

# Week 6 Newsletter



**Pennyman**  
Primary Academy

We are fast approaching the end of the term and the spirit of Christmas has well and truly reached each classroom. This week the children have continued to work incredibly hard and produce work of the best standard. It has been wonderful to see the children learning brand new skills and honing those they already had. The children have been learning to make pasties and pizzas as well as producing some amazing sculptures out of foil.



At the moment, we know that many of the adults in our community are anxious about the impact of the pandemic. Please make sure you keep your children at home and book a test for any child who has a cough, a change in taste and smell or a high temperature. For your information we have seen some children develop these symptoms following a period of sickness and diarrhoea.

Next week is Christmas week, we have made the decision to allow children to come to school in their party clothes on their disco day– see overleaf.



May we remind you that, even with the new restrictions, the academy remains open, but we are **closed for a training day on Friday 18th December**. Thank you again from the team at Pennyman for your continued support this term, it is really appreciated.

## Para-Olympic Athlete



This week we were lucky enough to welcome Ayaz Bhuta into the academy 'virtually'. He is a British para-Olympian who plays wheelchair basketball.

During the session he delivered a virtual fitness session, he spoke about his life, the challenges he faced in trying to become a Paralympian and the resilience he has shown to make his sporting dreams come true.

May we thank everyone who has sponsored the children for this event. Mr Newham will total up what we have raised and we will announce it soon. Thank you again.



## Questions and Answers

**What can you do to help?** Can we remind you to observe, where possible, social distancing according to Public Health guidance, in order to make sure staff and children are kept safe. Once your child has entered the academy, please leave as quickly as possible unless you are waiting to drop off or collect another child. Please try to avoid using the academy drive way to turn cars around.

**Can you mix with other families?** Government guidance for the lockdown states that households should not mix, therefore we ask that you try to avoid where possible not to mix with others. This will help keep our community safer from the virus.

**Do you need to wear a mask?** Where possible please wear a face covering to protect yourself and others. It is everyone's responsibility to follow the guidance.

**What does it mean to isolate?** According to government guidance it is important that anyone who has symptoms or has received a positive test result should stay at home and not mix with anyone outside of their household. If someone in your home has tested positive it is suggested that you try and stay as far away from other members of your household as possible.

**Who can I turn to if things are difficult?** As always, we continue to offer support and advice to our families when they need it. Please remember to contact to academy office if there is anything you think we can support you with.

**What time do you need to arrive?** Please arrive on time within the time you have been given. If you arrive after late on a morning after the time given, your child will need to come in through the main entrance and collect a late mark.



## When and where do you drop off and collect your children?

Class	Collection/Drop off	Start	Finish
Nursery AM	Nursery entrance	8:45 – 9:05	11:30
Nursery PM	Nursery entrance	12:25 – 12:35	14:55
Reception	KS1 entrance	8:40 – 8:50	14:40
SEND	Main gate/office	8:40 – 8:55	15:00
Y1	New KS1 gate	8:40 – 8:50	14:40
Y2	KS1 entrance	8:50 – 9:00	14:50
Y3	KS2 entrance	8:45	15:05
Y4	KS2 entrance	8:40	15:00
Y5	KS2 entrance	8:35	14:55
Y6	KS2 entrance	8:30	14:50

Please arrive on time for your child's drop off and collection.

## What is going on in the academy next week?

Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Tue 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Wed 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec
Christmas Jumper Day Y4 Disco SEND Disco	Reception Disco Y1 Disco	Christmas Hat/ Headband Day Santa Run Y2 Disco Y3 Disco	Y5 Disco Y6 Disco	Academy closed to children – PD Day



## COVID-19 Government Guidance

- Children must not attend the academy if they themselves have symptoms, or have had contact with individuals who are unwell with coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms, or who have someone in their household who does.
- Everyone attending the academy must clean their hands thoroughly and more often than usual.
- Everyone will be encouraged to follow the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' and 'hands, face, space' approach.
- As an academy we have introduced a full time cleaner on site who will clean frequently touched surfaces.
- We encourage everyone to minimise contact between individuals and maintain social distancing wherever possible.