

Primrose Hill Primary School Weekly Newsletter



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Well, I can't quite believe I'm writing this but we have reached the end of half term! It really has been a whistle stop time; 6 weeks have positively flown by. So much has happened over the past 6 weeks – it has been almost like we have somehow started a new school year at the same time as doing all our summer activities too. Whilst it has sometimes been hectic, the enthusiasm of children, staff and parents has made it memorable for all the right reasons! I believed I had made the right choice to accept the Head role at PH before I arrived. I'm utterly convinced I did now. Just this week I have experienced the support and warmth of the entire community naturally flow out into everyday school life on more occasions than I care to remember. I've tried to convey this to others outside of the PH community – just how uniquely special that blend of community spirit within the diverse population that is PH is. I'm just very lucky to have found myself within it. Have a great half term everyone, stay safe – enjoy the weather – we may even get some warmth and sunshine! **Phil**

Covid Restrictions

I promised a review of the initial opening we undertook after the 17th May easing of restrictions. I understand and empathise with everyone's frustrations surrounding the easing of them. We really want to make our wonderful school environment as accessible to all as soon as we can. However, we have been told that the Department for Education (DfE) are likely to give us further guidance as to what we should/should not do prior to 21st June. Despite the uncertainty that is now surrounding that date, given fresh developments, we hope it will be good news. Please rest assured - as soon as we have anything to convey we will do so! Until then all the arrangements will remain the same as this half term.

However, can I remind all parents that ALL children should be dropped to school by **9am**. The staggered arrival times are within the 8.45-9am window. Some children are arriving after this time, which makes for a disrupted start to the day. We all want the children in their classes as much as is possible. Below is a reminder of the entry and collection times we sent at the start of term. The entrances and exits remain the same at present. Please also ensure the 2m social distancing as you arrive and leave. Thank you for your help with this.

Year Group	Tadpoles	Froglets	Ladybirds Group 1	Ladybirds Group 2	Year Group	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Entry Time	AM Group 9-12noon	9:00am	8:45am	9:00am	Entry Time	8:45am	8:45am	8:45am	8:55am	8:55am	8:55am
Entry Location	PM Group 12.30-3.30	Main Gate	Main Gate	Main Gate	Entry Location	Main Gate	Middle / Scooter	2 Year old	Main Gate	2 Year old	Middle / Scooter
Collection Time	Entry & Exit through 2 Yr Old Gate - line up on the left please	3:30pm	3:10pm	3:30pm	Collection Time	3:15pm	3:15pm	3:15pm	3:20pm	3:20pm	3:20pm
Collection Location		Froglet Classroom	Ladybirds Classroom	Ladybirds Classroom	Collection Location	Y1 Class rooms	Bottom Play ground	Top Playground	Top playground	Top playground	Top playground



Parent Consultations Tuesday 8th June

We intend to run these through the day and as a consequence school will be **closed for all pupils** from Reception to Year 6 on **Tuesday 8th June**. A project based series of activities will be provided for your child to complete on this day. Tadpoles and Froglets classes will however, be **open** and their consultations will occur over the course of that week. Zoom links will be sent separately to each class.

Return to School

We look forward to seeing all of you back, bright and refreshed on **Wednesday 9th June** between **8.45 and 9am!**



TRACK AND TRACE- School contact tracing over the Half Term

You will know that schools have been playing a vital role in contact-tracing. If a student or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), we carefully review who the person has been in close contact with while at school and ask those people to self-isolate and/or close Bubbles. This helps to protect the remainder of the school community, your families and the wider public. The Department for Education has said that schools **must continue to support contact tracing during the Holiday**. This is so that we can identify any close contacts of positive cases who were in school while infectious and where test results come back after this term ends.

Your reporting of positive test results remains vital to our contact-tracing efforts. Please make sure you email head@primrosehill.camden.sch.uk to report any positive tests FOR ANYONE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD. Please include in your email:

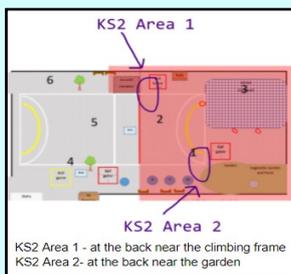
- o What date did symptoms start? (this can be any feeling of being unwell, not just the three COVID-19 symptoms).
- o The date that the test swab was taken.
- o The date that the child/positive person was last in school.
- o Whether anyone else in your household has been unwell with COVID?
- o Your contact phone number in case more information is needed.

We will also notify you if any staff who have been in school have tested positive, so please regularly check your emails.

Please continue to report any COVID symptoms / tests both negative and positive and any other relevant information over the half term period AND DO NOT RETURN TO SCHOOL ON 9th June if anyone in your household has symptoms or is isolating and again, inform the school via: head@primrosehill.camden.sch.uk

Parent Liaison Timetable

Liaison times will continue after the half term break and will be at 8:45am each morning - please enter the school through the main gate, your child should continue to enter through the gate they usually come through. Please refer to the map below for where your child's class teacher will be. As always, we ask you to wear a mask and ensure you are socially distancing from the teacher and parents.



Parent Liaison Timetable Summer 2 2020-21					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Nursery playground	Sophie T Froglets				
KS1 Playground	Becca -3:15pm via phone each day	Maria and Lia - Reception Ladybirds	Hatty - Y1 Butterflies	Sophie K - Y2 Grasshoppers	Chrystal - Y2 Beetles
KS2 Playground Area 1	Jemma - Y5 Woodpeckers	Nabila - Y6 Herons	Mirelle - Y6 Kestrels	Lucy - Y5 Blackbirds	
KS2 Playground Area 2		Alice - Y4 Hedgehogs	Marina - Y4 Foxes	Paul - Y3 Squirrels	Jacob - Y3 Bats

Attendance & Reporting Absences

We're ending this week on 95.30% across the whole school which is great news, and an improvement from last week! Unfortunately, we didn't meet expectations for this half term (94.54%). Not to worry, we still have the rest of this term to end on a better note. I do have the winners for the extra play which are below:



Well done to the winning classes! If you didn't get a chance to win this time, don't worry, you'll have another go in the next half term! Not to mention we have a raffle for those 100%-ers at the end of term. Exciting things coming! Have a lovely break all, see you on the 9th June.
Lyra & Mandy

NHS Mental Health Support Team

The NHS Mental Health Support Team who work across schools in Camden are excited to be able to offer an online webinar series for all parents and carers of primary school children in Camden. The series will include online workshops via Zoom. Dates and times for the four topics offered are as follows:

Webinar topic	Date	Time
1) Managing parent and carer worries	Friday 28 th May	9.30 to 10:30 Q and A 10:30 to 11.00
2) Managing children's worries	Friday 11 th of June	9.30 to 10:30 Q and A 10:30 to 11.00
3a) Supporting transition to secondary school option A	Friday 18 th June	9.30 to 10:30 Q and A 10:30 to 11.00
3b) Supporting transition to secondary school option B	Friday 25 th June	9.30 to 10:30 Q and A 10:30 to 11.00
4) Routine and summer activities	Friday 2 nd July	9.30 to 10:30 Q and A 10:30 to 11.00

Each workshop will last up to 60 minutes, with an optional follow-up slot of 30 minutes for further questions for those parents who are interested. You can opt-in to all four workshops, or select one or more topics that most appeal to you. We offer two options of the same workshop on 'Supporting Transition to Secondary School'. You can select:

Option A - Friday 18th June, 9.30 to 10:30 (Q and A 10:30 to 11.00)

OR

Option B - Friday 25th June, 9.30 to 10:30 (Q and A 10:30 to 11.00)

To find out more information and to register for any of the workshops for free, please go to the Eventbrite webpage at:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/mhst-parent-and-carer-wellbeing-webinar-series-tickets-154740568205>

We look forward to seeing you!

Sarah Relton (Child, Adolescent and Educational Psychologist)

Alessia Potere (Counselling Psychologist)

Summer Term Dates

Half-term including Spring Bank Holiday;

Monday 31 May to Friday 4 June 2021

Wednesday 9 June to Friday 23 July 2021

INSET DAY: Monday 7th June 2021

Tuesday 8 June Parent Consultations

School Closed for Reception to Year 6

but Open for Tadpoles & Froglets

Thursday 24th June Class Photos

Please click for the link to :

Term Dates 2021-2022

Camden ISLINGTON
Whittington Health NHS

Camden Learning is inviting you to a
**Dental Health Advice session for
Parents/Carers**
Date: Tuesday 15th June 2021
Time: 11:00 to 12.00

National Smile Month

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82946577181?pwd=WVY4U2xidW4zQThHUkQyeTRhUDBXUT09>
Meeting ID: 829 4657 7181
Passcode: 923589

Note: For further information Please contact Nicola Ramnarine on:
nicola.ramnarine@nhs.net Tel: 07920236977

Star Learners!

★ Tadpoles – Calaya & Evan
 ★ Froglets – Ezaan & Abaseen
 ★ Ladybirds – Katie S & Leo C
 ★ Dragonflies – Albie & Safa
 ★ Butterflies – Mikko & Ervin
 ★ Grasshoppers – Cecilia & Sienna
 ★ Beetles – Li-Lou & Lev

Bats – Janaya & Sy
Squirrels – Chiara and Yusuf
Hedgehogs – Alicia & Nathan
Foxes – Harvey, Nazmin
Blackbirds – Ayub & Fiona
Woodpeckers – Maria & Kai
Herons – Mary & Mikhael
Kestrels – Isabella & Jack

EYFS...

We have had the best week EVER in Ladybirds. Last week our eggs hatched into 7 chicks. This week we have been able to hold them, play with them and feed them!

We pulled names out of the hat and we wanted to introduce you to: Wilma, Lucy, Lily, Princess, Leonardo, Georgia and Flowery.

Year 1 & 2 ...

In Year 1, we have been making houses for our toys to live in! We wanted to make sure that our toys wouldn't get wet if it rained, so we did an experiment first, to test which materials are waterproof and which ones aren't.

Year 3

The Squirrels had a special guest come in and join them when they were dancing this week. Thanks Phil for being such a good sport!

Year 5 ...

Year 5 have created their very own newspapers based on their class text, *Clockwork* by Philip Pullman.

We recreated a range of newspaper features we'd found in *First News*, including the '5 Minutes With...' interview and 'Your Reads!' book review. We also wrote newspaper articles about the dramatic events which have recently unfolded in the German town of Glockenheim, where our story is set!

Keeping our Community Safe

Please note– if you or any member of your family have symptoms, you need to have a PCR Test, NOT a lateral Flow Test—always call 111 for advice.

Please check your child for symptoms, and **do not** come in to school if they or **anyone in your family** show the following symptoms: Remember, everyone in your household will have to isolate if anyone has one of these symptoms and you will need to arrange a COVID test:

- a high temperature (please try to take their temperature every morning/check if they are hot to touch on chest & back)
- 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.

Coronavirus: Weekly update from Camden Council

For the latest information and support from Camden Council and its partners, including updates to services:

- Visit camden.gov.uk/coronavirus – Includes information in different languages
- Check the rolling news pages at news.camden.gov.uk
- Follow Twitter @CamdenCouncil and Facebook facebook.com/LBCamden
- Speak to someone at the Council directly by calling 020 7974 4444 (option 9).



SIGN UP to the Council's coronavirus newsletter at camden.gov.uk/coronavirus-updates

Meeting people indoors? Let the air in



If you're spending time indoors with others, keep windows and doors open. This will ensure the space is well-ventilated to help prevent the spread of coronavirus. Alongside the hands, face, space rules, let's take this simple step to stay safe. Find out more at gov.uk/coronavirus

Get vaccinated to prevent new variants

Given the chance, all viruses – including COVID-19 – will mutate and produce unknown new variants. As many people as possible need to get the COVID-19 vaccine to reduce the spread of the virus and help prevent new variants and protect our community.

If you're aged **80 and over (or turn 80 by 1 July)**, or fall into one of the priority groups, book an appointment at any of Camden's 15 vaccination centres, including local GP surgeries:

- Call **119** for free
- Visit nhs.uk/coronavirusvaccine
- Not registered with a GP? Email nciccg.covid-19vaccine@nhs.net
- Need help to book? Call Camden Council on **020 7974 4444 (option 9)**
- If you're an eligible social care worker, you can visit a number of sites across North Central London. More information at camden.gov.uk/socialcarestaff



Find out more about the vaccine at camden.gov.uk/covid19vaccine

Mental health support

People may be feeling overwhelmed, anxious or scared at the moment. If you're struggling with your mental health, please know that you're not alone and there's support available – visit camden.gov.uk/mental-health-and-wellbeing or call Camden Council on **020 7974 4444 (option 9)**.



With the bank holiday this weekend, many will be looking forward to meeting up with friends or family. Although restrictions have eased slightly, please remember there are still public health guidelines in place – whatever your plans, it's essential to keep following these and remain careful.

While some will be relishing the recent ease of restrictions, others will be struggling with adjusting to life after lockdown. It's been a difficult year for everyone, and there is no right way to feel. If you or someone you know is struggling, you can find details below of where to access mental health support from the Council and partners, including in different languages. Checking in on a friend can also mean so much at this time and I know our community will continue to be there for each other.

Please remember that the Council's COVID-19 helpline is still here to help with a range of issues, including financial support. We know some of you will have concerns about the upcoming end to the Government's eviction ban – please be assured we have support in place to help you. Read more about this below. Whatever your concerns, don't hesitate to get in touch at **020 7974 4444 (option 9)**.

Councilor Georgia Gould, Leader of Camden Council

Eviction ban ends on 31 May



The Government's eviction ban put in place to protect private renters during COVID-19 is coming to an end on 31 May. From 1 June your landlord or letting agent has legal powers to serve an eviction notice. Camden Council knows there will be people concerned about this, so if you are struggling to pay your rent or need advice, please know there is support available. Contact the Council on **020 7974 4444 (option 9)** or visit camden.gov.uk/private-renters-help-covid

Camden's children's libraries

Camden's children's libraries are now open for book browsing (Camden Town Library remains closed for use as a rapid test centre). Book a 20-minute slot at camden.gov.uk/library-bookings or call **020 7974 6987**.

Find a full list of services currently available at Camden libraries, opening hours and online services, including children's activities, at camden.gov.uk/libraries



GOOD WORK CAMDEN

In the last year, Good Work Camden has supported over 400 people to find and stay in good work. 'M' registered with the service after six months of unemployment. Working one-on-one with her Job Hub advisor, M started a job at the Francis Crick Institute, processing COVID-19 test samples:

"Things have been really busy lately – but I'm lucky that I work with an amazing team that makes the time working very enjoyable."

"Thanks to my advisor I've been able to understand and take each step that I needed to get the kind of job that I wanted...and for that I am immensely grateful."

"To anyone that doesn't know how to start looking for a job, this is the step that I'd recommend. The whole process is worth it."

To find out more, visit camden.gov.uk/employment-support