

# Paget News

14<sup>th</sup> October 2020



**#Team Paget**  
**#Stronger Together**



## **Concerned About A Child's Safety?**

Contact Birmingham CASS on 0121 303 1888. If you feel a child is at risk of immediate, significant harm then call 999 OR contact a DSL in school: *Miss Nussey, Mrs. Thomas, Miss Spiers, Miss Green, Mrs. Ali-Gobern, Mrs. Ewbank or Mr. Merriman.*

**How to  
Contact Us...**

Email:  
[enquiry@paget.bham.sch.uk](mailto:enquiry@paget.bham.sch.uk)

Telephone:  
0121 464 3902 or  
07493838732

Twitter: @PagetPrimary



# HEAD TEACHER'S WELCOME

I would like to start by saying thank you to those parents/carers that have taken the time to complete the online survey I sent out last week about home learning, so far, I have received 84 responses. If you want to give your views the survey is still open. If you would like a paper copy of this survey, then please contact the school office and they will happily provide you with one. We are currently reviewing our home learning offer so that in the event of a bubble closure or national/local lockdown learning can continue at home but with greater levels of contact with the teachers than before.

On a similar note, should your child be in self-isolation learning packs, that are aligned to the learning happening in class in school, will be emailed out to you and are also available on the school website.

I would like to remind parents/carers that should any member of the household display symptoms and a Covid test taken then the whole household needs to self-isolate for the specified time or until a negative test result is received.

I am now going to make a plea to parents with regards to pupil behaviour in school. Recently some class teachers have received comments from parents regarding consequences for their child's unacceptable behaviour in school. Children are children and at times they will all make mistakes - I know I certainly did as a child; It is important that when this happens, they see teachers and parents providing a united front and supporting each other. Questioning this in front of your child undermines the work of staff in school and is not good for your child's personal, social and moral development in the long term.

I would also like to give you all advance warning about Christmas changes. As a result of Coronavirus, we are unable to offer the usual array of activities. Sadly, this year there will be no performances for parents/carers to come in and watch, no Carol concert at St Mary's Church and no Christmas Fayre. Some of our Christmas activities will continue to run e.g. Christmas dinner, Christmas Jumper Day but there will be some areas where we will be offering slimmed down versions of our usual Christmas events. More detailed information will follow after half term and I thank you in advance for your understanding about this.

We will also be unable to hold face to face parents evenings this term. Instead you will receive a short written report from your child's class teacher and you will be offered the opportunity of a ten minute follow up telephone call to discuss any elements of the report you may wish to. Further details will be sent out to you shortly.

Take care and stay safe

Vicky Nussey

# Harvest Festival



This year we will be sending our Harvest donations to Erdington Foodbank. We would be very grateful for donations of non-perishables such as cereals, pasta, rice, tins and biscuits. Please send you donations in, any day leading up to Thursday 22nd October.

Also, please look out for Year 3's Harvest assembly that will be available to view, in video form, via the Twitter feed on the last week of term.



## #YOU'VE BEEN MISSED - PARENT WEBINAR

The #YouveBeenMissed campaign fosters the expertise of the Forward Thinking Birmingham mental health service, the City Council and Birmingham Education Partnership to bring resources, advice and activities that can be beneficial. The next in the series of free webinars for parents and carers is taking place on Friday 15 October with a later start time of 7.30pm. Hosted by Lydia from the specialist STICK mental health team, it will offer practical tips on self-care.

Families can find out more and book places

at <https://bep.education/events/parenting-self-care-support-2/>

### Child Line

Children if you need to talk to anyone please ring or email [www.childline.co.uk](http://www.childline.co.uk)



# SPOTLIGHT ON VALUES: SELF-BELIEF



## What is Self-Belief?

Self-Belief is having confidence in yourself and your ability to do things successfully. It is feeling like a winner.

## How do you increase your self-belief?

Try your best at everything you do.

## You can show self-belief by:

- Showing bravery
- Taking risks and trying new things
- Recognising what you are good at
- Having confidence that you will achieve
  - Saying 'I can do this!'
  - Visualising yourself succeeding
  - Learning from your mistakes

## RECEPTION SCHOOL PLACES SEPTEMBER 2021

If your child is due to start school in September 2021 you should have received a letter at your home address outlining the process and deadlines for this. Just to remind you by law, parents/carers must ensure that their child is receiving suitable full-time education at the beginning of the term after their fifth birthday. In Birmingham, however, your child can go to school in the September after their fourth birthday.

Birmingham ask that parents apply for their child's school place online by visiting [www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions). The deadline for applications is **15<sup>th</sup> January 2021**. All parents/carers need to complete an application even if your child already attends Paget Nursery as reception admissions are dealt with centrally by BCC not the school.

Parents that submit an online application with a valid email address will be sent an offer email on 16<sup>th</sup> April.

If you need any help or support with this process, please see a member of school staff.

# HOMework

As things stand currently, we are reviewing our approach to homework at school as it is difficult to have the homework books in and out as we were. In the interim there are some key ongoing areas that you can do regularly with your children at home to aid the learning of their basic skills in school. These are outlined below and you will receive more specific guides for each year group shortly. When we have finalised our new approach to homework we will of course provide you with full details.

## Maths:

### Reception and Nursery -

- Number recognition - find numbers in the everyday environment (How many 3s can we spot today?)
- Shape recognition - look out for squares, triangles, circles and rectangles in the everyday environment
- Comparing measures - which has more? Which has less? Who is taller? Which went further?

### Year 1 and 2 -

- Access Numbots at home at least once a week
- Year 1 - practise writing numbers to 100 - recognise in everyday life
- Year 2 - Complete GCP book as directed by the teacher

### Year 3 and 4 -

- Complete 1 page of Times tables booklet each week
- Access TT Rockstars at least once a week

### Years 5 and 6 -

- Access TT Rockstars at least once a week
- Year 5 - complete paper arithmetic test sent home by teacher
- Year 6 - Complete GCP book as directed by the teacher

## English:

### Spelling:

- Access your Spelling Shed through individual logins given by the class teacher. Please do not hesitate to ask if there are any problems. Weekly spellings will be added here for your child to practise.
- Weekly spelling sheets will also be sent home with your child. Please make sure you practise words individually as well as writing them in a sentence. By writing the words in context, children have a better understanding of the word and will have more confidence to use them in their written work at school.
- Practise your year group specific statutory spellings (y3-6). These are words that do not follow a spelling rule but are difficult to spell. You can find a copy on our website in Home Learning Spring/Summer 2020. Your child's class teacher will also send a copy home. For children in reception to Year Two practise the identified common exception words for your child's year group.

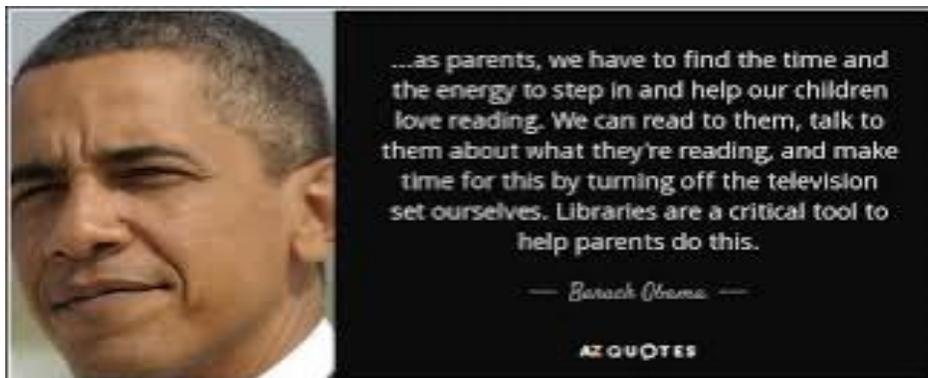
# HOMWORK (Continued)

## Reading:

- Each week your child will receive a new reading book. Currently we collect them in and send them home on a Thursday and a Monday. Please ensure you bring them in on these days.
- These books are for you to share at home. For your child to gain from this experience, please read together at least 3 times across the week. After you have read together, make a comment in your child's journal and sign. In this way, class teachers can acknowledge this by given your child a raffle ticket. All tickets are collected and each half term there is a class draw. One child from each class will receive a book. The more times you read together, the greater the chance to win a prize!
- If you read any other books at home, feel free to make a comment about it as well. The more your child reads, their confidence will grow, and they will want to read more challenging texts.
- To support with reading at home use the question stems that you can find on the following link. <https://www.theschoolrun.com/reading-learn-how-get-most-reading-your-children>. Your child's teacher will also be sending examples home.
- Go to <https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/reading/> for many e books to read. Your children will have been given a password. It is also written on our weekly Home Learning packs which you can find on our school website.

## Handwriting:

- At Paget, for pre cursive letter formation, we use the rule that every letter starts on the line. You will find examples on our website. Go to Home Learning Spring/Summer 2020 and look in Year 3 for an example. If you are unsure, your child's teacher will also be sending an example home.



# HOLLYFIELDS

CONFERENCE & SPORTS CENTRE

*Coffee Morning*



**COFFEE MORNINGS  
9AM-11:30AM EVERY  
MONDAY  
HOT FOOD AVAILABLE**



## Birmingham City Council

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Dear Parent / Carer

### **Drop and collect Covid testing service**

In order to help keep communities safe we're offering free, completely optional Coronavirus tests. Birmingham City Council staff and volunteers, supported by the RAF, will be visiting areas across the city. They drop off a test, tell you the details and come back within an hour.

You may already have noticed these teams, or you may see them out and about in coming days and weeks.

Please don't be concerned. They are here to help communities by making it easier for people to get tested. The teams will be wearing high-vis jackets, clearly labelled as being from the city council. If you have any doubts about who they are, ask for identification.

The RAF personnel have been really helpful in supporting this service. The city council simply doesn't have the capacity to provide all the people needed to run this service, so the RAF is providing extra people on the ground to help us. They are not here in their military capacity.

You can see more information about the service here:  
[https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/news/article/701/drop\\_and\\_collect\\_covid-19\\_testing\\_service\\_introduced\\_in\\_birmingham](https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/news/article/701/drop_and_collect_covid-19_testing_service_introduced_in_birmingham)

I know this is a really difficult time for everyone, but we are all working hard to keep communities safe. Together, we can get through this.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'P. Hamilton'.

Councillor Paulette Hamilton  
Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care  
Vice Chair LGA Community Wellbeing Board  
Chair of Birmingham Health and Wellbeing Board

## Dates For Your Diary

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October – Latest day for Harvest donations**

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October – Last day of term – children break up for half term**

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November – Children return to school**

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Last day of term - Children break up for Christmas holiday**

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January – Teacher training day – school closed to children**

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January – term begins – children return to school**

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February – Last day of term – children break up for half term**

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February – term begins – children return to school**

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April – Last Day of term – Children break up for Easter**

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April - term begins – children return to school**

**W/c 10<sup>th</sup> May – KS2 Sats week**

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May – Last day of term – children break up for half term**

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June - term begins – children return to school**

**W/c 7<sup>th</sup> June – Y1 Phonics Screening Check**

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July – Children break up for the summer**

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July – Teacher training day – school closed to children**

*Please note there is one remaining teacher-training day where the date is to be confirmed.*