

# Primrose Hill Primary School Weekly Newsletter



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This week has been another challenging one. As I mentioned in my letter regarding COVID, the wave that is happening outside of school is affecting every aspect of school life. This is most certainly not the way we wanted to end this school year. However, as this is my second to last newsletter of the year I wanted to focus on the amazing things that have happened despite the circumstances we have found ourselves in latterly:

- We have managed to get the children back into the school routine and allow them to experience daily school life again. Despite recent disruptions most of the term has been as normal as it could be
- The progress children across the school have made since the April return has been great. Our final discussions on progress and the children's reports are a testimony to this
- Active learning with their peers has been at the forefront of what we've done – recognising that relationships needed to be rebuilt and re-established
- The whole school team has pulled together to maintain as much normality as possible during these completely abnormal times
- The smiles and enthusiasm we see across the school and community from children, staff and parents/carers tells us all that despite the challenges we are as one in recognising how lucky we are to be part of such a fantastic school community

Approaching the end of my first term at Primrose Hill, I feel truly blessed and privileged to be part of all that we have here. Despite all the turbulence because of the circumstances, there really is no other place I'd rather be than immersed in the community that is Primrose Hill School. **Phil**

## COVID Vigilance

As I said in my letter, next week we will be continuing the measures we currently have as the guidance for schools has not changed despite the external restrictions changing in wider society. As a reminder this means:

To be clear, the following will still remain in place until all children have left on Thursday 22nd July 1.30pm

- The staggered arrivals to schools
- The queueing system outside of school (before and after)
- Face masks should be worn inside the school building and parents should only enter the building for a specific reason and only via the front entrance
- Children who are showing any one or more of the 3 main symptoms (persistent cough, temperature, loss of taste or smell) will be isolated and you will be called to take them home and undertake a PCR test to confirm the results and send them into school. If negative, then your child can return to school when well – but the school must receive a copy of the test from NHS Test and Trace
- We have also been informed that whilst the wider restrictions in society are being lifted, the requirement for children and close contacts not to self-isolate does not take effect until 16th August. This means if we have any more cases, the year group bubbles WILL close and self-isolation will need to take place for the ENTIRE bubble
- All social distancing between staff/parents/pupils on the school site should be maintained at all times

Finally, thank you for your continued patience and support over what has been a most difficult term.

## Zero Tolerance

My third newsletter of this term recounted two incidents where parents had spoken to staff or each other in a way that did not reflect well on the school community as a whole. Thankfully repetitions like

this have been fairly infrequent. However, as time has gone on this term there have been a number of phone calls and face to face interactions between parents/carers and the office team that have given cause for concern. On a significant number of occasions in the past few weeks, the team have had to deal with comments and behaviours that do not reflect the overall support this wonderful community affords us as a school. They sadly, have borne the brunt of frustrations in a way that is unacceptable.

I go back to the point I made in the third newsletter of the term – as a school leader I take modelling positive behaviour very seriously. We cannot expect the children in our care to show kindness and respect for one another if they see adults behaving in a way that is verbally aggressive. In respect of this, there can be no reasonable excuse for such behaviour at any time on the school site – therefore I would remind everyone that we have a zero tolerance approach to such incidents and will prevent anyone who behaves in such a manner from entering the school site for any reason, should incidents like this occur. Again, thank you to the overwhelming majority of parents, carers and visitors to PH that always arrive with the same beaming smile the children have as they come to school.



## **Last day of term Thursday next week, 22nd July 2021 @ 1:30pm**

Please make arrangement for your child/ren to be collected at 1:30pm on the last day of term, 22nd July

Children are excepted back to school on [Monday 6th September 2021](#)

### Y6 FOPH Fundraising Event!

Thanks to everyone who bought a raffle ticket over the past couple weeks - we raised just over £360 and have used this money to buy Y6 leavers a special Graduation present from the community. A special thanks to Amal & Anna who have been tirelessly selling the tickets!! Mireille drew the winners this morning in a special coffee morning and the winners are:

**1st prize: Ayub Y5 £40 Amazon Voucher**

**2nd prize: Aaliyah Froglets £25 Amazon Voucher**

**3rd prize Joshua C Y2 Grasshoppers £15 Amazon Voucher**

**Please collect your prize at the office.**

A big thank you also to all who have generously donated to the Year 6 fundraiser on SchoolMoney – we have raised **£190** so far! This will also go towards their special graduation gifts. The donation is still open on SchoolMoney for anyone who would like to donate but has not yet done so.



### Year 2 going to Year 3

A reminder to parents that if you have a child in Y2, they will start getting charged for lunches from **6<sup>th</sup> September 2021 (unless you are eligible for Free School Meals)**. If you are unsure whether you are eligible for Free School Meals, please apply through this link:

<https://accountforms.camden.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals/>

If you would rather your child bring a packed lunch into school, please notify the office immediately to avoid any unnecessary charges.

### Reporting absences

Due to the current circumstances, it is important that parents continue to inform us via the absence line (option 1 after calling 0207 722 8500) and to please ensure that when reporting your child's absence, you are giving full details of their symptoms. We will follow up with a phone call if not enough information is provided.

With that being said, if your child has any of the main 3 Covid-19 symptoms (high temperature or hot to touch, a persistent cough or a sore throat), please ensure that you call 119 or book a PCR test, NOT a rapid LFT test, as we cannot accept LFT results due to DfE guidance. Please bear in mind that the school **must** be kept informed to protect the community.

### *Primrose Hill Primary School*



#### **Term Dates 2021 - 2022**

##### **Autumn Term 2021**

**Monday 6th September to Friday 22 October 2021** (35 days)

*Half-term: Monday 25 October to Friday 29 October 2021*

**Monday 1st November – Friday 17 December 2021** (35 days)

*Christmas break: Mon 20 December 2021 to Monday 03 January 2022*

##### **Spring Term 2022**

**Wednesday 05 January to Friday 11 February 2022** (28 days)

*(New Year's Day – Saturday 01 January 2022 (Monday 03 substitute day))*

*Half-term: Monday 14 February to Friday 18 February 2022*

**Monday 21 February to Friday 01 April 2022** (30 days)

*Easter/Spring holiday: Monday 4 April to Monday 18 April 2022.*

*(Including Good Friday, 15 April, and Easter Monday, 18 April)*

##### **Summer Term 2022**

**Wednesday 20 April to Friday 27 May 2022** (27 days)

*Early May Bank Holiday: Monday 2 May 2022*

*Half-term: Monday 30 May to Friday 3 June 2022*

*(Including Spring Bank Holiday 2 June, Jubilee Bank Holiday 3 June)*

**Monday 6th June to Friday 22 July 2022** (35 days)

##### **INSET DAYS**

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup>, Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> & Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2021

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2022

### **Summer in Camden launches**

After a year like no other, the school summer holiday is approaching. The Council and local partners, including schools and early years services, are excited about offering children, young people and families an amazing range of free and low cost activities for ages 0 to 19.



It is great news that at last we can offer the opportunity for Camden's community to come together safely to enjoy an ambitious programme of sport and fitness, arts and creative activities, play, activities with lunch included, as well as life skills, baking and cookery, health and wellbeing, advice, support and work experience.

Parents, carers and pupils / students can now visit our new [summerincamden.co.uk](http://summerincamden.co.uk) website to search for activities by age, date, types of activities and venues.

#### **Others links and assets:**

<https://news.camden.gov.uk/summer-in-camden-launches/> - News item / press release



## Star Learners!



Tadpoles – Theo & Omar



Frogllets – Abaseen & Lumi



Ladybirds – Jasmine, Lila & Tyler



Dragonflies – Betsy & Abdulrahman



Butterflies – Zayaan & Iqra



Grasshoppers – All of them!



Beetles – All of them!



Bats – Poppy & Harry



Squirrels – All of my Squirrels (and Lee and Amal)



Hedgehogs – Richie & Greta



Foxes – Selena and Samy



Blackbirds – Tory & Prudence



Woodpeckers – Elliott & Kai



Hérons – Everyone



Kestrels – Everyone



## EYFS...

On Monday, Ladybirds were so LUCKY to go on a canal boat ride. We walked to Camden Lock where we boarded The Jenny Wren which took us through the lock itself and then along to Little Venice and back.

We went through big, long, dark tunnels and we were so brave! We even sailed passed London Zoo, a floating Chinese restaurant and a puppet theatre on a boat! We saw so many baby moorhens, ducklings, swans, Canada Geese and some cormorants.

It was the BEST day ever!



## Year 1 & 2...

In Year 1, we have been reading the story of *Where The Wild Things Are*. We invented some actions to help us re-tell and act out the story. We also made some beautiful crowns, inspired by the crown that Max wears in the story!



## Year 3 & 4...

In Year 4, we have been reading *Cloud Busting* by Malorie Blackman. We have been finding words and phrases that capture our imagination. We used our ideas to illustrate parts of the poems in the story.



*Year 6 ... Although Y6 are isolating, they have been keeping positive. This week they have been busy cooking and enjoying our online cooking sessions together. Here are some of their dishes.*



# Coronavirus: Weekly update from Camden Council






For the latest information and support from Camden Council and its partners, including updates to services:

- Visit [camden.gov.uk/coronavirus](https://camden.gov.uk/coronavirus)
- Check out [news.camden.gov.uk](https://news.camden.gov.uk)
- Follow Twitter @CamdenCouncil, Facebook [facebook.com/LBCamden](https://facebook.com/LBCamden) and Instagram @WeMakeCamden
- Speak to someone at the Council on 020 7974 4444 (option 9).

 **SIGN UP** to the Council's coronavirus newsletter at [camden.gov.uk/coronavirus-updates](https://camden.gov.uk/coronavirus-updates)

## Coronavirus cases are rising

Even if you think you'll be fine if you catch coronavirus, you could pass it on to someone who could get seriously ill, so please keep following the rules to protect yourself and others.

- Get your free COVID-19 vaccine as soon as possible – book at [nhs.uk/coronavirusvaccine](https://nhs.uk/coronavirusvaccine), call 119, or see details about walk-in events below
- Regularly wash your hands 
- Wear a face covering in indoor and busy outdoor spaces, unless exempt 
- Stay 2 metres from others 
- Socialising indoors? Keep windows open to dilute infectious particles 
- Get a regular rapid test (for people without symptoms) to check you're COVID-free before meeting others 

Got symptoms? Self-isolate for 10 days and get tested by visiting [nhs.uk/coronavirus](https://nhs.uk/coronavirus) or calling 119

Please remember the current restrictions aren't being lifted until 19 July, so please keep following them carefully. We strongly advise you to keep following this advice after this date to help keep yourself and others safe.

## Rapid COVID-19 tests for people without symptoms

You can still catch or spread COVID-19 and not have symptoms, even after being vaccinated. A free, rapid test twice a week will prevent you passing COVID-19 on to others and helps stop the spread. You get results in 30 minutes. To find your closest test site, home test pick-up or delivery options, visit [camden.gov.uk/rapidtest](https://camden.gov.uk/rapidtest) or call 020 7974 4444 (option 9).

## Get vaccinated without an appointment

If you'd prefer to just turn up to get your COVID-19 vaccine, there are many walk-in events happening across Camden. To find one near you, visit [camden.gov.uk/getting-the-vaccine](https://camden.gov.uk/getting-the-vaccine) or call the Council on 020 7974 4444 (option 9).

## COVID-19 vaccine second dose advice

Please remember that you can only get your second dose of the vaccine 8 weeks after your first dose, and it must be the same vaccine as you had previously. Unless you're advised otherwise by your GP, please don't attend a vaccination event to get your second dose until you're eligible.



I want to start by saying a huge thank you to everyone in Camden for their role since the pandemic began. The strength of spirit demonstrated, from following public health guidance to protect our communities, to looking out for neighbours when they needed it most, has undoubtedly saved lives.

While 19 July signals a new phase, it is not the end of this deadly virus. COVID-19 cases are still rapidly rising. Please remember that if you catch the virus, you could pass it on to someone else, even if you are vaccinated. The sooner everyone is double vaccinated, the safer we will all be, so please get both doses as soon as possible.

After 19 July, you will still be required to wear a face covering on public transport in London, unless exempt. We also strongly advise you to keep following advice around washing your hands, wearing a face covering in other busy indoor and outside areas, keeping a safe distance, and ventilating indoor spaces to help keep everyone as safe as possible.

Please also remember that some residents may be feeling nervous, overwhelmed or frightened about restrictions easing for a variety of reasons. So please continue being kind to others, and do all you can to keep yourselves and others safe.

Councillor Georgia Gould, Leader of Camden Council

## Camden Council is here for you

With coronavirus cases rising, the furlough scheme coming to an end soon and changes to Universal Credit due in the autumn, Camden Council knows it is an uncertain time. If you need support with mental health, finances, housing or self-isolating, you're at risk or experiencing domestic violence or abuse, or if there's anything else on your mind, contact the Council on 020 7974 4444 (option 9). You can also visit [camden.gov.uk/coronavirus](https://camden.gov.uk/coronavirus) for advice.

## Support small businesses: shop local, shop safely

Camden's small businesses and high streets are part of what makes the borough the unique and exciting place that it is. Shop local to support Camden's businesses and venues and remember to follow the guidance in-store to help keep yourself and others safe. To find out more, visit [camden.gov.uk/highstreets](https://camden.gov.uk/highstreets)

## Summer in Camden

After a year like no other, the school summer holiday is approaching. Camden Council and local partners are excited to offer children, young people and families an amazing range of free and low-cost activities. These include sport, arts and cultural activities, as well as life skills and support. Find out more at [summerincamden.co.uk](https://summerincamden.co.uk)

This is part of a wider programme of summer events across Camden. Keep an eye out for information – from music, dance and art, to enjoying our green spaces and high streets, there's something for everyone to enjoy safely.



Have fun,  
make friends,  
stay safe

[camden.gov.uk/coronavirus](https://camden.gov.uk/coronavirus) 020 7974 4444 (option 9)



## Keeping our Community Safe

Please note– if you or any member of your family have symptoms, you need to have a PCR Test, NOT a lateral Flow Test—always call 111 for advice.

Please check your child for symptoms, and **do not** come in to school if they or **anyone in your family** show the following symptoms: Remember, everyone in your household will have to isolate if anyone has one of these symptoms and you will need to arrange a COVID test:

- a high temperature (please try to take their temperature every morning/check if they are hot to touch on chest & back)
- a new, continuous cough or symptoms – this means coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- a loss or change to sense of smell or taste – this means they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

The above 3 symptoms are from the NHS and you should always consult your GP or call 111 NHS or use the coronavirus service <https://111.nhs.uk/covid-19/>

## What to do if you have symptoms

If you have any of the main symptoms of coronavirus:

1. Get a test to check if you have coronavirus as soon as possible.
2. Stay at home and do not have visitors until you get your test result – only leave your home to have a test.
3. Anyone you live with, and anyone in your support bubble, must also stay at home until you get your result.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>

Always contact the school if you are unsure of what to do or would like some advice.