

Primrose Hill Primary School Weekly Newsletter



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I talked to the children about the meaning of advent this week and launched our reverse Advent Calendar...the purpose of this is to give something back rather than take something out. The children liked this idea. We are using the Reverse Advent Calendar to collect donations for the local food bank. Our collection box will be emptied each day for you to help fill. This marks the start of our end of term festive events. We also had a visit from Ethan's Mum who did some work with the Bats around Hanukah. **Robin**



After School Clubs: - Due to our Festive Fair, there will be **NO** afterschool clubs including P3 with Tom on Tuesday 18th December. Please make other arrangements.

Reception News

I am pleased to let you know that Niamh Keating is expecting a baby in the Summer Term. This is lovely news and big congratulations to her. We are now planning some staffing arrangements alongside Maria for the remainder of the academic year – I have a plan so don't worry! In the meantime, enjoy your time with Niamh. Our Camden Inspector – Marion Hunter – visited this week for her half termly visit. She spent some time in Reception and talking to the staff and the children and was VERY impressed with things. Well done Team Ladybirds!

Whole EYFS Concert

Due to the huge popularity of our EYFS show last year, we are adding an extra date this year.

The show will be held at **2.30pm on Thursday 13th December** and also at **2.30pm on Friday 14th December**. There will be a sign up sheet in each class to indicate which of the two performances you would like to attend. If you have booked time off work for the 13th December then you will have priority on this day. If you are free to attend either, please choose the 14th. Any questions, please talk to your child's class teacher.

Thanks, EYFS.

Staffing

As you know, Marina Castelo-Branco will be going on maternity leave in January, so we have a new member of staff joining the team. A big welcome to Lucy Yates who will start with us in January and work alongside Marina until she starts her leave. Lucy hopes to visit before the end of term to meet the children and families.

Choir to St Mark's Church



Well done to choir for singing so brilliantly and professionally at St Mark's Church on Tuesday.



Christmas Concerts at Cecil Sharp

Another big well done to all of KS1 for their hard work, and for singing so well at their big winter show at Cecil Sharp House.



Next week KS2 will take to the stage at Cecil Sharp. They will be singing songs from across the globe, as well as some seasonal classics!

Tuesday 11th December

1:15pm Performance for Y3 and Y5 Parents & Carers

2:30pm Performance for Y4 and Y6 Parents & Carers

(Note, both performances are exactly the same, but we are restricted on numbers hence the two showings)

Tania will continue to sell tickets next week as follows:

Monday 10th Dec. 8.30 to 9.15 AM

Monday 10th Dec. 3.15 to 4.00 PM

Please make sure you purchase your tickets. There are NO tickets available on the day.

Attendance

Another sad week with 94.57% across the whole school.. there were almost 30 kids out on Monday!!!!

Please remind your children about the Film Afternoon which will be taking place on 20th December and there will be one class winner per Key Stage. I will be announcing the winners next Friday at Achievement assembly so everyone has one more week of boosting their class attendance!

EYFS: 89.31% KSI-KS2: 96.05%

WELL DONE TO TADPOLES 100%, DRAGONFLIES 97.86% AND BATS 98.67%

See you all next week!!

Home Learning Review

We are carrying out a review of our Home Learning Policy this year following feedback from parents and carers. We are gathering views of the children, staff and our families before we make any changes. As part of this, there is a short questionnaire for you to fill in so you can share your thoughts with us. This will be shared with you via text message today and will be open for the next week. Thank you for your input.



News From the Garden

It's been a busy week in the nursery garden as well as the main school garden.

We have been weeding and planting winter pansies to bring some lovely flower colour to the path between Tadpoles and Froglets. Meanwhile in the main garden we have been clearing and tidying for winter. There have been thousands of leaves to rake and we have been clearing out the tomato plants and runner beans to get the beds ready for winter.



Daffodil Plant for EYFS & KSI

Emma and some of the Y6 children will be helping our younger children plant daffodils for the Spring, next Friday 14th December. The charge to plant a bulb is £1 per child. This helps us cover the cost of bulbs, compost and posts for over 240 children. Children can then take their bulbs home to care for and nurture (maybe in the spring we can have the return of the daffodils with a prize for the healthiest happiest flower in each class!)

Flu Immunisation

The Nurses will be in on 17th December to vaccinate children, if you have given consent. If your child has already had the immunisation, and you've handed in the form, please let the office know. Thank you.



School photographer

You should have received the samples for your photos this week. Please make sure you place the order by **3:30pm Tuesday 10th Dec.**

Friends of Primrose Hill - Santa's Grotto:

Festive fair is drawing nearer. Tuesday 18th December 3.30 to 5.30pm at school. We have Santa's grotto (don't forget to pre-order your tickets and hand the slip to the office or Tania in the foyer on Monday) games, arts and crafts, biscuit decoration, the bake off and for one afternoon only Robin and Tom providing the entertainment.

We still need donations for hampers, tombola and helpers. If you would like to help please see your class rep.

Year 5 & 6 quiz was postponed. We will reschedule it for the early part of next year.

Coming Up Next Term

Monday 7 th Jan	INSET Day – School Closed
Tuesday 8 th Jan	First Day of Spring Term
Monday 14 th Jan	Science Week Begins
	Y2 Trip to the V&A
	9am & 3pm Y6 SATS Briefing for Parents & Carers
Wednesday 16 th Jan	2:30 Foxes Class Assembly
Thursday 17 th Jan	10am Handwriting Workshop for Parents
	Blackbirds Trip to Crick
Friday 18 th Jan	Woodpeckers to Crick
Monday 21 st Jan	Half Price Book Fair All Week
Wednesday 23 rd Jan	2:30 Hedgehogs Class Assembly
Friday 25 th Jan	2:30 Butterflies Class Assembly
Monday 28 th Jan	Reception Trip to Natural History Museum
Monday 4 th Feb	9am Y2 SATS Meeting for Parents & Carers
Thursday 7 th Feb	2:30 Blackbirds Class Assembly
Friday 8 th Feb	2:30 Woodpeckers Class Assembly
Monday 11 th Feb	Y2 Fashion Show!
Thursday 14 th Feb	Tate Photography Project with Y3
Friday 15th Feb	Y2 Class Joint Class Assembly
	End of Spring 1—3:30pm finish
18 th to 22 nd Feb	Half Term
Monday 25 th Feb	First Day Spring 2
	Curiosity Week Begins
Monday 4 th March	Ladybirds Maths Workshops AM
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day
Monday 11 th March	Y4 to CLC Trip
Thursday 14 th March	Y3 Trip to Neasden Temple
Thursday 28 th March	2:30 Bats Class Assembly
Thursday 21st March	Consultation Day – EYFS Closed
	All Day / KSI & KS2 Closes at 1pm
Monday 25 th March	National Autism Week
Monday 1 st April	Y1 to London Buddhist Centre