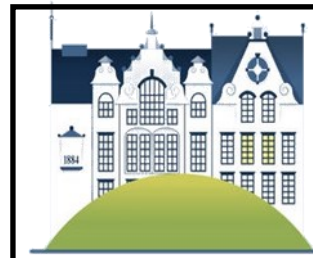


# Primrose Hill Primary School Weekly Newsletter



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Illness is affecting us all this week, both children and staff alike. This is challenging, but we recognise no one should be in school if they are really sick. Please make sure the children have suitable clothes for the cold weather. Layers work best. We're all dosing up on vitamin C and vegetables to keep going. Fortunately, the frost should kill off a few germs. This week, I had the pleasure of going ice-skating with the Beetles. This was brilliant. The children were fantastically behaved, parents supporting and enjoying time with the children. The children themselves showed great resilience to falling over. There is lots of evidence of a growth mindset here. Rhiannon and I were very impressed, as was Jacob the next day with the Grasshoppers. Well done.

Robin



## Parking outside the school

We are very aware that it is difficult to park outside the school when dropping off or collecting your children. However, everyone must park sensibly—in a bay if possible—and there should be no double parking or parking on zig zag lines. This is so important for the safety of our children. They should be able to cross on the crossing safely with the lollipop lady. Parents/carers with cars properly parked should also be able to cross the road safely to collect their children.

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THE SAFETY OF YOUR CHILDREN  
IS OUR MAIN CONCERN.

## Parent Consultations



There are still a number of parents who have not made appointments. If you are struggling to do this electronically, please see Liz or Robin.

**A REMINDER: SCHOOL IS CLOSED FOR  
NURSERY AND RECEPTION ON WEDNESDAY  
7th DECEMBER  
AND SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 1PM THAT DAY  
FOR YEARS 1—6**

## Class Assemblies

A heads up about class assemblies next term. Each class will have an assembly which will be performed to you as parents and carers and to an audience of children. This is a new approach at Primrose Hill, which we hope will develop the children's performance skills, give them confidence in speaking publicly and singing and dancing to entertain us. The assemblies will be linked to their class learning.

The assemblies will be weekly throughout the Spring Term, beginning with Butterflies on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> Jan at 9:30 a.m. in the middle hall, followed by Dragonflies on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> Jan at 9:30 a.m.

Subsequent assemblies will be at 2:45 p.m.

Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2:45	Grasshoppers
Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb 2:45	Beetles
Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb 2:45	Bats
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mar 2:45	Squirrels
Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup> Mar 2:45	Foxes
Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> Mar 2:45	Hedgehogs
Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup> Mar 2:45	Woodpeckers
Thurs 30 <sup>th</sup> Mar 2:45	Blackbirds

## Sports Stars

It has been a very busy week for our sport stars! On Tuesday 12 exceptional basketballers went to Talacre Sports Centre to be coached by Camden's young NVQ trainees for an intensive basketball lesson! They played some friendly games against other schools and did very well. Dean then took 6 children from Years 3 and 4 to a benchball tournament. The children made an amazing start by winning both friendly matches and all their group matches comfortably - later losing in the semi-finals by 1 point.

They stayed positive and went on to win the 3rd and 4th place - crowning themselves bronze medalists!



## Apply Now for a Camden Primary School Place

You need to apply for a 2017 Reception place before 15 January if your child was born between 1 September 2012 and 31 August 2013. You can name up to six school preferences.



Don't forget the Cecil Sharp Concerts on 13<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> December and the Singalong in the Playground at 6 p.m. on 20<sup>th</sup> December.



### Camden Community Learning for Adults

tell us that their spring term brochures CLiC (Community Learning in Camden) is now available. You can download the most up to date version of CLiC on our website <http://www.camden.gov.uk/ccm/content/education/adult-community-learning/whats-on-this-term/>

They deliver English, computer skills workshops, preparing for employment courses and many more. Their popular **Everyday Computer Skills Workshops** are now offered in **various different venues** across the borough. Alternatively you can find more information here: <http://www.camden.gov.uk/ccm/content/education/adult-community-learning/free-computer-workshops.en>

**All courses are free** for adults aged 19+ and priority is given to Camden residents.

For more information on Camden Adult Community Learning please visit: [www.camden.gov.uk/adultlearning](http://www.camden.gov.uk/adultlearning). If you would like to register or ask a question, you can contact the Camden Adult Community Learning team in any of the following ways:

Call: 020 7974 2148 Email: [adultlearning@camden.gov.uk](mailto:adultlearning@camden.gov.uk)

Web: [www.camden.gov.uk/adultlearning](http://www.camden.gov.uk/adultlearning)



There have been strange goings-on this week in the hen house, we think we may have witnessed a little bit of magic. Hinge was just about to lay her egg (I had already laid two) when there was a clatter of hooves and a jingle of bells, lots of snorting and a shout of "Ho Ho Ho". We had no idea what it could be and with the weather being so cold we decided to stay snug in the coop till the morning. You can imagine our surprise when we awoke to find an elf on the shelf. Our elf visitor came complete with a

letter explaining that he had been sent by Santa to keep an eye on us and make sure that we are good chickens until Christmas day.

The letter told us that we had to name him. After much deliberation we decided on Robin. Obviously, being chickens, we don't have a shelf, so Robin is more of an elf on a chicken swing. It was very kind of Santa to send him to us, in fact we were so happy that we put up a twig and decorated it with fir cones to celebrate. It's looking very festive back here in the garden.

Robin the elf is a very nice addition to our humble abode, even though this morning when Hinge and I got up for our early morning feather preen it appeared that our little elf friend had covered our hen house in fairy lights. There are hundreds of them EVERYWHERE, it was like walking into a disco (without the music). We could seriously give Regents Street a run for its money this year. Maybe we can open up the worlds first chicken grotto?

We have a feeling this might be one of many surprises that Robin has up his sleeve for us, we can't wait till tomorrow.

We think we are going to enjoy having an elf to stay, did any of you have one mysteriously turning up out of the blue?

'Tis the season of magic.!

Hinge and Bracket



### Our Website

Please do take time to have a look at the school website. This is where all the news is showcased and you can experience the learning opportunities your children have at Primrose Hill. Most recently is the work each year group have undertaken as part of anti-bullying week. Check it out: <http://www.primrosehill.camden.sch.uk>. You can also open this on your phone or tablet and 'add to home screen' so it becomes an APP

### Important Dates

#### Wed 7<sup>th</sup> Dec

#### 1.00 p.m. School Closure for Parent Consultations

Fri 9<sup>th</sup> Dec

Tues 13<sup>th</sup> Dec

Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> Dec

Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Dec

Mon 19<sup>th</sup> Dec

Tues 20<sup>th</sup> Dec

#### Wed 21<sup>st</sup> Dec

Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan 2017

Weds 4<sup>th</sup> Jan

Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Jan

Tues 17<sup>th</sup> January

#### Nursery & Reception classes closed Parent Consultations

National Human Rights Day

Y1 & Y2 Concert at Cecil Sharpe House p.m.

Christmas lunch children/ Staff

Year 2 to The Roundhouse Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6

Concert at Cecil

Sharp House pm

EYFS Nativity Concert 2.45 p.m.

Candlelit Singalong in the Playground 6 p.m.

**Last Day of Autumn Term 1:30 p.m. finish**



#### INSET Day First Day of Spring Term

Year 3 Dodgeball

Indoor Athletics Talacre

### Grasshoppers and Beetles go ice skating



### Christmas trees in school



It's beginning to feel like the festive season here in school with Christmas trees and elves in the chicken coop—see Hinge & Bracket! Our trees have been chosen for us by a parent and he has done a good job as you can see. This dad can be found in the Christmas Tree Forest in Inverness Street Market.



### Attendance and Punctuality

We need your help. We have a significant number of children who are coming to school late. This is unacceptable. Please encourage your child to get to school as soon as the gates open. Being late means your child starts the day negatively; they are rushed, they miss learning and information and it is embarrassing to walk into class when everything is up and running. As parents and carers, you have signed a Home School Agreement to ensure your child comes to school on time. Please support your child and the school with this. Giuseppe closes the gate at 9 am because that is his job and he has been asked to. If you arrive after this, you must go to the office.

**Gates open: 8:45**

**Gates close: 9:00**

**Registers Close: 9:15**

**Arrival after 9:15 will be unauthorised absence**

### Easyfundraising.org.uk

As you know we are really keen to get our very own floating classroom. Every penny helps and with this in mind please check out the website—

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/primhill/>

The school makes money simply by you shopping at no extra cost to you. We need as many supporters as possible so tell your friends and family, Let us see if we can be the most profitable school!

## TWO YEAR OLD PROVISION AT PRIMROSE HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

Primrose Hill Primary School have committed to providing funded part-time places for up to 24 children from late February 2017. Construction is currently taking place on site, and, although delayed, we hope to open in late February 2017. We have also appointed new staff who will be led by Richard McLelland (Early Years Leader).

In the first instance, parents & carers will be able to access their 15 hours in five x three hour morning sessions or five x three hour afternoon sessions:

**9:00 – 12:00**

**12:30 – 3:30**

### **There are certain eligibility criteria for admissions:**

Your two year old can get **free** early education and childcare if you receive **ONE** of the following:

- Income support
- Income-based jobseeker's allowance (JSA)
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
- Universal Credit
- Tax credits and you have an annual income of under £16,190 before tax
- the guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Support through Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act
- The Working Tax Credit 4-Week Run On (the payment you get when you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)

### **A child can also get free early education and childcare if any of the following apply:**

- They are *looked after* by a local council
- They have a current statement of Special Educational Need (SEN) or an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHC)
- You receive Disability Living Allowance
- The child has left care under a special guardianship order, child arrangements order or adoption order.

### **Places will be offered with the following criteria applied:**

- Children of an appropriate age to fill the vacancy to ensure the balance of places across the age range (terms of birth)
- Children with a sibling already registered at Primrose Hill School
- Children living nearest to the school

Please telephone the office or email [admissions@primrosehill.camden.sch.uk](mailto:admissions@primrosehill.camden.sch.uk) if you are interested in a place at the school or if you believe your child qualifies for a place.

**You will also need to make a formal application to Camden Council in order to confirm you meet the criteria.**

The link to this section of the Camden website can be found on our website home page or if you follow this link: [https://www.camden.gov.uk/ccm/cms-service/stream/asset/?asset\\_id=3447291&](https://www.camden.gov.uk/ccm/cms-service/stream/asset/?asset_id=3447291&)

In the meantime, we will add you to our waiting list if you are interested.