

Academy Newsletter



Welcome Back

We hope you had an enjoyable Christmas break and spent some quality time with friends and family.

Last Sunday we recognised the Epiphany of the Lord which we celebrated in today's Mass.



Matthew 2:9-11

The wise men heard the king and then left. They saw the same star they had seen in the east. It went before them until it stopped above the place where the child was. When the wise men saw the star, they were filled with joy. They went to the house where the child was and saw him with his mother, Mary. They bowed down and worshiped the child. They opened the gifts they brought for him. They gave him treasures of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.



Deadline Reminder – EYFS September 2020

The application deadline for Reception 2020 is Tuesday 15th January. Even if you have a child at the Academy now, you will still need to apply. All Bromley residents must have their preferences by this date or they will be processed as late and could miss out on a preferred offer. The link to the online system is available via the home page of www.bromley.gov.uk. Please do not forget you need to simultaneously complete and return your SIF form to the Academy office. These forms are available from our website: www.saintpeterandsaintpaulcatholicprimary.co.uk

Academy Attendance:

EYFS – 95.0%
Year 1 – 93.7%
Year 2 – 98.0%
Year 3 – 96.5%
Year 4 – 96.0%
Year 5 – 97.0%
Year 6 – 93.5%

Overall Academy Attendance – 95.7%

Our aim is 97%

Spring Bulb Competition

The Spring Bulb Competition has commenced. Children have been sent home with their very own daffodil bulb to take care of. Please give it water to drink and move it into the daylight (if you haven't already done so). If it flowers please take a photograph, as that can be judged too.

The competition judging date is yet to be confirmed.

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.

Parent Notices and Reminders

Clubs

Clubs will all begin week commencing 13th January. If you have not signed up to a club and would like to, please come to the Academy office where you will be able to find letters for the clubs available in the letter stand.

The Sun Books for Schools Tokens – Collins Big Cat

The Academy is now collecting The Sun Book Tokens, please help us collect as many as possible so that we can get more exciting resources for the children. All tokens are issued in The Sun newspaper. Please share this information with your relatives.

Speech, Language and Communication Needs

St. Peter and St. Paul Academy is working alongside the Speech and Language Advisory Team from Bromley Borough. They are supporting us to become a Communication Supportive School, implementing a whole Academy approach to supporting speech, language and communication. As part of their recommendations, below are two websites which provide parents with information on expected milestones and guidance on how to support your child at home

<https://ican.org.uk/i-cans-talking-point/progress-checker-home/>

<https://www.afasic.org.uk/>

Mini-Olympics helper needed

The PTA are looking for a parent/carer who would be able to give some of their time on Thursdays to help with the after-school club 'Mini-Olympics'. It has proved so popular that an additional pair of hands is now needed to oversee the session. The children are full of enthusiasm for these sessions, which are all but fully subscribed, but someone is needed in order to ensure a smooth transition from Academy lessons to a fun, sporty hour after school.

You would need to undergo a DBS check by the Academy, which would be completed free of charge and, if you had any children taking part, the PTA would welcome them to the sessions at no cost.

If interested, please contact the Academy Office or the PTA Chair, John Powell, as soon as possible. The role would commence in January.

Year 3 Tate Britain Exhibition (Current Year 4)

The Year 4 children, who participated in last year's Year 3 Tate Britain Project, are now able to view their photograph at Tate Britain on Pillar 14. Should you wish to visit Tate Britain, admission is free and it is quite special to see all the children in Year 3 that are educated in London. If you do visit, use the special magnifying glass to view your photo.



Flute Lessons

Miss Nichols (from BYMT) impressed the children with her flute skills during Thursday's Assembly. She is due to start lessons within the Academy next week. If your child is interested please collect a form from the Academy Office.

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**.

Spring Term 2020

16 th January 2020	Pirate Day Lunch – More information to follow
17 th January 2020	PTA Tuck Shop
22 nd January 2020	Year 6 Liturgy – All Parents/Carers Welcome
23 rd January 2020	Year 5 Assembly – All Parents/Carers Welcome
30 th January 2020	Year 2 Assembly – All Parents/Carers Welcome
31 st January 2020	PTA Tuck Shop
5 th February 2020	EYFS Liturgy – All Parents/Carers Welcome
6 th February 2020	Year 1 Assembly – All Parents/Carers Welcome
6 th February 2020	Young Voices Concert – The O2
12 th February 2020	Year 3 Liturgy - All Parents/Carers Welcome
12 th February 2020	Parents' Evening – More information to follow
13 th February 2020	Year 4 Assembly – All Parents/Carers Welcome
13 th February 2020	Parents' Evening – More information to follow
14 th February 2020	PTA Tuck Shop
14 th February 2020	Half Term

Spring Term Clubs will run for 10 weeks

Monday 13th January 2020 to Friday 7th February 2020 (4 weeks)

No Clubs (2 weeks – 10th to 21st February 2020)

Monday 24th February 2020 – Friday 3rd April 2020 (6 weeks)

Week beginning 10th February – No clubs do to Parents evening this week

Week beginning 17th February – Half Term