves on Thursday. The children had a fantastic time at both, and I was informed that the caves were not too scary.

This week is the second Sunday of advent and we will light the second candle on our advent wreath. The second purple candle represents faith and is a reminder of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem.

May I take this opportunity to wish you a happy and peaceful weekend.



Christmas Jumper Day Friday 9th December 2022

All you have to do is wear a Christmas jumper!

You don't even need a new jumper, you can dig out last year's, take a boring old sweater and add some tinsel, or get one from a charity shop.

A donation page will be set up on Schools Gateway to donate £1 or £2 for Save the Children. Wear your Christmas jumper with your school uniform to raise money for this great cause.

National Christmas Jumper Day is Thursday 8th December but we wanted to tie it in with our enterprise sale.

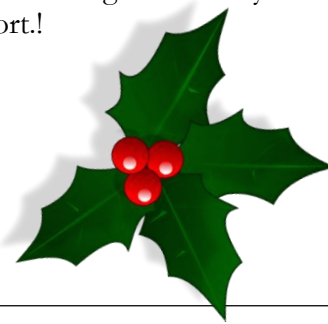


Enterprise Week and Sale

Next week, the pupils will be learning about enterprise. They will experience lessons about money and will set up their own class business. Additionally, year 6 will be making a visit to metro bank.

The pupils will be selling their goods at the Christmas Fair on Friday, so make sure you have got your money ready to spend.

The PTA has also been working extremely hard to ensure that the Enterprise Sale and Christmas Fair is a huge success so please come along and show your support.!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Rosie – Year 4

Leah - Year 6



Nursery	Ayda
EYFS	Arthur
Year 1	Jane
Year 2	Theo
Year 3	Alexandra
Year 4	Milo
Year 5	Violet
Year 6	Mark

Drop in Session - EYFS

The next session will be held on

16th December 2022



Every School Day Counts

Attendance

EYFS	90.85
Year 1	93.67
Year 2	93.0
Year 3	88.44
Year 4	90.63
Year 5	95.36
Year 6	94.12
Whole School	92.02

The winning class this week was **YEAR 5** gaining **2** stars in the space race. Unfortunately, no other class gained a star as they did not achieve over 97%.

Attendance Matters!



Every Student, Every School, Every Day

Doing Christmas Shopping Online? Don't forget EasyFundraising

With just one extra click, when ordering online, retailers will donate a percentage of the value of your order direct to the PTA. Simple! If you are not already signed up, it only takes a couple of minutes, and then you can begin using the easyfundraising website or app straightaway.

Simply shop online as normal.

This will be an enormous help to the school, at absolutely no extra cost to yourself. Visit our easyfundraising page to get started:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stpstpprimarypta>



Creating a greener Christmas

Would you like to save some money next Christmas?

Please donate your jumper after Christmas so that next year we can have a Christmas Jumper sale and make money for our school, whilst not having to pay for a new jumper at a costly price!

I think we can all agree that Christmas jumpers can be expensive and the fact they are only worn for a month means there is plenty of life left in them for another round the following year!

We will let you know in January when donation day is!



Christmas Raffle & Fair

If you would like any more tickets to sell, please contact the Academy office and they will send your child home with an additional book.

The draw will take place on 15th December, after the KS1 Nativity, giving children a month to sell as many tickets as they can.

There will be a prize for the class that sells the most tickets!



Christmas Lunch

Next week, on Wednesday 14th December 2022, Harrison will be serving our Christmas lunch to the pupils.

Please see below the menu

Celebrate The Festive Season

14th December 2022

Roast Turkey (contains none of the 14 most common allergens)
with Pork Sausage (contains wheat, sulphites)
& Stuffing (contains wheat)
 or
Vegetable Pinwheel with Cheddar Cheese & Sage
 (contains wheat & milk)

served with
Roast Potatoes, Peas, Carrots, Brussels Sprouts
 (contains none of the 14 most common allergens)

followed by
Festive Frosted Chocolate Cake
 (contains wheat, milk & egg)
 Or **Mincemeat Slice** (contains wheat)
 Or **Christmas Pudding** (contains wheat, eggs, milk, soybeans, sulphites)

Orange Squash
 (contains sulphites)

Alternative dishes available for those with allergies & special dietary requirements (gluten, dairy, egg, vegan):

Butternut, Carrot & Parsnip Parcel
 (contains none of the 14 most common allergens)
 followed by
Chocolate Orange Cupcake with Orange Buttercream
 (contains none of the 14 most common allergens)

HARRISON
 food with thought

PE Kit

Could we please remind you that leggings or skins are **not** part of our PE uniform. The PE uniform consist of the following:

- Academy gold t-shirt
- Academy green shorts
- Bottle green Academy tracksuits

As we are moving into the colder weather, pupils should be wearing the tracksuit on their PE days, as this is the warmer option.

ARTIST OF THE MONTH

Frank Bowling

1934 -



What can you find out about this artist?

Can you work in the style of them to produce your own work of art?

Hand in your facts and creations to Mrs Lee by Monday 19th December for a chance to win an amazing arts and craft prize!

Look out for new artists and prizes coming EVERY month!

Year 5 and Year 6 Free Range Assembly



Year 3 School Trip – Chislehurst Caves

Year 3 visited Chislehurst Caves this week. Please see below some photos.



Christmas Activity Information

Friday 9th December – Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 9th December - Enterprise Sale

Tuesday 13th December – Upper Key Stage 2 Nativity at 9:30am (Year 5 and 6)

Wednesday 14th December – Christmas Lunch

Thursday 15th December – Key Stage 1 Nativity at 9:30am (Year 1 and 2)

Friday 16th December – Year 3 and 4 Outside Carolling Event

Event starts at 3:00pm. We request that Year 3 and 4 pupils stay late on this day, please inform the Academy office if your child is unable to stay. Pupils will be carolling on the steps outside the Gym.

Monday 19th December – Class Christmas Party Afternoon

Pupils can wear their own party clothes on this day, however please be mindful of the weather. We ask that they bring a small container with party food for individual consumption. Perhaps a packet of crisps and a small cake. Pupils will have had an Academy lunch on this day.

Tuesday 20th December – EYFS Nativity at 9:45am

**Tuesday 20th December –
SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 2pm**



Diary Dates

Amendments are in **Blue** and Cancellations are in **Red**.

Please note the lists of dates below are subject to change and we encourage you to look each week for any changes.

Monday 5 th December 2022	NHS Vision and NCMP Screening 9am
Tuesday 6 th December 2022	NHS Vision and NCMP Screening 9am
Wednesday 7 th December 2022	Year 6 Metro Bank Visit
Friday 9 th December 2022	Reconciliation (Year 4, 5 and 6) – Pupil event
Tuesday 20 th December 2022	Last Day of Term – School finishes at 2:00pm
Wednesday 21 st December 2022	INSET Day

January 2023

Tuesday 4 th January 2023	INSET Day
Wednesday 4 th January 2023	Back to school
Friday 6 th January 2023	Epiphany Mass at 10:45am – Parents/Carers welcome
Wednesday 18 th January 2023	Young Voices
Monday 23 rd January 2023	Year 5 Orpington Library Visit (more info to follow)
Friday 3 rd February 2023	Year 3 Orpington Library Visit (more info to follow)
Monday 6 th February 2023	Year 4 Orpington Library Visit (more info to follow)
Friday 9 th February 2023	Year 6 Our Lady of the Crays
Monday 20 th February 2023	Year 2 Orpington Library Visit (more info to follow)