

## Primrose Hill Primary School

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Dear Parents and carers,

Welcome to the first half of the Spring term. Our theme is predominantly 'dinosaurs'. Here are some key events coming up over the next half term.

### **\*SPECIAL EVENTS & DATES FOR THE DIARY\***

#### **Trip to the Natural History Museum 28th January**

A letter will follow with more information. If you are able to accompany us on the trip please speak to Maria or Niamh

The children will be creating their own museum over the coming weeks and will be previewing it to their parents and carers on the 12th and 13th of February at 2.30. This will be a ticketed event (made by the children) Please come and sign up.

#### **Guided reading**

Please check your child's reading diary to see if their reading day has changed.

#### **Daily teacher catch up**

One of the teaching team will be outside the classroom every day from 3.15pm onwards. This is a great opportunity to check in and come and share any exciting news, concerns or ask any questions you may have.

#### **Stay and Play sessions**

Stay and play sessions will begin again on Thursday's. They will be held fortnightly from 8.45 am until 9.30am. This shared experience is a fantastic opportunity for parents and carers to stay for as little or as long as they wish and be involved in their children's play and learning.

#### **Toys at school**

Please remind your child that they are not permitted to bring their own toys to school. They can easily be lost or broken and this causes much upset. We will inform you when we begin to have designated 'show and tell' days.

#### **Spare clothes**

Please ensure your child has at least **one set of spare clothes on their peg at all times**. If a set are returned at the end of the day as they were wet, please remember to send replacements the following day.

#### **Dressing for the weather**

*Head Teacher: Robin Warren*

As the days begin to become cooler and wetter, can we please ask that your child comes to school every day in a long sleeved coat, preferably with a hood or hat. We use the outside area every day and so children need to be able to wrap up warm. Please clearly label your child's extra clothing (gloves, hats, scarves) with their name as it is very difficult to identify otherwise. We always end the day by encouraging the children to check that they have all of their belongings. There is a lost property box in the corridor for any items we find after school. The school lost property boxes are in the playground beside the medical room.

### **Primrose Hill Library**

This term we will continue visiting Primrose Hill Community Library each week for storytelling sessions.

### **Mystery Reader**

We would like to invite you to be our mystery reader of the week. Every Friday a mystery reader will appear in our class and share a story at the end of the day. This can be you or another relative or family friend. Please see the class teacher to sign up but shhh.... keep it a secret!

### **Parental talents and interests welcomed!**

We'd be over the moon to have any of you in to sing with us, do some cookery, enjoy some art or gardening, do some storytelling or share any other interest or talent you have. Please chat to a member of the Reception team if you're inspired to join us.

### **Cooking money**

The children have really enjoyed cooking each week. We have linked the cooking to our sound of the day from pumpkin soup to omelette. Please remember to donate 50p when you can so we can continue to give your children these lovely experiences.

### **Website [www.primrosehill.camden.sch.uk](http://www.primrosehill.camden.sch.uk)**

We will be placing news items on the school website to keep you informed about the exciting learning taking place in EYFS and across the school, presentations from workshops and letters about trips etc. Please check this from time to time. The termly calendar is also on the website to keep you up to date with important events.

### **Attendance**

Your child's punctual and regular attendance at school is of crucial importance in their learning and development. Please make every effort to bring your child to school on time with as few gaps in their attendance as possible. We understand that the children fall ill from time to time but please do all you can to help us retain and improve on this figure and miss as little time from school as possible.

### **And finally...**

Remind your children to 'have a go' at things they find difficult for example zipping up their coats. Try to refrain from doing things for them and tell them 'you can do it'. Remember that mistakes are marvellous and are the way we learn how to do things. Praise all of your child's successes and encourage them to make decisions and choices about the experiences and learning they do outside of school.

We look forward to sharing the exciting term ahead with you all.

Many thanks,

The Reception team