



Dear All,

Happy New Year to you all and what a start to the year!

What a rollercoaster of a week – from being open to all, to the majority of children are now accessing their learning remotely. Can I please take this opportunity to say a huge thank you from all the staff at PPSA to you all for being so understanding this week. I know you appreciate what we have had to put in place at extremely short notice. This week the staff here have been working hard to make sure everything is there, to ensure the smooth continuation of learning for your children.

The overriding message is to stay at home where possible to try and control the spread of the virus. For parents of children of critical key workers and vulnerable children if you do need a place for your child at school, you will need to book it in with us, with a week's notice if possible. We have organised our staffing rota to accommodate the children we know we will be attending on a week by week basis.

If there is anything you need us from please call us on 01278 684151 or drop us a line at info@ppsa.theplt.org.uk

Emma Barker

REMOTE LEARNING

Learning for all our children is all on either Tapestry (Heron Class) or Google Classroom. These can be accessed via all sorts of devices – laptops, Kindle Fires, Xboxes, Play Stations, smart TVs etc. Anything that access the internet - if you are having any problems at all accessing the learning your child's teacher is posting, please let us know ASAP and we will do what we can to support you.

From Monday BBC will be offering 3 hours of learning on the TV, and we are delighted that Joe Wicks is back too so we can make sure we keep moving!

SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

School place applications for next September is rapidly approaching (15th January is the deadline). Despite not being able to offer tours right now we are more than happy to talk to you about our school and what we can offer. If you know of anyone who is looking for places for next year – please ask them to get in touch! Email the school at info@ppsa.theplt.org.uk or call 01278 684151.

ACADEMY COUNCIL VACANCY

We still have one vacancy on our academy council. If you are passionate about education and our community, or know someone who is, then please contact the office or email info@ppsa.theplt.org.uk for more information. Meetings are held in the evening, once a term and at the moment via Zoom. Previous experience is not required.

2020-21 TERM DATES

2020-2021 Term Dates

- Term 1: Wednesday 2nd September 2020 to Thursday 15th October 2020
- Term 2: Monday 2nd November 2020 to Friday 18th December 2020
- Term 3: Monday 4th January 2021 to Friday 12th February 2021
- Term 4: Monday 22nd February 2021 to Friday 1st April 2021
- Term 5: Monday 19th April 2021 to Friday 28th May 2021
- Term 6: Monday 7th June 2021 to Friday 16th July 2021

E-SAFETY

Now more than ever we need to be mindful of what your children are looking at or playing online.

Take a look at these useful tips for parents:

10 INTERNET SAFETY TIPS FOR PARENTS

- 1** Don't block all access to technology. Help your child learn to use tech **safely** and **positively**.
- 2** Take an **interest** in your child's favourite apps or sites. Co-view or co-create at times.
- 3** Be the parent. You're in charge. Set **boundaries** and consider using filtering software.
- 4** Create a family media **agreement** with tech free zones such as cars, bedrooms, and meals.
- 5** Teach your child what **personal information** they should not reveal online (YAPPY acronym).
- 6** Help your child learn to **filter** information online and navigate fact from fiction.
- 7** Navigate digital **dilemmas** with your child. Avoid using devices as rewards or punishments.
- 8** **Balance** green time and screen time at home. Focus on basic developmental needs.
- 9** Don't support your child to sign up for sites with **age restrictions** (e.g. 13+) if they're underage.
- 10** **Learn more:** Explore reliable resources for parents so you can educate yourself.

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