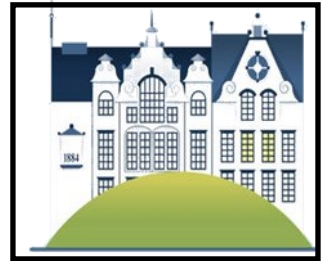


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The trees are decorated and the school is looking festive. We have had our parent consultations this week and it has been lovely for teachers to talk to you about your children's learning. We hope you have enjoyed it too. We had a record 95% booking appointments which is the highest ever, so this is good in terms of parent engagement. We

are closely monitoring where parents and carers did not attend and correlating this with things like pupil's attendance and their progress....they all link. **Robin**



Seasonal Events

Next week our festivities begin:



Tuesday 13th Dec 2pm Key Stage 1 Concert at Cecil Sharp House

Thursday 15th Dec Children's Christmas Lunch

Friday 16th Dec Christmas Jumper Day

Followed by:

Monday 19th Dec 2pm Key Stage 2 Concert at Cecil Sharp House

Tuesday 20th Dec 2:45pm EYFS Nativity Concert
6pm Singalong in the playground with mince pies and mulled wine

Don't forget the last day of term is Wednesday 21st December and we finish at 1:30pm. Our first day for children is Wednesday 4th January 2017.

The children in the Key Stage 2 choir performed three songs alongside the Royal Free Choir and the congregation at St Marks on Wednesday night. We were invited to take part in their Carol Service.

Robin and Izzy (Ketsrels) were asked to do a reading too. The children sang beautifully. They are going to be busy over the next few weeks. Next week they are singing at the Melia Whitehouse Hotel at lunchtime and in the evening.



Staffing

At the end of this term we say goodbye to three members of staff: Attie Feitsma who is booked to travel to Africa for a few months.



Tracy Maberly who is taking some time off from teaching. We wish them the very best.

We are also sorry to lose Rita Brassington who is retiring, after working for 12 years in our school (but 26 years in Camden). She has supported all the staff and parents at Primrose Hill and will be truly missed. We wish her a very happy retirement.



We welcome a few new faces after the holidays: Pippa Clay will be the Phase 1 and 2 Leader and Class Teacher of the Beetles Class after Rhiannon goes on maternity leave; Martin Lucas will join the team as an intervention and cover teacher to replace Attie and Chantal Thompson who will be the new teacher in Y6 alongside Marianne and Mireille. We also have a new School Business Manager – Irene Mitchell – starting in January.

Exciting times ahead.

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 preferences.



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 12th Jan at 9:30 a.m. in the middle hall, followed by Dragonflies on Thursday 19th Jan at 9:30 a.m.

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

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



The countdown to Christmas continues, Bracket and I are very excited. It has been a very interesting week here in the hen house, for a start Robin our elf has been up to all sorts of things, on Monday he made us a special cake from birdseed, he even iced it, we were very impressed, on Tuesday he knitted us special chicken Christmas stockings (they have 3 toes) and hung them where we lay our eggs, on Wednesday he delivered a huge hamper with all sorts of chicken delicacies that chickens love, especially sprouts, it was full of them, there must have been at least 200 as well as broccoli and cabbage. What a treat. On Thursday he introduced us to his friend Rudolph who was a really nice reindeer. He said he was just popping by to make sure that Robin is being a good elf (he is) and to send us a message from Santa telling us that he is very impressed with our behaviour this year. Bracket and I were very proud of ourselves. It was really nice meeting Rudolph but I could not take my eyes off his very shiny nose, it really does light up. Bet he looks fantastic in the dark. All too soon he had to dash as he is still in training for the huge job he does on Christmas eve, bidding us goodbye he was gone with a clatter of hooves and a sprinkle of elf dust.

Talking of going I had better check on Robin, have a lovely week

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

Tues 13th Dec	Y1 & Y2 Concert at Cecil Sharpe House p.m.
Thurs 15 th Dec	Christmas lunch children/ Staff
Fri 16 th Dec	Year 2 to The Roundhouse
Mon 19th Dec	Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6 Concert at Cecil Sharp House pm
Tues 20 th Dec	EYFS Nativity Concert 2.45 p.m. Candlelit Singalong in the Playground 6 p.m.
Wed 21st Dec	Last Day of Autumn Term 1:30 p.m. finish
Tues 3rd Jan 2017	INSET Day
Weds 4th Jan	First Day of Spring Term
Wed 11th Jan	Year 3 Dodgeball
Thurs 12th Jan	9.30 Butterfly Class Assembly
Tues 17th Jan	Indoor Athletics Talacre
Thurs 19th Jan	9.30 Dragonfly Class Assembly



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**

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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!