

# Primrose Hill Primary School Weekly Newsletter



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Wow, what a 2020 this has been so far! We will certainly remember it. I cannot recall a time in my career which has been so unpredictable and without a reference point to plan from. But, we made it and I think we have done a good job for our community and the children. A big thank you for your support and kind wishes throughout all this. It makes the further opening in September much easier and we look forward to seeing all our children back. I have missed you so much! I am glad to be staying on at Primrose Hill for another term. The idea of leaving right now amidst all this, and going to three unfamiliar organisations would not be the best move for anyone. Staying a bit longer allows me to work closely with Mireille and handover (she and I will be sharing an office! I will never get anything done!) to her for January. Wishing you all a wonderful holiday. **Robin**

## Update on Head Teacher recruitment

As you will know, the School's Governing Board (rather than Robin or Camden) is responsible for recruiting our next Head Teacher, and we are the panel of seven Governors who have now been asked to lead this. First of all, we would like to thank everyone who contributed to our stakeholder surveys about who we should be looking for. We have been working on materials that present the School in its best light, reflecting your views, and we are happy to report that the job advert is now live on the Camden and Department for Education websites. Our recruitment consultant from 'Candidate is Key' is also pro-actively searching for potential candidates on our behalf. All going well, interviews and assessments should be conducted early in the autumn term, and we will provide a further update to families, staff and pupils at that stage. **Hilary Aylesworth, Gavin Davies, Rebecca Ehrlich, David Howe, Ophelia Field, Isabel Murphy and Syra Sowe - Recruitment Panel**

## Next Week



Our final assembly will be on Tuesday at 10:30. This will be posted online with a series of video links for you to interact with. Your class teachers will also be doing a final and virtual meet with their children and will have been in touch with you. Hopefully you will have seen their welcome videos by now.

## Mary Deavin



We finally say a sad farewell to Mary Deavin who retires this term. Mary has written you all a letter which follows, but we have also planned a few things for her too. Check out our final assembly next week! Wishing you every happiness Mary. You will always be a welcome friend of Primrose Hill.

*Message from Mary—*

To Everyone at Primrose Hill,

The time has come for me to go.

After 34 years, I have taught in most classroom, been there, done that and am in possession of at least 34 tee shirts as evidence! (And that's just at this school. I have been a teacher since 1979.)

But somehow that still doesn't feel enough. I love this place and the people within it. I've begun to teach the children of the children I started with. Getting old...

Thank you for all your support over these many years and for all the good wishes I have received. I shall miss you all. I draw comfort from knowing my school will go on to even greater things. And I shall be watching.

However, I go on to a new adventure. It's called "retirement"

Goodbye to all. Be happy.

Mary Deavin.

## PHSE & RSE Curriculum

As you know, Mandy has been doing amazing things collating the massive government guidance and all the paperwork into a meaningful and purposeful curriculum for our children and families. Following the Spring Term consultation with parents, we have created a curriculum map for PHSE and RSE and lessons and resources for each strand. This has been adapted with Robin and Syra alongside Mandy to fit and be suitable for our school community. Mandy is going to post the curriculum map on the website and text you next week so you can be signposted to see it. If you have any responses to this, please email [admin@primrosehill.camden.sch.uk](mailto:admin@primrosehill.camden.sch.uk) with the heading RSE. Mandy will be providing opportunity for parents and carers to see more resources and ask questions in the Autumn, but for now, we wanted you to see what our plans are and how we will be proceeding moving forward.



## Goodbye...

Kate, Kyri & Irene. A big thank you for everything you have done for Primrose Hill. We wish you all the best for your next steps. We'll see Kate again next year when she launches the Camden Drama project.....more on this to come ☺



## School Opening

Please see the link for the letter sent about September's Opening Plan. We will also be publishing the school risk assessment which should answer any detailed questions you may have. Remember, school opens for children on Monday 7th September unless Mandy has contacted you to invite key children into school for a pre-session on the 4th.

<http://www.primrosehill.camden.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/School-September-Opening-Info.pdf>

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been an extraordinary first six months of 2020. We learned in February that Robin would be leaving Primrose Hill. Hot on the heels of this came the COVID-19 pandemic. It's fair to say that all of our lives have been significantly impacted by coronavirus. We are pleased that Robin was able to delay his departure until Christmas allowing him to guide the school through this challenging time.

We have all witnessed the extraordinary efforts that Robin, the Senior Leadership Team and all of the staff have put in first to keep the school running, in person for keyworkers' children and online for everyone else and latterly as we have moved to having all children able to attend in person part time. It has been great to see the remaining year groups able to return to school in the last few weeks. The governors are very grateful for the excellent work that all of the staff team have put in so far.

You will have seen Robin's letter about plans for opening fully in September which has been very carefully considered to provide the safest possible environment for getting all children back to school.

Also in this newsletter, you will see an update from the Head Teacher recruitment panel, which is the sub-group of the governing board that is responsible for appointing our next Head. You will also know that we have a robust transition plan in place. Mireille will be Acting Head Teacher alongside Robin in the Autumn Term to ensure a strong handover and continuity.

Finally, I wanted to thank you to everyone for all that you have done supporting your children and keeping the School going so strongly over the past few difficult months. I hope that you are now able to enjoy the summer holidays.

**Gavin Davis**  
Chair of Governors

**After School Clubs & Music Lessons**  
We will begin Camden Music Lessons in September, but there will be no other after school clubs until October Half Term until we can evaluate the logistics of this.

**Children Returning to Primary School**  
Camden LA have released a few leaflets on health information to Parents/Carers. There are a few different languages and can be found on our school website here:  
<http://www.primrosehill.camden.sch.uk/school-information/letters-home/>

**EYFS**  
This week, the children in Tadpoles, Froglets and Ladybirds have begun the process of transitioning from their current year group to the next. This has been a very exciting time for the children and although we have had to do things a little differently this year, the children have been amazingly accommodating. Well done - you are truly a wonderful bunch - including the parents! We wish you all a fantastic summer and we can not wait to see you all in September! We also had our very first virtual Sports Day this week and it was great to see so many of you getting involved!



**Year 1**  
We have been learning all about money this week and we have set up our own shops at home. Some of us even made our own money!



**Year 6: Wonderful Op-Art from y6 who leave today!**



**Play Centre & After School Play Centre**  
P3 are planning to run services in the autumn term. As things are very different we have had to make a few changes.



1. The first change is the cost; we now need to charge per child and can no longer offer a sibling rate, the cost per child will be **£10 per day**.
2. The second thing is we will need bookings in advance. We appreciate this is a lot to ask but as we now have to manage a bubble system in line with the school it means we need to ensure we have enough bookings to cover our costs. We ask that you pay up to October half term by **1st September 2020**. If we are unable to operate due to low bookings we will have no option but to delay our start date. We are hopeful that we will start on **Tuesday 8th September**. Both breakfast club and afterschool play will be available should we receive bookings for them. We will be open for bookings from **1st August** and will provide information regarding our bubble system nearer the time. However I can tell you we are looking at a KS1 and KS2 type bubble with social distancing. We will work with the school and within government guidelines to ensure our service and your children are safe. **Linda and P3 Team**.

**Healthy School Street**  
Camden are creating a Healthy School Street on Princess Road to assist with social distancing at school drop off and pick up times, and to encourage walking/cycling/scooting to school

- This will reduce traffic volumes on Princess Road during the school drop off and pick up times, making it safer for pedestrians, cyclists, pupils and parents/carers travelling to/from Primrose Hill School
- The Healthy School Street will launch at the beginning of the new school term in September 2020
- You can share your comments on these changes via [healthy.school.streets@Camden.gov.uk](mailto:healthy.school.streets@Camden.gov.uk)
- You can find out more about these changes on our website <https://www.camden.gov.uk/making-travel-safer-in-camden>
- Details of other Healthy School Street Schemes in Camden can be found here: <https://www.camden.gov.uk/healthy-school-streets>

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## What will the work involve?

The changes Camden will be making on Princess Road in time for the new school term in September are as follows:

- Creating a “timed” Healthy School Street road closure on Princess Road (see times of operation below), between Gloucester Avenue and Chalcot Road. This will improve safety for local residents and those parents and children accessing Primrose Hill School, by preventing vehicles from entering Princess Road at school drop off and pick up times.
- Installing relevant signage to alert drivers of the restriction, and Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) cameras at the junction with Gloucester Avenue and at the junction with Chalcot Road. The signage will state that the road closure to all motor vehicle traffic (except exemptions – see below) will operate Monday-Friday with times 8:15–9:30am and 3-4pm. The signs will be closed during school holidays as the scheme will operate in school term time only.
- Removal of guard railing outside the school to help enable social distancing.

