

# Primrose Hill Primary School Weekly Newsletter



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This week we began our autumn term Pupil Progress Reviews. This is where the class teachers and the Senior Leadership Team discuss the children's progress and look at their work. It all looks very promising so far. It is always impressive to see the children's growth from September, alongside the teacher's meticulous record keeping and professional judgement of their classes during these meetings. There will be lots of good things to tell you for our forthcoming parent consultations. **Robin**

## Parent Consultations

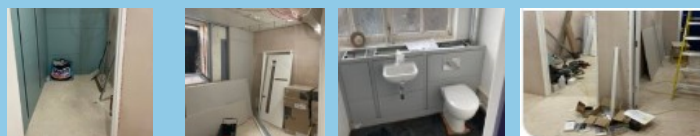
A reminder about parent consultations this term. These will take place on **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November**. This means **Tadpoles, Froglets and Ladybirds will be Closed all day** and **Years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 will Close at 1pm**. Appointments will be until 6:30pm.

We have now sent the booking link via text and emailing system. Please make sure to book your time slot for your meeting with the class teacher to discuss your child's progress. If you have changed your mobile phone number recently and have not yet informed us, please let us know. Similarly, if you have any inquiry or difficulty with booking please, contact or come to see Ilirjana in the office.



## ARP Works

The ARP developments are going extremely well. I keep posting a few pics on twitter of the progress, but here are a few for you to see in the newsletter too. Next week the works in the garden begin. This will involve some additional hoarding and not being able to use some of the garden space for a while. The end result however will be amazing! The additional soundproofing of classrooms will continue at the end of this month.



## Staffing News

We will be saying a sad goodbye to Chantel Thompson at the end of this term. Chantel has taken up a very exciting teaching post in the Seychelles! Wow! Her new school are lucky to have her but we will try not to be jealous of the sunshine.

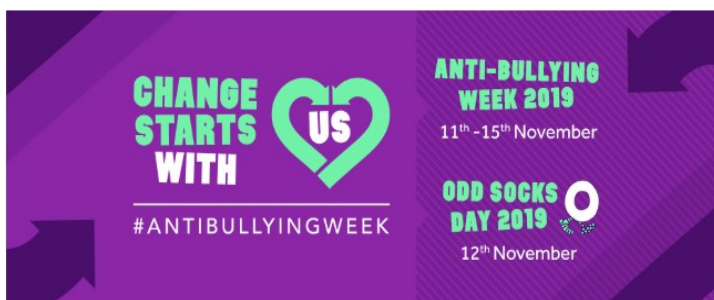
We are soon to welcome back Marina Castelo-Branco back from maternity leave in December and her and Mary Deavin will be the Class Teachers in Foxes from January.



## A reminder...

Children from Y2 onwards should come into the building by themselves, unless parents or carers need to briefly speak to the class teacher. The class teachers have a weekly slot in the playground at the end of the day for informal liaison and will gladly meet you for longer discussions if you make an appointment. With so many children and so many parents, our corridors can be congested. Please encourage the children to come upstairs by themselves. Thank you.

## Anti-Bullying Week



Next week we will be celebrating anti bullying week and the whole school will be engaging in a variety of activities and spreading the kindness movement across the school. Wristbands will be on sale for £1 each and we will all be coming to school in odd socks on Tuesday.



## MATHS PARENT WORKSHOPS

As part of our work around our Maths School Improvement Action, Mireille will be leading parent workshops around fluency. These sessions will focus on how you can play games at home with your children to increase their mental maths and recall of mathematical facts. All of these sessions will take place on a Friday morning after the soft start drop in sessions for parents. **Please sign up in the office.**

**All parents who attend will receive a free pack that will have dice and games to play at home with your child!**

**YEAR 1** Thank you to all of you who could make it today, hope you found it useful.

**YEAR 2** Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November – start at 9am in the community room

**YEAR 3 & 4** Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December - start at 9am in the community room

**YEAR 5 & 6** Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December - start at 9am in the community room



## Christmas!

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**

**Carol Concert at St Marks 6pm**

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December**

**KS1 Concert at Cecil Sharp 2pm**

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December**

**EYFS Christmas Show 2:30pm**

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December**

**KS2 Concert at Cecil Sharp 1pm and 2:30pm**

Tickets for the KS1 and KS2 concerts will be available from some of our helpers on consultation day and in the playground in the run up to the events. More on this to come.

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December**

**Children & Staff Christmas Lunch**

## Key Dates

**Wed 27<sup>th</sup> Nov Parent Consultations Meeting  
EYFS Closed All Day and Y1 – 6 close at 1pm**

Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> Dec PM - Key Stage 1 Concert at Cecil Sharp

Tue 10<sup>th</sup> Dec PM – EYFS Christmas Show

Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Dec PM – Key Stage 2 Concert at Cecil Sharp (two performances tbc)

Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> Dec **LAST DAY OF TERM—1:30 Finish**

### Spring Term

Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Jan INSET DAY

Tues 7<sup>th</sup> Jan First Day Spring Term

**Mon 17<sup>th</sup> to Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Feb Half Term**

Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> April Last Day of Spring Term

Mon 20<sup>th</sup> April INSET DAY

Tues 21<sup>st</sup> April First Day of Summer Term

Fri 8<sup>th</sup> May **MAY DAY**

**Mon 25<sup>th</sup> to Fri 29<sup>th</sup> May Half Term**

Mon 1<sup>st</sup> June INSET DAY

Tues 21<sup>st</sup> July Last Day of Summer Term

## Absence & Attendance

We ended this week on 95.92% which is a steady increase from last week. I've been working on updating the attendance policy this week and it should be available by the end of next week for parents/carers to have a read through. Please have a flick through to familiarise yourself with what we do at Primrose Hill.

We have introduced a new initiative called 100% day where we aim for ALL children to attend on a particular day each half term. Each class that has 100% attendance on that day will get 10 mins extra play! 100% day will be on 29<sup>th</sup> November this half term and I'm excited to see so many faces at school!

I've also noticed an increase in lateness this half term and we will be monitoring this a little more. A reminder that soft start begins at 8:45 and lessons start at 9:00 each day so please make sure that your child is in class by 9:00 everyday.

NOW for the fun bit:

**WELL DONE TO LADYBIRDS 96.17%**

**WELL DONE TO BUTTERFLIES 100%**

**WELL DONE TO WOODPECKERS 98.67%**

Parent Workshop: Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> Nov.  
2.15-3.15pm @ Primrose Hill School



### How to cope better with our own stress and build up our resilience?

It is completely normal for us to experience feelings of stress, anxiety or sadness. We are constantly having to deal with stressful situations and cope with our child's stress and demands as well! No wonder we might sometimes feel a bit overwhelmed!

It is important to know how normal it is to feel this way, but it's also important to know that there are things you can do to help you cope with these life stressors so that they don't completely overwhelm you.

In this session we will think about:

- What causes us to feel stressed, worried or upset?
- How it makes us feel and how that impacts on how we deal with situations?
- What strategies we can learn to help us cope with every day stresses and worries?
- Who might be able to support us if we feel we need a bit of help?



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Camden Learning

### A message from Susannah:

I help a small charity called 'The Renge Trust' which supports underprivileged children in Africa. We are currently working on a project where we ask for people to donate any baby/children's clothes or shoes which we donate to orphanages and mothers on the street in Ethiopia. If you have any clothes to donate please bring them by The Pirate castle on Oval Road. The drop-off is between 8th—15th November between 2-4:30pm. If you are unable to drop off on those dates I can make separate arrangements to collect items. Please contact me : [Therengetrust@gmail.com](mailto:Therengetrust@gmail.com) Insta: Therengetrust

Thank you, Makeda

## Stars of the week

Dragonflies – Corinne & Fernando  
 Butterflies – Klara & Mimi  
 Grasshoppers – Isaac & Nala  
 Beetles – Yaseen & Janaya  
 Bats – Bela-Sofia & Jia  
 Squirrels – Bibi and Elyse  
 Hedgehogs – Harrison and Maria  
 Foxes – Wyatt and Nnene  
 Blackbirds – Safwan & Anas  
 Woodpeckers – Logan & Gerti  
 Herons – Dylan & Hassan  
 Kestrels – Janelle & Harry