

# Academy Newsletter



## What A Wonderful Year!

This academic year has been a year of exciting educational visits, interesting challenges and great successes for the children. Their consistent hard work has resulted in academic success in both attainment and progress, which is a great credit to them.

The children have dedicated themselves to their learning in many fields and have relished the opportunities given to them from visiting interesting places in London such as Greenwich Observatory and the British Museum, running as far as they can to raise money for charity, willing each other to achieve in the Spelling Bee and at sports activities and joining with the children from our Umbrella Trust schools to celebrate Mass at Aylesford. They have worked with children from other schools in Bromley in science as part of British Science Week and won the Science Quiz trophy. The children also took part in the Chislehurst Society Environmental awards, where they were successful in winning many prizes, including some that included money for their classes, and ultimately won the Joy Jones Memorial Trophy. These are just a few of the many learning experiences they have enjoyed; every day has been a day full to the brim of learning. The children presenting their work to their families is always a highlight as they want you to share with you what they have learnt and the 'free range' assemblies have proved to be a very popular with parents as a way of gaining an in depth knowledge of what the children are learning, how this is happening and how well the children are able to express what they have learnt.

The Year 3 children are continuing to take part in the Year 3 Tate Britain project led by the famous film director Steve McQueen CBE. Their picture will not only be displayed at Tate Britain but they will also feature on a billboard in central London.

They have learnt how to appreciate God's wonderful world, develop their own prayer life and to know the Light of Christ in their daily lives. As the children now look forward to the summer holiday, to spend time with their family and friends, they know that a new academic year is just around the corner. The challenge of a new class and even a new school await them.

### Summer Reading

Over the Summer, we would love the children to keep up with their fantastic reading, so have set them a challenge. We would love to see the children reading in the most unusual places. Please take a photograph of this. There may well be a prize for the most original.

### Summer Family Fun!

Please find attached the Amoris Cube net and game rules. You will need to make the cube with your child before you can play. The cube has 6 messages on practical ways we can show love in the family, with friends, neighbours and even people we don't get on with! These come from Pope Francis' letter called 'The Joy of Love'. The game will give your family the opportunity to practise skills of love during the summer holidays. Enjoy playing together!

### Academy Attendance:

EYFS – 96.2%  
Year 1 – 98.0%  
Year 2 – 89.4%  
Year 3 – 94.1%  
Year 4 – 91.3%  
Year 5 – 95.3%  
Year 6 – 94.8%

Overall Academy  
Attendance –  
94.1%

Our aim is 97%

### Goodbye and Welcome

Mr Stringer leaves us today to take up a post as Assistant Headteacher at St Mary Magdalen's Catholic Primary. We will still have very strong links with him and I am sure he will visit us from time to time. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers as he takes up this new role.

We also say goodbye to Mr Vitoria and wish him well in his new teaching position and welcome Miss Williamson who will be teaching Early Years.

## Autumn Term – Club Dates

All information regarding clubs for next term will be sent out week commencing 9<sup>th</sup> September 2019

### Autumn Term – Clubs will run for 10 weeks

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2019 to Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2019 (5 weeks)

*No Clubs (1 week 21<sup>st</sup> October to 25<sup>th</sup> October 2019)*

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2019 (5 weeks)

**Week beginning 14<sup>th</sup> October 2019 –**  
Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> there will be no clubs due to Parents Evening. The clubs that fall on the above dates will run for 9 weeks.



## Medication

Medication has been sent home today in your child's medical wallet. Enclosed will be a new medication form for you to complete and return, with your child's medication (inside the medical wallet) on the Wednesday 5th September.

## Family First Magazine

If you are stuck for things to do during the Summer please use the link below to a useful parent magazine which has some great suggestions.

[https://issuu.com/sevenstarmedia/docs/ff\\_issue\\_4\\_digital110719-96dpi/54](https://issuu.com/sevenstarmedia/docs/ff_issue_4_digital110719-96dpi/54)

## Postcard Challenge

Our children travel far and wide during the holidays to visit other countries, places of interest and of course, their family and friends.

The children have been asked to send a postcard or short letter addressed to a teacher or friend at school; from holiday or a place they visit during the summer. Please help them with this task.

We are looking forward to receiving lots of lovely pictures and writing from them. Please send your postcard or letter to

St Peter and St Paul Catholic  
Primary Academy  
St Paul's Wood Hill  
Orpington  
BR5 2SR

## End of Year Reminders

### Lost and Found School Uniform

Please ensure you check the lost property for any items your child may have lost this Academic Year. Any uniform that is uncollected by the last day of term will be either donated to the PTA, Academy or disposed of if it is not suitable for reuse. It is important you check the items even if you believe your child to not have lost anything as you may find children have items in school you may be unaware of.

### Do you owe money for lunches or Stars?

Please pay all outstanding debts before the holiday begins. Failure to pay will result in your child not being able to have a school lunch or attend Stars next year.

You can get financial help by:-

- Completing a Free School Meal application
- Asking your employer for Childcare vouchers

Ask the Academy Office or Mr Partington for assistance.

## 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 Academy Office.

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

# 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 **Green** and Cancellations are in **Red**.

## Autumn Term 2019

2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2019	INSET Day
3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2019	Back to School
6 <sup>th</sup> September 2019	PTA Tuck Shop
9 <sup>th</sup> September 2019	EYFS Start Part-Time
13 <sup>th</sup> September 2019	McMillan Coffee Morning – All parents/carers welcome
15 <sup>th</sup> September 2019	EYFS Start Full time
17 <sup>th</sup> September 2019	EYFS Phonics Master Class – More information to follow
19 <sup>th</sup> September 2019	Year 5 Church Visit
20 <sup>th</sup> September 2019	Mass at 11am – All parents/carers welcome
4 <sup>th</sup> October 2019	PTA Annual General Meeting at 2:15pm
11 <sup>th</sup> October 2019	PTA Tuck Shop
16 <sup>th</sup> October 2019	Individual Photographs
16 <sup>th</sup> October 2019	Parents Evening – More information to follow
17 <sup>th</sup> October 2019	Parents Evening – More information to follow
21 <sup>st</sup> October 2019	Half Term
28 <sup>th</sup> October 2019	Back to School