



Primrose Hill Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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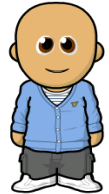
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A big welcome back to you all. I hope you had an excellent summer break. As you can see from the playground, lots has been happening at school. The lower ground floor classrooms have been renovated to create new store rooms and toilets. This is to facilitate a corridor from the middle staircase to the playground, which is almost complete. The works to the undercroft will continue for the remainder of the term. This will become a new Reception classroom learning space. The replacement of the Nursery roof is also nearly complete. The team have been replacing the electrics and heating pipes across the school – messy but essential. However, we were 99% fully operational by Tuesday for the children! We also have fancy new adult toilets on the ground floor! Enjoy.

Here's to a productive term. It's lovely to see you all and good to be back in the swing of things!

Robin



Staffing

Welcome to Maria Felstead and Sophie Keating as new members of the teaching team. Maria will be the Newts class teacher and Sophie is the class teacher in Blackbirds. Pam Beale and Lyra Semsedini have joined the admin team temporarily. Please give them lots of welcome and give them lots of encouragement and support. We also have a new teaching assistant called Saskia Devore.

Lunchtime Vacancy

We are looking for a Relief Meal Time Supervisor to cover absence for a few weeks. If you can spare two hours per day over lunchtime and are interested in working with the children at playtime, please contact Irene Mitchell – School Business Manager – for more information. This would commence from the start of October.

Meet The Teacher

Next week, we will be having our Meet The Teacher meetings this year at the start of the day (from Soft Start onwards) rather than straight after school. The meeting should not take longer than 45 minutes. This will be a chance to see your child's classroom and then hear some information about the staff and what will be happening during this year. Please try and make it if you can, as follows:

Mon 11th Sept	8:45	Y2
Tues 12th Sept	8:45	Y5
Weds 13th Sept	8:45	Y3
Thurs 14th Sept	8:45	Y4
Fri 15th Sept	8:45	Y6
Mon 18th Sept	8:45	Y1

School Priorities

Our Five Key School Improvement Priorities:

1. Develop the teaching and learning of Maths so that there is an increase in the % of children across all Key Stages reaching age related expectations
2. Continue to raise mental health awareness and to promote emotional wellbeing of children, parents and staff
3. Develop the curriculum across the school
4. Continue to raise attainment through a consistent and thorough approach to marking, feedback and assessment leading to improvements in teaching and learning:
 - Increase overall GLD in EYFS
 - Increase in Phonics attainment
 - Increase overall attainment in Reading and Writing at the end of KS1
5. To improve the attendance across the school.

Teacher Liaison Times

At the Meet The Teacher meetings you will find out which day your class teacher(s) will be available in the playground for informal liaison. This means they come to the playground at 3:15 without their children for a catch up with parents.



Attendance & Punctuality

Our target is to have **WEEKLY ATTENDANCE OVER 95%**

ANY CHILD WHO HAS 100% EACH WEEK WILL HAVE A CHANCE TO WIN A PRIZE!

THE CLASS WHO HAVE A BLUE STAR (BEST ATTENDANCE) WILL GET 10 minutes extra play time!

* This week Grasshoppers had 100% attendance!

Canal Entry Closure

Canal entry at the Pirate Castle will be closed from **19th September** due to some work commencing. Please consider alternative routes, and give yourselves plenty of time to travel to and from school.

Term Dates:

2017-2018 start dates are also on the website:
<http://www.primrosehill.camden.sch.uk/school-information/>

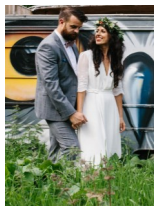
INSET DAYS

Mon 18th December 2017
Wed 3rd Jan 2018

Mon 16th April 2018
Mon 4th June 2018



A big congratulations to Pippa and Niamh who both got married during the holidays. Pippa & Will And Niamh & Dan Looked fantastic and had a very happy day. We wish them all the best for their



lives together.

Y6 Secondary Transfer Information

The annual Meet the Parents event will take place at Primrose Hill school on **Thursday September 28th from 6.00 to 7.00pm**. Families from Haverstock, Maria Fidelis, UCL Academy and Regent High schools will be here to answer any questions you might have about their experience of the local secondary schools. Parents from all year groups are welcome. This is a really useful event which is unique to Camden, so we do hope you can make it. Further information about general secondary transfer information can be found on our website or through this link: <https://goo.gl/xKUP9t>

Parents of primary pupils in years five and six can find out more about what Camden's secondary schools can offer their children at our annual Moving On event from **3.30 to 6.30pm on Thursday, 14 September 2017** at the Camden Centre Bidborough Street, King's Cross.

Being a Parent Course
Empowering Parents. Empowering Children (EPEC)

Are you raising children in temporary accommodation?

Being a Parent is a free 10 week course for parents of 2-11 year olds. Raising children in temporary accommodation can be challenging and stressful. This course provides the opportunity for parents to relax, learn and exchange tips with other parents. Helping you bring a confident, happy and co-operative children.

A free childcare is provided along with tea, coffee and biscuits!

Next Course Starts: Thursday 14th of September 2017
10:00am - 12:00

At England's Lane Hostel. Then every Thursday until 30th November 2017.

The fee remains a contribution and coffee evening where you can find out more.

The course is Open College Network accredited and delivered by Parents who have had experience of living in temporary accommodation.

If you have any further questions or to book a place, please contact:
The EPEC Project on 020 794 2313
or Email: epec@annafreud.org

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Clubs

Most clubs will commence the week beginning 18th September. The club provider/coach will contact you directly to inform you if your child got a place and with the start date.

If you have any **other** queries please email Liz Ghamar at clubs@primrosehill.camden.sch.uk Thanks

Diversity Role Model Day

We have arranged for representatives from Diversity Role Models to come and lead some workshops with our children on Monday 9th October. This will be a session in each year group from Y2 – Y6. Diversity Role Models is an organisation which actively seeks to prevent homophobic and transphobic bullying in UK schools. The purpose of the workshops is to educate the children about differences, challenging stereotypes and addressing the misuse of language. We are looking forward to the day.

Enjoy making music in a group?

Want to learn an instrument or sing on Saturday mornings?

Join the Camden Saturday music centres.

- Camjam at Brecknock Primary School
 - Senior Centre at Camden School for Girls (Year 6 and above)
- Choose from choirs, orchestras, drumming, jazz, theory, music tech, chamber music, brass groups, songwriting and keyboard groups.

Contact Camden Music on 020 7974 7239 or email

camdenmusic@camden.gov.uk or ask Tom.



Important Dates:

Thursday 21 st September	Rosh Hashanah
Monday 25 th September	2:45 EYFS Welcome Meeting
Tuesday 26 th September	RE Day
Wednesday 27 th September	Full Governing Body Meeting
Thursday 28 th September	7pm Middle Hall Y6 Meet
	The Parents Secondary Event
Friday 29 th September	Yom Kippur
Wednesday 4 th -Friday 6 th Oct	Y5 Residential Trip–The Mill
Monday 9 th October	Diversity Role Model Day
Thursday 19 th October	Diwali
Friday 20 th October	End of Autumn Term First Half
Mon 23 rd to Fri 27 th October	Half Term
Monday 30 th October	First Day of Autumn Second Half
Wednesday 29 th November	6pm Full Governing Body
Monday 4 th December	KS1 Concert at Cecil Sharp House PM
Wednesday 6 th December	KS2 Concert at Cecil Sharp House PM
Tuesday 12 th December	EYFS Nativity PM
Wednesday 13 th December	Christmas Lunch
Friday 15 th December	1:30 End of Term for Christmas Holidays
Monday 18 th December	INSET DAY
Wednesday 3 rd January 2018	INSET DAY
Thursday 4 th January	First Day of Spring Term