



# Academy Newsletter

## Academy Closures

Due to polling day, the Academy will be closed on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2019.

As it is the last day of term, Stars will be closing at 4:30pm on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2019.



## RAFFLE TICKETS

Raffle Tickets are still on Sale!

Please speak to the Academy Office for more information.

The prizes this year are unbelievable, thank you to everyone that has contributed.

## Academy Attendance:

EYFS – 97.3%  
Year 1 – 97.3%  
Year 2 – 96.7%  
Year 3 – 96.8%  
Year 4 – 95.3%  
Year 5 – 95.5%  
Year 6 – 95.3%

Overall Academy Attendance – 96.1%

Our aim is 97%

## Advent

Advent begins on Sunday 1st December and lasts until midnight on Christmas Eve. It is a time for Christians to prepare for the birth of Jesus and spending time with their families and friends. Try out some of the activities on the attached Mission Together Advent Calendar as a way to prepare through the Advent season.

Each week, a candle is lit on the advent wreath. The circle of evergreen branches is a reminder that God does not change - an everlasting circle of life. Each candle has a different meaning: hope, love, joy and peace. The fifth candle is lit on Christmas day, which represents the coming of Jesus who is the light of the world.



## Santa is coming to St Peter and St Paul

We are only one week away from the long-awaited Christmas and Enterprise Fair. Do come along for festive fun with new games, creative crafts, Christmassy nibbles, the raffle draw and a chance to buy gifts from your child's enterprise stall and external stalls. Adults, wear your best Christmas jumper and you could be in a for prize!

Also this year, Santa is bringing his new lodge to his favourite children at St Peter and St Paul. Come and tell him what you would like for Christmas underneath the magic of the Northern Lights. His elf will also give you a little gift for you to enjoy until the big day comes. You can get on his "nice" list by buying grotto tickets from the office, or John Powell in the playground. Ho Ho Ho!



## Orpington Food Bank

Please note that the Academy holds emergency Bromley Food Bank vouchers. For more information please speak to Mrs Baines in the Academy Office.

## Photograph Permissions

Unfortunately, we are still missing a handful of photograph permissions. Please make sure you have returned the purple data collection sheet which allows you to give this permission. Thank you.

## Parent Notices and Reminders

### Parking on Site

Unfortunately we have had two vehicles this week get stuck in the mud on school grounds. Please drive with care if parking during the extended day provision times. Please use a marked bay and do not manoeuvre across the grass.

### PTA Christmas Fair Help Appeal – We Need You!

The PTA would like to thank all the parents/carers who have kindly offered to pitch in and help at the Christmas fair which is taking place on 6th December. The PTA do need more helpers so if you can volunteer a bit of your time to either set up from 1:30pm, help run a stall or clear up after 5:30pm, it would be much appreciated. This is a hugely fun afternoon for the children and for parents and carers too with gift stalls to browse, games to play and tasty treats to buy.

Please contact a member of the PTA or the Academy office as soon as possible to let them know your availability.

### Bromley Local Offer

Bromley provide an information and advice service to support families with special educational needs called the Bromley Local Offer. Please see the attached flyer for more information and contact details.

### Clubs

All clubs have concluded for this term.

More information regarding next term's clubs will be sent out in the near future.

### Books for Schools Tokens

The Academy is now collecting Book Tokens, please help us collect as many as possible so that we can get more exciting resources for the children.

## Diary Dates

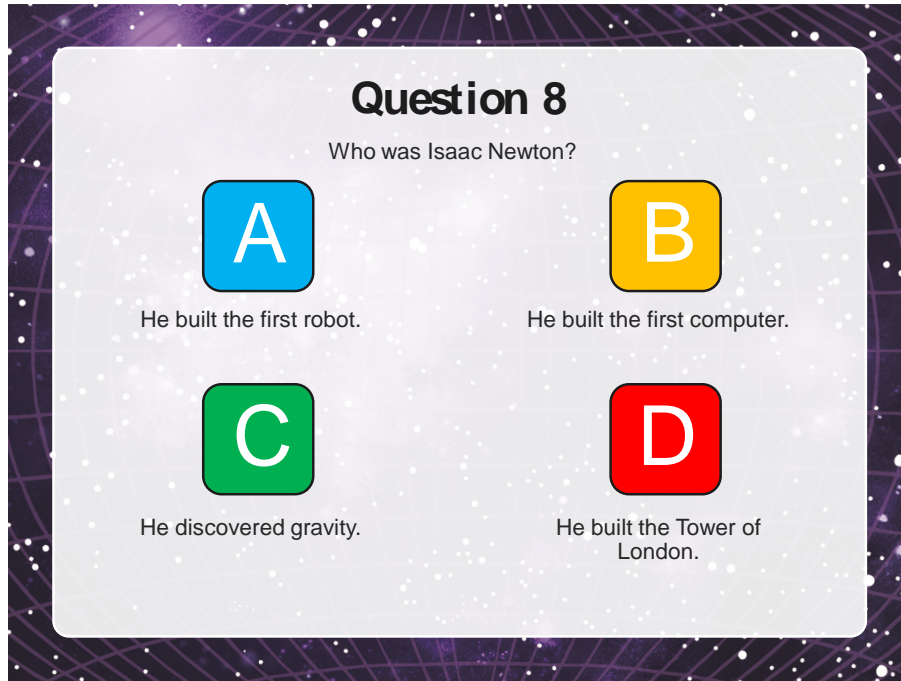
Please note the lists of dates below are subject to change and we encourage you to look each week for any changes.

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

### Autumn Term 2019

5 <sup>th</sup> December 2019	Flu Vaccination
6 <sup>th</sup> December 2019	Mass led by Year 3 at 11:00am - All Parents/Carers Welcome
6 <sup>th</sup> December 2019	Enterprise Sale and PTA Fayre (More information to follow)
10 <sup>th</sup> December 2019	KS1 Christmas Production at 9:30am - All Parents/Carers Welcome
11 <sup>th</sup> December 2019	Christmas Lunch – More information to follow
12 <sup>th</sup> December 2019	INSET Day – Academy Closure
13 <sup>th</sup> December 2019	KS2 Christmas Production at 9:40am - All Parents/Carers Welcome
13 <sup>th</sup> December 2019	PTA Tuck Shop
17 <sup>th</sup> December 2019	EYFS Nativity at 9:30am - All Parents/Carers Welcome
17 <sup>th</sup> December 2019	Christmas Party Afternoon – More information to follow
18 <sup>th</sup> December 2019	Christmas Jumper Day – More information to follow
18 <sup>th</sup> December 2019	Winter Celebration at 9:30am - All Parents/Carers Welcome
18 <sup>th</sup> December 2019	Last Day of Term – Stars finishes at 4:30pm
6 <sup>th</sup> January 2019	Start of Spring Term

## Mrs Rodney's Weekly Challenge



*Luki, the elephant, weighs 14kg but his mother is 115g more. What is the weight of the mother elephant in grams?*

