

# Primrose Hill Primary School

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Dear Parents & Carers,

A warm welcome back to school for the second half of the Autumn Term. Although we are navigating through a very challenging time, our aim continues to be to provide the children with a welcoming environment in which they can learn and feel secure.

The children are settled into Tadpoles class (despite the unfortunate break!) and there has been an abundance of wonderful learning going on, which we look forward to building on this half term. Our focus is, 'Festivals', which will include Diwali, Halloween, Fireworks, Thanksgiving, Remembrance Day, Hanukkah and Christmas. We will soon be sending out a simple questionnaire, asking you about important celebrations to you and your family, so that we can incorporate this into our planning. Our focus book is 'Meg and Mog' by Jan Penkowski. The children will be making spells and potions to support their learning!



## Punctuality & Attendance

It continues to be really important that children arrive and are collected promptly according to the timings below to support social distancing and to keep everyone as safe as possible. A reminder that adults and carers should be wearing a mask when collecting their child.

Contacting the school is more crucial than ever at the moment; it is vital that you call or email the school if your child or any other member of your family develops Covid symptoms and/or you are isolating: **0207 772 8500** or email [admin@primrosehill.camden.sch.uk](mailto:admin@primrosehill.camden.sch.uk)

Attendance is really important for all children, but we understand that some absences may occur. Again, regular contact and communication to our office about illness and medical appointments is crucial. Please see our website for our Attendance Policy and Addendum Policy.

**Start Time: 9:00am for morning children and 12:30pm for afternoon children**

**Gate: at the 2 Year Olds gate next to the school house**

**Exit Time from the same gate at: 12pm for morning children and 3:30pm for afternoon children**

## Drop offs and pickups

It is important for your child to have a regular routine and to come to Tadpoles on each of their regular days as this helps them to understand this. We do understand that many of you have other children to drop off too and that young children do get ill from time to time, but please make every effort to get your child into school, on time, each day, as long as they do not have any Covid symptoms.

Can we ask that you are also punctual at pick up times as staff have to prepare and set up for the next session and have their lunch break before the afternoon session which starts at 12:30pm.

## The Office:

Please call the school office if you have any questions. If you do need to come *into* the office you must use the gate entrance from the street and not come in through the school. Please follow social distancing and sanitise your hands once inside and wear a mask.

*Head Teacher: Robin Warren*



## Water and fruit

We provide fruit and milk for the children. If you want to donate fruit your child particularly likes to share with others that would be great, for example some berries or melon.

**Each child will need their own named bottle of water each day.**

## Healthy Eating and Malleable Play

Cooking with children offers a wide variety of learning experiences, for example Numeracy, Communication and Language, Understanding the World and Physical Development can all be taught in one cooking session. To help support this, we ask for a voluntary contribution of **50p** a week, where we will be able to buy the ingredients and resources needed. We will place a donation jar outside the classroom, or if you prefer, this adds up to **£3.50** over the half term where you can make your contribution in one go rather than finding coins each week. We really appreciate your support, thank you!

## Sharing your child's learning

We capture some of the learning your child engages in by using an app called 'Tapestry'. This enables us to share the varied and wonderful experiences your child engages in at school. Please activate your account on the email sent to you and you will be able to see their learning. As well as this you can share their experiences from home with us.

## Home Learning

Please take up the opportunity to engage in some, or all of the fun ideas listed at the end of this letter. These carefully selected ideas are to support and guide your child's learning at home.

## Dressing for school

As we are now in winter and the days are colder and wetter, please make sure that your child comes to school every day in a long sleeved coat, preferably with a hood or hat. We encourage you to dress your child in clothes that are practical for the classroom and ensure your child's clothing is named.



As part of our safety precautions in school we are keeping the windows and doors open in our classroom to ensure the room is ventilated. This means that it can get cold even with the heating on! Please make sure your child comes in with layers to wear, including a warm jumper.

## Spare clothes and nappies

A gentle reminder that your child needs a bag with a change of clothes to be left in school, hanging on your child's peg. Children may get wet or dirty from one of the exciting learning experiences we enjoy in EYFS! Please can we ask for them to be put into the cloth bags provided on each child's peg and plastic bags to be taken back home. We also ask parents to supply nappies and wipes for their child which are stored in the bathroom and individually labelled.

For further information, please make sure you regularly check the school website [www.primrosehill.sch.uk](http://www.primrosehill.sch.uk) Here, you can find the school's Risk Assessment on the News page - this will be continually updated in response to the most up to date guidance from the Government.

**And finally...** A reminder that our aim is for your child to become a confident, motivated and independent learner. Remind them to 'have a go' at things they find difficult. Try to refrain from doing things for them and tell them 'you can do it'. Remember that mistakes are marvellous and are the way we learn how to do things. Praise all of your child's successes and encourage them to make decisions and choices about the experiences and learning they do outside of school.

If you have ANY questions or want to find out more, please speak to any of the team.

Many thanks,

The Tadpoles Team



### Communication and Language

Talk about the festivals and celebrations that are special to your family, perhaps you might come in and share your experiences with your classmates.

Talk about the change in the season and what this looks like. Think about the colours of the leaves, the fog in the sky etc...

### Numeracy

Have fun playing various maths games and practising to count forwards and backwards with your counter.

Help your grown-ups at the supermarket counting out and weighing up fruit and veg into your shopping basket. Then have a go at paying for some of these items.

Have fun exploring capacity using water to fill up different sized containers and have a go at estimating how many spoonfuls/cupfuls of water it will take to fill your containers, half way, to the top, etc...

### Literacy

Help to write a card to a friend or family member and have a go at posting it!

Can you play waiter/waitress game at home. Have a go at taking orders and writing these down on your special notepad.

Help to write out your weekly shopping list and try to use some of the sounds you know

### Understanding of the World

Go on an adventure to the woods/park/forest and collect your autumnal objects for your collage

Can you help at home with cooking and making a special meal for your family.

### Personal, Social & Emotional Development

Practise sharing toys with your family.

Enjoy telling stories about your day over dinner or breakfast. Share the best and worst parts of your day and why. Its good to talk!

*Here are the seven areas of learning and development in the Early Years Foundation Stage. In each of the boxes, you will find some useful ideas on home learning! Our topic this half term is, "Festivals"*

### Physical Development

Practise zipping up coat independently.

Practise climbing skills

Challenge yourselves to take some risks in the park/playground. And have fun kicking and throwing up the Autumn leaves

### Expressive arts and Design

Make an autumnal collage of the things you find on a trip to the park

If there are gifts to wrap, have a go.

Have a go at putting on a show for your family. Can you sing, dance, act or tell a joke?

Make props for your show.

Use some recycled materials to make some percussion instruments to add sound to your show.

