



St Peter's Bratton Church of
England Academy

NEWSLETTER

Friday 7th January 2022

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the start of the Spring term 2022. I hope you all enjoyed the Christmas holidays and were able to take a break.

I'm aware that many of you and many of the children had covid over the holidays and hope that you are now recovered. It was good to see so many of you on Tuesday outside on the playground. Unfortunately, I tested positive for covid on Wednesday morning and am now in isolation and working remotely – which will explain why you haven't seen me!

We do have a number of children and staff who are absent from school with covid at the moment and this is a situation that we expect to continue and grow through January. If your child is going to be absent, for covid or any other reason, please call to confirm the absence. We can't take an absence on email alone. We know this is going to be a fluid situation, please be vigilant of symptoms in your child.

I am told the first week back has gone well and that the children have quickly settled back into school. We have had a French day today, so please talk to your child about that and look out for photographs that will be appearing on Twitter.

Je vous souhaite à tous un bon weekend

Cordialment,

Marc Davis

Principal

Covid 19 testing and isolation:

We have returned in January to the same set up as we had before Christmas. This means:

- Children mix in their year group but not beyond
- Minimal visitors into school
- One-way systems and outdoor collection points remain. Please can parents socially distance from each other when following the one-way systems.
- Our health and hygiene systems remain in place – handwashing and cleaning through the school day

These are the requirements around testing as we understand them at the moment but please bear in mind they rapidly change. If we are told anything different, or in relation to a particular group by Health Protection Hub, we will let you know.

From Tuesday 11th January, If children test positive on a lateral flow test, they do not need a PCR to confirm that they are positive.

If a child has covid symptoms, or is generally unwell, they should have a PCR test. Children must isolate until the results of the PCR are received if they are showing covid symptoms.

You can find the public health guidance for isolation [here](#)

And the guidance for households where there is possible covid infection [here](#)

Isolation times:

Day 0 – day of test/ day symptoms began

Day 1 – isolate

Day 2 – isolate

Day 3 – isolate

Day 4 – isolate

Day 5 – isolate

Day 6 – take LFT

Positive LFT – continue to isolate up to and including day 10

Negative LFT – continue to isolate and take another LFT on day 7. If the day 7 LFT is negative, released from isolation and free to return to school. If positive, continue to isolate up to and including day 10.

We don't need you to let us know about cases over the weekend at the moment, so you do not need to use the specific email we have shared before for this. Please inform the school office of all absences.

Once we know about an absence, teachers will make sure there is work available for your child from the second day of absence, with our full offer of work from the third day (although this may be sooner).

History – Wow I didn't know that!

Every month there are key historical anniversaries that happen. We are going to try and share some of these with you in the newsletter at the beginning of each month. Hopefully something will make you say, "Wow I didn't know that!"

Date	Historical Event
4 January	Sir Isaac Newton was born 380 years ago.
5 January	100 th anniversary of the death of Sir Ernest Shackleton, Antarctic explorer.
8 January	Rationing introduced – Second World War, 1940
15 January	Elizabeth I crowned Queen of England in Westminster Abbey, 1559
16 January	Gaius Julius Caesar Octavianus is granted the title Augustus by the Roman Senate, marking the beginning of the Roman Empire, 27 BCE.
20 January	The first English parliament to include representatives of the major towns holds its first meeting in the Palace of Westminster, now commonly known as the "Houses of Parliament", 1265.
27 January	Holocaust Memorial Day – anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz and Birkenau concentration camps by the Soviets, 1945.
30 January	50 th anniversary of Bloody Sunday – Northern Ireland.

Year 5

As part of celebrating our new topics this term, Year 5 have been exploring space. We have looked at our Solar System, explored key information about each of the planets, tested each other on our newly learnt facts and even created our own scale models of the Solar System!

We also learnt about Logo Lift Off – this is a part of LaunchUK, the Government's Spaceflight programme. From 2022, rockets will be launching into space from UK spaceports for the very first time. And they are asking for your help! They're asking 4-11 year olds from around the UK to design a logo that could go on these rockets.

We have begun designing our own logos in school, however, the full submission form requires parent/carer permission – so for those who were excited and interested in submitting their logo in the competition, the link to the website with all the information is below.

All entrants will receive their very own certificate and regional winners will also receive a special prize!

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

Please let us know if you take part – we're very excited to see any completed logos!

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Date	Event
Tuesday 11 th January	Swimming starts Year 4 and 5
Friday 4 th February	Exotic Zoo Year 1
Friday 18 th February	PD Day
Monday 21 st February	Half Term
Friday 18 th March	PD Day
Monday 11 th April	Easter Holidays
Monday 25 th April	Summer term starts
Monday 2 nd May	Bank Holiday
Friday 27 th May	PD Day
Monday 30 th May	Half Term
Friday 22 nd July	End of Summer term