

Academy Newsletter

Friday 10th February 2023
Spring Term
Issue: 5



This final week of spring term 1 has been another busy one with lots of exciting events happening across the school. There has been a trip to the Library in Year 4, a Year 2 trip to the Royal Festival Hall, a music visit to Year 3 and a visit to Our Lady of the Crays in Year 6. On top of all that, we have been learning about our mental health in class, as it is 'Children's Mental Health Week'. The theme this year has been 'Let's Connect', which has focused on us encouraging the children to be comfortable to talk about how they feel and to make good choices on who they speak with too. Please get in touch if you are ever worried about your child's mental health, there are lots of us here to help.

Looking forward to next half term, we will be holding our parent consultation meetings. Letters on how to book went out on Monday. Please note, Year 6 have slightly different timings as indicated below.

On Friday 24th February we will be having a theatre company attend the school to show the production 'Oliver Twist'. We have planned it close to World Book Day so the children experience a classic text beforehand – perhaps it might inspire your child with a costume!

I hope that you all get to enjoy a restful and enjoyable half term break and we look forward to seeing you on Monday 20th February.



Industrial Action

Thank you for your understanding over the partial closure of the school which took place on Wednesday 1st February. The strike happened because of a national dispute between the unions and the government over teacher pay and school funding, and not because of any issues at our school.

As you are aware, employees are not required to tell employers whether they intend to take action, however we will do our best to give you enough notice to arrange suitable childcare. With this in mind the NEU has called for three further days on industrial action on **Thursday 2nd March 2023, Wednesday 15th March 2023** and **Thursday 16th March 2023** and you MAY want to plan for alternative arrangements.

I will write to you nearer these dates to let you know if St Peter and St Paul will be affected.

Parent Consultation Meetings

Our Parent Consultations are on **Monday 20th February (EYFS to Year 5) Thursday 23rd February (Year 6 only) and Monday 27th February (all years).**

Appointments can now be made online, book early to ensure you get your preferred time slot. Should you wish to make any changes after this date please contact the Academy office.

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VIRTUES AWARD – VIRTUES TO LIVE BY



**HOLY
SIMPLICITY**

“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” (Matthew 6:21)

EYFS	Roper and Marco
Year 1	Josiah
Year 2	Victoria
Year 3	Poppy
Year 4	Noah
Year 5	Violet
Year 6	Jasmine

Attendance

EYFS	96.61
Year 1	95.67
Year 2	98.97
Year 3	93.55
Year 4	96.88
Year 5	88.46
Year 6	98.18
Whole School	95.39

The winning class this week was **Year 2** gaining 2 stars in the space race and Year 6 gained 1 star as they achieved over 97%.

Attendance Matters!



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Patsie – EYFS
 Ruby – Year 2
 Pippa – Year 3
 Poppy – Year 3
 Makai – Year 4
 Lize-Mari – Year 6
 Isobelle – Year 6

Nursery Star of the Week

Gwayham



PUPIL PREMIUM

PARENTS WITH EYFS AND KS1 PUPILS AUTOMATICALLY GET FREESCHOOL MEALS, BUT YOU DO NEED TO APPLY TO GET THE ADDITIONAL GRANT. IF YOU ARE RECEIVING ANY OF THE BENEFITS LISTED, CHECK YOUR ELIGIBILITY.

We could receive £1385 to support your child's learning.

IS YOUR CHILD MISSING OUT?

- Income Support
- Income Based Job Seekers
- Child Tax Credit
- Asylum Seeker
- Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit

The process is easy. Go to www.bromley.gov.uk/benefits/free-school-meals-1

Successful applicants will receive: Free school meals in KS2; food vouchers during the holidays; a £50 supermarket voucher or credit in their school account and a reduced rate for extra curricular clubs held at our academy.

Parent Helpers

We totally understand that all of you live very busy lives with work and other commitments. However, with lockdown now lifted and life being a bit more 'normal' we would like you to get you involved again.

Coffee mornings will be back on the calendar, please keep an eye out for dates! We would also love for any parent volunteers to help on these days.

In addition to the above, would any parent/carers like to come and in and volunteer their time? This would be to either hear readers or assist in a Year group for a morning or afternoon.

We understand that all your time is precious and valuable but if you are able to offer some of your time it would be much appreciated.

Looking for **Parent Volunteers!**

Fr Cyriacus will be joining us on Wednesday 22nd February 2023 to administer the ashes to the pupils.



Parking Reminder

Please ensure whilst waiting for child to start or finish school, you do not leave your car idling. The law states the following:

'drivers must not leave a parked vehicle unattended with the engine running or leave a vehicle engine running unnecessarily while the vehicle is stationary on a public road.'

In addition to the above I would like to remind you be considerate when parking at the start and end of the school day.

I received a complaint yesterday that parents are parking over residents' driveways which is causing them to be late picking their children up from school.







UK Health
Security
Agency



Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



SCAN ME

Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.

ARTIST OF THE MONTH

Eva Rothschild

1972 - present



**CAN YOU WORK IN THE STYLE OF THEM TO
PRODUCE YOUR OWN WORK OF ART?**

What can you find out about this artist?

**Hand in your creations and facts to Mrs Lee by
Monday 20th February for a chance to win an
amazing arts and craft prize!**

**Look out for new artists and prizes
coming EVERY month!**



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR WINNERS SO FAR...

November - Anushka Yr 3

December - Arihant Yr 4

January - Jane Yr 1

February -

March -

April -

May -

June -

July -

Will your name be
joining them this
year ?



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.

Spring Term 2023

Monday 20 th February 2023	Back to school
Monday 20 th February 2023	Year 2 Orpington Library Visit
Monday 20 th February 2023	Parent Consultation Meetings
Wednesday 22 nd February 2023	Ash Wednesday
Wednesday 22nd February 2023	Year 5 Swimming restarts
Friday 24 th February 2023	Oliver Twist Theatre Company
Monday 27 th February 2023	Holi Festival Assembly
Monday 27 th February 2023	Year 1 Orpington Library Visit
Monday 27 th February 2023	Parent Consultation Meetings
Tuesday 28 th February 2023	Year 4 Ancient Egypt Day (more information to follow)
Thursday 2 nd March 2023	World Book Day
Thursday 9 th March 2023	Year 3 Our Lady of the Crays
Monday 13 th March 2023	Circus Science – Whole School Performance (Science Week)
Friday 29 th March 2023	Year 3 and 4 Easter Passion TBC
Friday 31 st March 2023	Easter Mass TBC
Friday 31st March 2023	Last Day of Term – finish at 2pm – NO STARS

Important date reminder!

BANK HOLIDAY Monday 8th May 2023 – King's Coronation

This falls within the year 6 SATs week and therefore the first set of set of tests will be on Tuesday 9th May 2023.
Please ensure your child is in school.

World Book Day – Thursday 2nd March

Why not use half term to start thinking about a book character your child would like to dress as for World Book Day. We love to see homemade costumes, as we do not want to see you spending lots of money. We give prizes to each class and staff are encouraged to look for the most creative costume, which has not been bought. We look forward to seeing the costumes.

