



ST MARY MAGDALENE SCHOOL PENINSULA CAMPUS

Autumn 2020 Newsletter – Number 1



Welcome Back

A very warm welcome back to school after a rather long break for some pupils. We are pleased to see the pupils return to school. A special welcome to all the new families who join us this term, we very much look forward to working with you.

THIS SCHOOL YEAR WE WILL BE LOOKING AT THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT. WE START THIS HALF TERM THINKING ABOUT ALL THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT.

"But the fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law." **Galatians 5:22 -23**

THANK YOU

All the staff would like to thank parents and carers for the on-going support over the last few months. While the start of this academic year has been different to previous years, we are really pleased to have the children back in school. We thank you for your patience as we trial new systems and procedures to ensure the safety of our whole school community, especially at dismissal time.

A WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEW STAFF

Ms Battey (Siderman Class Teacher)
Ms Azam (Chessun Class Teacher)
Mr Ogunbiyi (Powell Class Teaching Assistant)
Ms Sayigahi (Talbot Class Teaching Assistant)
Ms Moran-Orbiz (Learning Support Assistant)
Ms Taylor (Learning Support Assistant)
Ms. Rahman (Powell Class Teacher)
Mr Smith (Talbot and Powell Class float teacher)
Ms Smith (Sanders and Elliott Class Float teacher)
Ms Turner (Elliott Class Teaching Assistant)

LEADERSHIP TEAM

If you need to talk to a member of the leadership team, we are always happy to help. We are available in the mornings and afternoons when we are on the gate. If this is not a good time for you then please telephone the school office to make a convenient appointment time or we can speak on the telephone. Mrs. Ajayi, the Deputy Headteacher is available each day. Our Senior Assistant Headteacher Mrs. Butterworth as well as Mrs. Badesha our Assistant Headteacher and Ms. Hoon our assistant Headteacher for Inclusion are also available on different days throughout the week, when not teaching. Mrs. McCullough our Federation Deputy Headteacher is also available most days. Mrs. Harrison and Mrs. Wainwright (the Federation Executive Co-headteachers) will continue to share their time between Christ Church school, St Mary Magdalene Woolwich and the Peninsula campus. Please ask in the office if you would like to speak to a specific person and Mrs. Shanahan can always let them know.

NASAL FLU VACCINATION

Children from Reception to Year 6 have received a letter regarding the nasal flu vaccination. Please read this letter carefully as it contains very important information. You must complete and return the consent form that comes with the letter even if you decide that you do not wish your child to receive the vaccination. Please be reassured that your child will NOT receive this vaccination unless you have given permission.



THE START AND END OF THE SCHOOL DAY

In line with government guidelines and to ensure social distancing, the school day is structured differently. Gates open for drop off between 8.40 am and 9 am for pupils in Year 1 – 6. Please try not to arrive too early as we cannot open the gate until 8.40am. For Reception pupils, the gate will be open between 9 and 9.10 am. Pupils should be collected promptly at the end of the day which is between **2.55 pm - 3 pm for Reception pupils** (from Monday 21st September) and between **3.05pm - 3.15 pm** for pupils in **Years 1 – 6**. All pupils line up and are dismissed from the playground. Parents are not allowed on the school premises at present. More detailed letters have been sent out about dismissal procedures. These are constantly under view. Do be aware that you can come **anytime** between the collection times to avoid a big queue at the start.

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

We would like to encourage 100% attendance and welcome your support with this. Children, who are not in school by 8.50 am, miss out on the essential information that class teachers give their children, as well as the settling down time each morning. We are also looking to ensure that **ALL** pupils are collected promptly at the end of the school day.

SCHOOL DINNERS

School dinners are FREE to all children in year groups Reception, 1 and 2. Please take up this opportunity. Dinners are prepared and cooked fresh each day in our own kitchen.

If your child is in Year 3 - 6, then the cost of a school dinner is **£2.75** a day. All dinners must be paid for in advance. School dinners cost **£13.75** a week which is **£96.25** each half term and **£192.50** for the whole term.

Please help your child learn how to use their knife and fork correctly so they are able to eat their meal independently. We encourage good table manners and ask that parents help teach these too!

PACKED LUNCH

If your child brings a packed lunch to school, please ensure it is healthy and does not include nuts, sweets, chocolate or fizzy drinks. All packed lunch bags should be well labelled. To minimise lunch bags being touched by several people, your child will keep their lunch box with them in the classroom rather than using the school fridges at first. **If your child wishes to change from packed lunch to school dinners, please ensure you let the school office know. This is to ensure all children receive a meal.**

SNACKS

Children in year groups Reception, 1 and 2 will be provided with a piece of fruit each day. Pupils in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 are permitted to bring in fruit for a snack at break time – no other food is allowed.

PARTY BAGS

We will not be able to distribute party bags at the present time.



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UNIFORM

The children have started the new term looking quite smart in their uniform. PLEASE ENSURE **ALL** CLOTHES ARE CLEARLY LABELLED WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME. Lost property will be given to charity at the end of each term! Please can every child come to school in the correct uniform which is outlined below.

UNIFORM POLICY

Clothing	Grey skirt/trousers/pinafore dress, yellow polo shirt/ blouse, burgundy sweatshirt/ cardigan/ jumper
Footwear	Safe, flat sensible shoes or trainers – black in colour
Jewelry	Small studs (no hooped earrings) and a wrist watch if your child can tell the time.

PE KIT

We ask that pupils wear white t-shirts, dark coloured shorts and trainers/plimsolls for PE. Please ensure children bring their kit, in a bag, every Monday and take it home on Friday for washing. Every pupil who is in school is expected to do PE.

UNIFORM PRICES

Uniform can be purchased from our school office. The prices are as follows:

- Fleeces £14.00
- Sweatshirts £9.50
- Cardigans £11.50
- Polo shirts £9.00
- Small bag £2.50
- Large bag £3.50
- Rucksack £6.00
- PE bags £3.00

BREAKFAST CLUB

Please see Mrs. Shanahan if your child requires a place.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

After school club is completely staffed and managed by Simply Play. Payments need to be made directly to the after-school staff – **NOT** the school office. Parents/carers will need to contact Simply Play directly for questions relating to spaces.

Contact: **Matthew Johnson**

Telephone: **020 3478 8567**



There will be **no** other after school clubs for the first half term.

Isaac who runs the **Piano Club** is offering online lessons please contact www.LOGOMUCO.com for further details.

Peninsula After School Football club are also offering sessions. Please contact them directly peninsulafcparents@gmail.com or **07706210502** for more information.

Adhering to government guidelines, we are unable to welcome parents on site at the present time. Please contact the school office: **0208 858 1309**

Email: peninsulaadmin@koinoniafederation.com

If you need to pass a message on to the class teacher please write a note for your child to give the teacher or send an email for the attention of the class teacher.

We are **now** a cashless school. Do download the School Gateway app or visit the website: www.schoolgateway.com and click on 'new user'. Pay for dinner money, Capitation as well as Breakfast club through this link.

OUR GOLDEN RULES

Last week the staff reminded the children of our behaviour policy and our Golden Rules. They are as follows:

1. Do be gentle – don't hurt anybody
2. Do be kind – don't hurt people's feelings
3. Do be honest – don't cover up the truth
4. Do work hard – don't waste time
5. Do look after property – don't waste or damage things
6. Do listen to people – don't interrupt

RECEPTION ADMISSIONS

It is that time of year when the application window has opened for pupils who are due to start primary school next September (children born between **1st September 2016 – 31st August 2017**).

If you would like to apply for a place for a younger sibling at any of our school sites, please contact any of the school offices. Please note if you attend church it is very important that you obtain a supplementary form from the office and ask your church leader to write you a clerical reference.

The deadline for applications to be received is
Wednesday 15th January 2021

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

BLACK HISTORY WEEK: Monday 28th September – Friday 2nd October – more details to follow.

HALF TERM: Monday 26th October - Friday 30th October 2019. We close for this on Friday 23rd October. Pupils return to school on Monday 2nd of November.

We will be able to provide details of our Christmas arrangements later on in the term.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS: Monday 18th December 2020 - Friday 1st January 2021. We break up on Friday 18th December. There will be **no** After School Club on this day. The pupils' first day back to school after the holiday is on Monday 4th January 2021.

PFA ORGANISED EVENTS

The PFA have sent a letter via email to new reception parents. Parents interested in joining the PFA please email with name, telephone number and child's name smpeninsulapfa@gmail.com