



St Peter and St Paul Catholic Primary Academy

Newsletter No. 11

Friday 25th November 2016



Waste time with your children so they realise that love is always free.
Pope Francis

Nativity Information

Please come and share the Christmas story with us.

Wednesday 7th December 2016

KS1 Nativity at 9.30am

KS2 Nativity at 1.45pm

Wednesday 14th December 2016

Early Years Nativity Assembly 9.30am



Weekly Events

N.B. All Clubs have finished this week

Wednesday 30/11/16

Year 5 Extra Tuition - Session No.4

First Payment Due for PGL (Year 6)

Friday 02/12/16

Year 6 Geography quiz



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Rainy mornings



On rainy mornings a teacher is on duty from 8.45am in the playground. The children can enter school via the playground and sit in the cloakroom under their supervision. The children are not allowed to enter the School through the Academy Office.



Children in Need

A massive thank-you to all the parents and children that contributed to this year's Children in Need, the Academy raised £XXX>XX. Some impressive funky hair was displayed on the day from both children and teachers.

The lucky winner of the "Peter Andre guess how many spots" competition is Isobelle Hobson McD.

Elf and Safety – be Bright Be See

Don't forget to colour in your Elf if you are in Early Years and Key Stage 1 and explain what colours you would use and why if you are in Key Stage 2. Mr Stringer needs your entries back by Friday 2nd December



STARS – Extended School Provision

Please note STARS will be closing at 4.30pm on Friday 16th December. This will mean there will be no evening session with tea available.

Starting from this week, every child attending STARS will need an adult to sign them in when they arrive in the mornings and to be signed out when they are collected from STARS after school.

Early Morning Booster Groups and Academy Choir

Morning booster groups start at **8.00am** and the morning Choir commences at **8.15am**. Please do not leave your child unattended before this time as we are unable to ensure supervision for your child. If your child arrives extremely early we will send them to STARS for their own safety, but we will unfortunately have to charge for this. Please can you ensure your child is here only a few minutes before the start of these sessions.

Young Voices Concert – Monday 16th January, 2017

The choir are busy learning lots of words and actions for the concert. To help your child rehearse for the concert some of the songs are available on the Young Voices website:



<http://www.youngvoices.co.uk/download-apps>

Please follow the link 'GET THE YOUNG VOICES PRACTICE APP', on the homepage, where you will find further instructions on how to download the available tracks. Please note that there is a small fee to download each track.



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Music Lessons

Is Your Child Interested in Playing the Piano, Drums or Violin?

Weekly tuition by a fully qualified musician is available for your child in school. If you are interested in your child having music lessons please speak to the Office and collect an application form.



Coughs, Colds and Upset Tummies

Both children and staff have been unwell and it is crucial that we take every measure possible to help us all return to good health. Please can you remind your child that should they have a cough or sneeze that it is essential that they cover their mouth. If you want to supply a small packet of tissues for them this is totally acceptable.

The children have had several assemblies this week on how to keep themselves well; this has included making sure they put their hand over their mouth if they are coughing and washing their hands properly after visiting the toilet.

Should your child have an upset tummy, can you please keep them at home for **48** hours so they are free of the germs and well enough to fend off any they encounter.

Let's hope that by taking these few precautions everyone can return to good health – after all we don't want to be unwell when Father Christmas drops by our house – if we have been good!



Holiday Requests

As you are aware 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 school.

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

Winter PE Kit

Please ensure your child has a winter PE kit in school, including a tracksuit for outdoor PE. Academy PE tracksuits can be purchased from the Academy Office for £16.50 each.

Spare Underwear for boys

Any spare underwear/socks/tights you have at home would really be appreciated in school for any little accidents that occur during the day.

Parents are more than welcome to leave underwear/socks/tights in their child's school bag in case they are ever needed, however if you have done this please let your child's teacher know.

We are in particular need for boys underwear and socks.



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Save the Children

Christmas Jumper Day 16th December in Aid of

All children are invited to wear their Christmas jumper with their school uniform in aid of 'Save the Children'. This year's theme is "we're getting silly for a serious cause". Supporting this appeal means they can bring vital things like food, medicine and shelter to children who urgently need it. If you would like to get involved, wear your Christmas jumper and donate £1.00 on Friday 16th December.



Secondary School Transfer

The Academy has been advised that the letter confirming the details for secondary transfer 2017 will be mailed over the next few days to Bromley resident applicants via 2nd class post. If you haven't received the letter by Monday 28th November you will need to contact Admissions on 0208 313 4044 between 12 and 3pm and they will investigate.

Smoking on Academy Premises

The Academy is a non-smoking site and this includes using electronic cigarettes. Please could parents ensure these are not used until they are passed the school gates.



Year 5 Parents – Choral Scholarship

The Academy has received this information from Saint Olaves's Grammar School.

Choral Scholarships at St Olave's Grammar School

The Queen's Chapel of The Savoy, The Duchy of Lancaster

St Olave's has an ancient link with Southwark, providing Choristers with a wonderful opportunity of singing with professionals in the highly prestigious choir at The Queen's Chapel of The Savoy. In recent years they have been honoured to sing not only for Her Majesty The Queen as part of the Diamond Jubilee celebrations, but also for His Majesty King Michael of Romania and subsequently for HRH Princess Anne and members of the Royal Victorian Order. They also sang at the joint Royal Chapels concert at Windsor for Her Majesty The Queen's Birthday.

In order to give boys the best advantage of singing before their voices break, the Choristers are identified before they start Year 6 at their own Primary School. They sit a special Entrance examination for St Olave's as well as a Choral audition during the next few months. If successful, they join the Queen's Chapel Choir at the start of Year 6 and then join St Olave's at the start of Year 7, continuing with the Choir.

Although St Olave's is a State School, the Scholarship is quite an attractive financial package for the boys concerned. The application pack is available to download from our website www.saintolaves.net. Please note that the closing date for applications is Friday, 27 January 2017.



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Dates and Events 2016 -2017

The following dates can be subject to alteration due to unforeseen circumstances.

Green items are new and red items are alterations.

Mass

16.12.16 Whole School Mass 11 am – All parents/carers welcome

Church Visits

Thursday 26th January – Year 3

Thursday 16th March – Year 2

Thursday 27th April – Year 1

Thursday 22nd June – Early Years

Other Important Dates

07.12.16 KS1 and KS2 Nativity

08.12.16 Christmas Lunch

14.12.16 EYFS Nativity

16.01.16 Choir singing at Young Voices, O2 Arena

22.02.16 Pupil Progress Evening for Parents 3:45-6:00pm

23.02.16 Pupil Progress Evening for Parents 4:00-7:00m



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Weekly Challenge

Science Question of the week.

What is the name of the vessel that takes the blood from the heart and the one that takes the blood to the heart?

Maths Challenge

There are some designer sunglasses in a sale with 45% off.

They were £190 before the sale.

How much are they now?

