

Primrose Hill Primary School Weekly Newsletter



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Greetings one and all! After a very busy and challenging summer term, we are about to begin the next Academic Year amidst a pandemic. This brings further challenges in terms of catch up and ensuring all children receive what they have missed. This will also be against lots of anxiety from our community which we will have to manage. We are confident with us all being able to do this. Mireille and I will be working really closely together this term in a planned handover before I head to pastures new in January. This brings lots of excitement as well as new challenges. Enjoy the start of term! **Robin & Mireille**



IMPORTANT CHANGES ABOUT EXIT TIMES / THE END OF THE DAY

At the forefront of all our decisions has been the safety of our school community. The children and staff have ensured all new systems and protocols are working and that we are all following the new hygiene protocols in school. We have been monitoring and managing our risk assessment and adapting as needed— we will continue to do this. We feel that the morning drop off is running smoothly and with 3 gates being used and a staggered start timings, this means that we are ensuring socially distancing.

However, after a week of monitoring, we feel that the end of the day it is difficult to exit the playground safely. There are large crowds and movement and many adults are not exiting the playground as promptly as we need them to, therefore increasing our community's risk and making us vulnerable. We have decided as a staff to make some changes to help ease congestion at the end of the day and ensure everyone's safety.

From next week –Monday 14th September, these are the following entry and exit times:

Two year olds will continue to enter and exit from the 2 Year Old Gate: Morning Session: 9-12noon and afternoon session 12:30-3:30pm when they return to full time.

	Frogllets & Ladybirds— when they start full time	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
ENTRY TIMES	9am Main Gate (a new time)	8:55am Main Gate	8:45am Main Gate	8:55am 2 Yr Old Gate	8:55am Scooter Gate	8:45am 2 Yr Old Gate	8:45am Scooter Gate
EXIT TIMES	3pm (a new time)	3:25pm	3:10pm (a new time)	3:25pm	3:25pm	3:10pm (a new time)	3:10pm (a new time)

If you are collecting from Frogllets, Ladybirds, Y2, Y5 & 6 and you have another child in Y1, Y3 or Y4, you will need to leave the school and re-enter at 3:25pm. We will be closing the gate at 3:15pm and reopening it at 3:25pm and closing it at 3:35pm. Please do not congregate outside the school gate and ensure you are keeping to socially distancing rules while you are waiting.

We have recorded a video which was sent out with the newsletter, which explains our reasoning and rationale around this. Remember, we need to keep reviewing our protocols and procedures to ensure our community is safe. We need your help in achieving this.

Keeping our Community Safe

Please check your child for symptoms, and **do not** come in to school if they or **anyone in your family** show the following symptoms:

- a high temperature (please try to take their temperature every morning)
- 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.

Protocol Champions

Dragonflies – Maisie	Foxes – Sinead
Butterflies – Husna	Hedgehogs – Teyha
Grasshoppers – Ayub	Blackbirds – Mateo
Beetles – Anika	Woodpeckers – Elliot
Bats – Poppy	Herons – Deon
Squirrels – Nala	Kestrels – Malik

Protocol Champions



Stars of the Week

★	Dragonflies – Destiny & Iyan	★
	Butterflies – Eleri-Belle	
	Grasshoppers – Yusuf & Eddie	★
★	Beetles – Mimi & Sam	★
	Bats – Fatima & Luca	
	<i>Squirrels – The whole class - I've been so impressed!</i>	★
★	Hedgehogs – Henry and Richie	★
★	Foxes – Selena and Ilan	★
	Blackbirds – Bertina & Hudson	
★	Woodpeckers – Kalan & Max	★
	Herons – Tiana & Jonathan	
★	Kestrels – Hamza & Edith	★

School Priorities (SIP)

Our Four Key School Improvement Priorities are based on questionnaires, data and stakeholder input as well as continuing successful work began this year:

1. Reintegration of children back into school and curriculum recovery
2. Introduce new Personal, Social, Health & Economic statutory framework (PSHE) including a focus on Anti-Racism and the new Relationship and Sex Education content (RSE)
3. Moving forward with the wider curriculum
4. To maintain stability and clarity through a period of change

Out of School Provision

Whilst we are not having our own before and after school clubs for this half term, Camden Music, Taekwondo and Stagecoach resume their after hours provisions. All three have their own risk assessments which have been aligned with our own expectations, sanitation requirements and safety distancing. These begin this week.

Liaison Times

Once we have settled and embedded new exit times and procedures we will start liaison times with teachers. Until then, please book any meetings via the office.

Relationship & Sex Education

A reminder that the draft RSE Scheme of Work and PHSE information is on the website for your to look at. Later this term, we hope to have some parent information sessions about this.

Goodbye to Liz Turbitt



We say goodbye to Liz Turbitt who has decided to undertake a full time course later this term,. This is a big loss for us after her hard work in establishing with her team such a wonderful two year old provision, Tadpoles. We wish her all the best. Abu Shahidullah will take over Liz's duties this term and wish him a successful start with Roxan.

Secondary School Transition: Meet the Parents

The Camden booklet and information about applications for Secondary School places for September 2021 is now available. The deadline for applications this year is 31st October! Primrose Hill parents in all year



groups are invited to a Meet the Parents event at St Paul's C of E primary school in Primrose Hill on **Tuesday September 15th from 3.45 to 4.45pm**. This is an opportunity to question a friendly panel of parents and children from the local state secondary schools and get the latest information on their schools from those who're actually experiencing them. You can also chat to them more privately afterwards. Social distancing will be in place, so please [register for free](#) online if you would like to come along.

Staffing

A big welcome to Hatty Bennett who joins us as the Butterflies Class Teacher. We are looking forward to getting to know you. Also, later this month we welcome Julia Chalfen as our new School Business Manager. Julia is still working at her school in Barnet for a few weeks, but will be doing a few days until she starts fully at the end of September. Ilirjana Sfarqa has been doing a wonderful job (as always) of keeping the business and finance side going since Irene's departure. We are going to have an exciting business future I think. Welcome back to Danielle Bowmaker after her maternity leave.