

PAGET NEWS

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#Team Paget
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How to Contact Us...

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.*

Email:
enquiry@paget.bham.sch.uk

Telephone:
0121 464 3902 or
07493838732

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HEAD TEACHER'S WELCOME

Welcome back everyone, I hope that you all had a great half term break and managed to spend some quality time with loved ones.

Well, as of 5th November we find ourselves back in a state of lockdown. Unlike in March, schools are being asked to remain open and so we will continue to expect all children who are well enough, to attend school each day. Over the course of this week I will be working my way through the new guidance to accompany the latest lockdown, once I receive it and of course I will inform you of any changes to the way we run school that you need to be aware of.

We will continue to employ measures in school to try and keep the staff, parents and pupils as safe as we possibly can and so can I make a plea that parents/carers keep at least the safe 2 metre distance when mixing with other parents and staff, especially outside the school gates at the start and end of the school day. Moving forwards, I now also ask that any parents coming into the school building (including the office) wear a face mask or face covering please.

The Government has updated its guidance for parents 'What parents and carers need to know about early years providers, schools and colleges during the coronavirus (Covid-19) outbreak. This can be found on the gov.uk website.

On the evening of the Friday that we broke up for half term, Birmingham City Council announced that it was funding vouchers for pupils entitled to Free School Meals. Once we receive instructions from BCC about distributing these, we will let you know.

In matters, non-covid related, on the last day of half term we also said goodbye to Mrs. Jordan, who worked in the school office and Breakfast Club, following her retirement and re-location out of Birmingham. I am sure you will join me in wishing her all the very best for the future.

Take care and stay safe everyone

Vicky Nussey

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Thank you for all of the generous donations you sent in for Harvest this year, it has been a difficult time for all of us and so this year your generosity is even more special.



AFTER SCHOOL SPORTING COMPETITIONS

Paget Primary Inter-house Competitions.....

Tuesday 3rd Nov - Year 6 - 3.20-5pm
Thursday 5th Nov - Year 1 - 3.05- 4.30
Thursday 12th Nov- Year 5- 3.20-5pm
Tuesday 17th Nov- Year 2- 2.50-4.30
Thursday 19th Nov- Year 4- 3.05-4.30
Wednesday 25th Nov- Panthers-3.00-4.00
Wednesday 2nd Dec- Year 3- 2.50-4.30
Tuesday 8th Dec- Year 6-3.20-5.00pm



Child Line

Children if you need to talk to anyone please ring or email www.childline.co.uk



SPOTLIGHT ON VALUES: TEAMWORK

"None of us, including me, ever do great things. But we can all do small things, with great love, and together we can do something wonderful."

Mother Teresa

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Why Teamwork Matters:

From collaborating in a sports team to putting on a class play, teamwork is a big part of primary school life. And mastering the art of being a team player will help your child succeed not just at school, but throughout their lives. So how can we help our children develop this essential skill?

Learning to work as part of a team will help your child hone many social skills, such as patience, empathy, communication, respect for others, compromise and tolerance. It also helps them develop confidence in themselves and trust in other people.

Team Building at Home:

There are many ways to give your child opportunities to practise their teamwork skills at home. You might like to try:

- Board games and party games like Scrabble, Top Trumps, Charades, Jenga and Ludo: great for developing important social skills like taking turns, collaboration and compromise.
- Cooking: challenge siblings to work together to follow a recipe and bake a cake or even cook dinner.
- Putting on a play, show or music concert with siblings, friends or other family members.
- Art projects such as making a large collage or mosaic, or construction projects like making a LEGO city.
- Helping each other with homework: a great way for older children to support their younger siblings, while also developing vital skills such as communication and patience themselves.
- Active outdoor play such as football, basketball, building dens or obstacle courses, and even building a snowman in the winter.
- Team games like the classic passing a balloon between the legs and parachute games where children have to work together to keep a ball aloft: great if you have a group of kids to entertain.

Just keep in mind that teamwork can be challenging for children (and especially for siblings!), and be prepared to intervene if things are getting too competitive or confrontational.

PARENTS EVENING

In light of current restrictions re mixing and minimising contact we have had to review our approach to parents evening this year. Each child will receive a short, written report that will be emailed to parents. You will then be given the opportunity, should you wish, to discuss this report in a follow up phone call with your child's class teacher which will take place during the week commencing 17th November. Please note that the telephone calls are time limited and will last no longer than 10 minutes.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Given all that is happening this year, we have taken the decision to have school photographs later in the year, where we will hopefully be able to do so in the usual way. If we did them now, we would not be able to take sibling photographs in a way that we could keep in school bubbles separate. We are working with the photography company to determine a date for either the Spring or Summer term. We will of course update you once a date has been set. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

SWIMMING & FOREST SCHOOLS

Unfortunately, as a result of the national lockdown arrangements from Thursday, swimming pools will no longer be open. So, sadly Year Two will not be going swimming during this time period. We will let you know if and when this changes. I know that the children, especially in 2B, will be really disappointed but this is unfortunately out of our hands.

At the moment, Forest Schools will still run as normal. Should this change Year One staff will be in touch.



Looking after our children's wellbeing at Paget...

Good news!



Our Hello Yellow Day in aid of Young Minds Charity and our school raised a fabulous total of £352.79. Thank you so much for your support! We really appreciate your kindness and know our children do to. What a team that is working stronger together. With the next lockdown looming, below are some tips to support your child's wellbeing whilst they stay at home during the weekends, over the coming weeks.

Help other people

Just getting your child to help other people can make them feel better. Calling someone for a chat can be a big help and helps restore positivity about the world.

Look after your body

Encouraging your child to look after their body by eating healthy food, drinking plenty of water and exercising at home indoors and outdoors with the family e.g. Joe Wicks sessions from Youtube.

Place an emphasis on resilience and strength

Focus on your child's skills, in terms of their daily life. Help them see they have many strengths to help them cope if feeling anxious or upset.

Looking after your feelings

If your child is feeling anxious try getting them to think about good things that make them happy. You can always get them to keep a diary and write down or draw about how they are feeling.

Relax

There are lots of different ways that your child can relax which will help them take notice of the present moment, it will also help them develop their creative side:

- Arts and crafts, such as drawing, painting, collage, sewing, craft kits or upcycling (using items you would recycle to build and create something new)
- Colouring
- Singing or listening to music
- Writing a story
- Creating their own dance routines to music

They could even try something new like Yoga. Yoga is a fantastic, fun exercise that improves posture, flexibility, strength and balance. It can also help children to relax and encourage positive thinking. You tube is a great resources and has lots of yoga exercises to practice.



Please share any of ideas you have of your children looking after their mental health on our twitter @pagetprimary and use the hashtag #pagetwellbeing

Places to go to for support and advice:

YOUNGMINDS

Young Minds - <https://youngminds.org.uk/>

The BBC Newsround site has a comprehensive section on coronavirus with text and video guidance focusing on tips if a child is worried, how to wash your hands, and what self-isolation means:



<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/51204456>

Communicate any concerns with school

If you have any worries or concerns about your child's emotional behaviour or wellbeing, then please let school know. There will be things we can do to help further and support you.

Keep safe and well

Mrs Ewbank

SEMH and Wellbeing Lead

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of
your
Self
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Staying safe on Bonfire Night

Fireworks and sparklers can be beautiful and fun. But they can also be dangerous if you're not careful around them. Here are some tips to ensure that your children can enjoy Bonfire Night while also staying safe. The coronavirus situation is constantly changing. It may mean thinking out of the box when it comes to celebrating Bonfire Night this year.

Bonfires

- Leave plenty of space. When building a bonfire, make sure that you leave plenty of space. The fire should be far away from your house, plants, fences, sheds or other flammable objects. You and your family should stand well away from the flames.
- Lighting your bonfire. Never light a bonfire with petrol or other explosive substances. This can lead to serious injuries, burns and even explosions.
- The water bucket. Always have a large bucket of water nearby when you have a bonfire going in case of any emergencies.
- Clothing. Avoid loose clothing that could potentially catch fire from stray sparks.

Fireworks

- When reading the instructions for fireworks, make sure you use a torch. Do not use a flame of any kind. Make sure to keep other flames away from the firework packaging. This includes cigarettes, lighters, and sparklers.
- Stand clear. Do not go near a firework after it has been lit, even if it is taking a long time to go off. It could start at any time and cause injury.

Sparklers

- Arm's length. Teach your child to hold their sparklers at arm's length so they avoid any kind of burns or accidents.
- Water down after use. After the sparkler has gone out, pour water over it. Make sure your child does not touch it again as they can be very hot even without the flame.

We hope you have a great Bonfire Night however you decide to celebrate! Always remember to clean up your fireworks after you have finished using them.

For more dos, don'ts and fun Bonfire Night facts, visit the official [Bonfire Night Safety website: www.bonfire-night-safety.co.uk](http://www.bonfire-night-safety.co.uk)



Dates for Your Diary

Monday 2nd November – Children return to school

Friday 18th December – Last day of term - Children break up for Christmas holiday

Monday 4th January – Teacher training day – school closed to children

Tuesday 5th January – term begins – children return to school

Friday 12th February – Last day of term – children break up for half term

Monday 22nd February – term begins – children return to school

Thursday 1st April – Last Day of term – Children break up for Easter

Monday 19th April - term begins – children return to school

W/c 10th May – KS2 Sats week

Friday 28th May – Last day of term – children break up for half term

Monday 7th June - term begins – children return to school

W/c 7th June – Y1 Phonics Screening Check

Tuesday 20th July – Children break up for the summer

Wednesday 21st July – Teacher training day – school closed to children

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