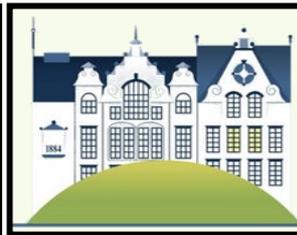


# Primrose Hill Primary School Weekly Newsletter



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Well this is it! We've finally reached the end of the year – albeit depleted as a community because of the continued situation. As I mentioned in last week's newsletter, whilst it has been challenging the positives have been huge. I am delighted we have been able to say a proper farewell to the Y6 children and allow them the all-important rites of passage to move on to Secondary School. These types of memories are vital when looking back on school life.

I want to take this opportunity to say a huge THANK YOU to everyone involved in the PH community; Staff, Governors, Parents and most of all the children. This term has been amazing, because of everyone pulling together and showing the greatest strength we have is the bond we share. May I wish you all an enjoyable, peaceful and most of all SAFE summer break. We look forward to welcoming all the children back on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September. Phil**

## First day of Autumn Term is Monday 6th September 2021

Please click [here](#) for the TERM DATES 2021 – 2022

### COVID 19 Arrangements for September:

These will be updated and sent to you before the start of the Autumn Term. At present we are still awaiting the full updated guidance from the DfE to help us write our Risk Assessments and as you will be aware from the media – the situation is very much a fluid one!

### Message from the Chair of Governors

Dear Parents and Carers

This year hasn't turned out as we hoped for, with yet more worries and disruption to teaching, due to the COVID pandemic. However, Mireille carefully steered us all through the uncharted waters of changing data and government advice. It was a strange time to step up to be Acting Head, and, as a new Chair of Governors, I was also jumping in at the deep end. But as they say, in these circumstances you just have to start swimming!

Mireille was launching live lessons on Zoom, while reporting to Public Health England on an almost daily basis. Meanwhile, the Governors were interviewing prospective head teachers. By April we had convinced Phil to join us as our new Head Teacher and he has said, at almost every opportunity possible, what a wonderful community he has joined. We, in turn, feel lucky to have found someone with such a wealth of experience, to help us move onwards and upwards, meeting new challenges.

When I meet with Phil, every few weeks in school, there is always a variety of topics to discuss. One of the most important insights I've gained as Chair is the understanding that Primrose Hill School could not function as well as it does without an intrinsic network of communication links, to bring together the knowledge of individuals from their respective areas of expertise.

As governors, we have continued to attend training, be part of education discussion forums, and liaise with the governors of our Cluster Schools. We have met with Phil and the School's leadership team to discuss how the vision and ethos of the school can flex and respond to the external pressures and opportunities that we've faced. While the staff are busy focusing on the many aspects of running the school, we aim to communicate opinion, advice, strategy, and ideas, acting both as a sounding board and a safety net. Yet, as I'm sure you've felt too, we've missed coming into school so often!

It's been an interesting year for new starts, and I hope, that as your children come to the end of one year and step towards the next stage in their school journey, that they can look back and take pride in what they have achieved, seeing silver linings and unexpected areas of growth. Amidst all that has changed, think of the best thing that happened this year at Primrose Hill School? Keep that thought with you until September...I look forward to seeing you then.

Claire Cameron  
Chair of Governors

If you want to find out more about the Governing Board at Primrose Hill Primary School or perhaps become more involved in its work, please write to the Chair of Governors – Claire Cameron – at the school.

The office is now closed for the Summer holidays and the ADMIN & ADMISSIONS mailbox will NOT be checked.

**IF YOU ARE REPORTING A POSITIVE COVID RESULT UP TO AND INCLUDING 28TH JULY PLEASE EMAIL**

**[head@primrosehill.camden.sch.uk](mailto:head@primrosehill.camden.sch.uk)  
IMMEDIATELY, THANK YOU.**

Thank you for your understanding, we hope you have a lovely summer break! The Admin Team.

### Farewell!

It is always sad when we have to say goodbye to friends and colleagues at any time, but the end of the year is particularly significant! We have several members of staff who are either taking time out or moving on this summer:

**Becca Ehrlich and Marina Castelo-Branco are temporarily leaving us (maternity leave and sabbatical respectively).**



**We wish them both well and every good wish on the next step in their journeys!**



**Kate Roe and Tom Johnson also leave us with our heartfelt thanks for all they have done in supporting children in their classes over the last months and years.**



**You also do not work somewhere for 16 years without feeling every part of your time in a school as you move on. Mireille has had a huge impact on the life of Primrose Hill and will be missed enormously by pupils, staff and parents alike. I'd personally like to thank her for helping me settle into my role so quickly upon my arrival, having so ably stepped in during the spring term. On behalf of the entire school community, THANK YOU MIREILLE for everything you have given the school over your time here. We wish you every success at Rhyl.**





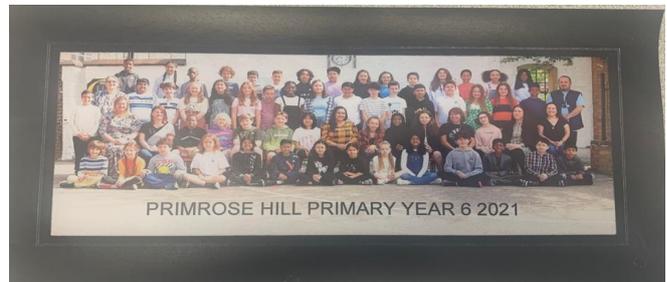
## Goodbye & Good Luck!

I cannot believe that after 16 years working at Primrose Hill, I am writing to say 'goodbye' to this wonderful community who I now call my family. 16 years ago, after returning home to Australia, I received a phone call late one evening from one of our previous Head Teachers, Jane Hunter. Without an interview, only the recommendation of a previous Head Teacher, I was given a job at Primrose Hill – at the time I didn't realise how lucky I was to have found myself working at one of the most amazing schools in the world!

Over the years, I have taught 9x Year 6 classes, 2x year 4 classes and one Year 2 class – this is not counting all the Maths Groups, Guided Reading, Writing and cover teaching I have done over the years. I have been on school journey some 13 times! A week packed with adventure sports and very little sleep with the Year 6 children. Plus I've attended 3x Mill trips with Year 5 camping in Somerset, along with countless trips to museums, galleries and Thames Boat Trips. Over the years, my proudest moments are plentiful - from watching the children start their journey with us in Nursery and grow into mature, confident and resilient young adults. I love it when ex-pupils return and tell me about their lives and successes - university courses, apprenticeships, all sorts of jobs (some even having started a life on the stage acting or performing in a band) and some having become parents themselves. To think that I played a small part in supporting them to achieve these successes makes me incredibly proud to be a teacher.

I have been given so many wonderful opportunities in my career over the years, but the one I will cherish the most will be the role of Acting Head Teacher. What an honour it was to be asked to lead this inspirational school. Even though it was such a challenging time for all of us, we got through it together, and I wouldn't have been able to do it without all your endless support, that of your marvellous children, and of the most amazing, hard-working and dedicated staff I have ever had the privilege to work with. This is what makes Primrose Hill so unique and special – it is truly one big family: we all stand together, side by side.

Even though I am leaving, I will always be here in spirit and I know I will never be able to let go! I may have a new job, but Primrose Hill will always be my family. So this is not goodbye, but only farewell to all of you. Until our paths meet again I wish you all the best in a new and exciting chapter for Primrose Hill and can't wait to hear all about it! **Mireille.**



## GOOD LUCK TO ALL YEAR 6

### Year 2 going to Year 3

A reminder to parents that if you have a child in Y2, they will start getting charged for lunches from **6<sup>th</sup> September 2021 (unless you are eligible for Free School Meals)**. If you are unsure whether you are eligible for Free School Meals, please apply through this link:

<https://accountforms.camden.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals/>

If you would rather your child bring a packed lunch into school, please notify the office immediately to avoid any unnecessary charges.

### Summer in Camden launches

After a year like no other, the school summer holiday is approaching. The Council and local partners, including schools and early years services, are excited about offering children, young people and families an amazing range of free and low cost activities for ages 0 to 19.

It is great news that at last we can offer the opportunity for Camden's community to come together safely to enjoy an ambitious programme of sport and fitness, arts and creative activities, play, activities with lunch included, as well as life skills, baking and cookery, health and wellbeing, advice, support and work experience.

Parents, carers and pupils / students can now visit our new [summerincamden.co.uk](https://summerincamden.co.uk) website to search for activities by age, date, types of activities and venues.

Others links and assets:

<https://news.camden.gov.uk/summer-in-camden-launches/> - News item / press release



# Summer in Camden

Whether it's a creative family workshop at the British Library, a canoeing and kayaking trip at the Pinnacles, visiting a Roman encampment in the grounds of the British Museum or taking part in a free digital marketing course at the Roundhouse, there's something for children and young people of all ages during the Summer in Camden programme.

Visit the [summerincamden.co.uk](http://summerincamden.co.uk) website to search for activities for 0 to 18 year olds and share your summer activity experiences and photos on Twitter or Instagram using the hashtag #SummerInCamden

### Paddington Bear comes to the British Library

There's one bear whose adventures are so famous that he's been featured in a children's book, a TV series, a film and a stage play. The bear is a bear of many colours and is back in Camden for a special event at the British Library.

### Meet the Bears at the British Museum

The famous bear will be in the company of other famous bears from the British Museum's collection.

### Camden Summer University

It's your chance to learn something new from a range of experts in the community. There's a summer school for everyone, from children to young adults.

### Free and low cost sport and physical activities

A range of fun activities for children and young people are being offered across the borough.

### The Pinnacles

Join us for a canoeing and kayaking trip on the River Pinnacles. It's a great way to enjoy the outdoors and get some exercise.

### Art, design and architecture with STOPS at Haverhill Studio

Join us for a creative workshop where you can learn about art, design and architecture from the professionals at Haverhill Studio.

### Holiday Activities and Food programme

Young children from across the borough can enjoy a range of fun activities and food during their school holidays.

### Summer schools for Year 7s

Join us for a range of summer schools for Year 7 students. There's something for everyone, from sports to arts.

### Have fun, make friends, stay safe

Enjoy the summer holidays with friends and family. Remember to stay safe and follow the rules.

# Summer in Camden

Many of Camden's youth, play and community centres are running play, games, creative activities, sport, trips, life skills, welfare, advice and support sessions during the Summer in Camden programme of free and low-cost activities for children and young people. Find a centre near you under 'venues' on the [summerincamden.co.uk](http://summerincamden.co.uk) website or search by ages and activities.

## Celebrating summer in Camden

Summer in Camden is part of a wider programme of events in Camden Council and local partners, which includes a variety of free and low-cost activities for all ages to enjoy during the summer months - from music, dance and art to helping out in the community and green spaces. It's a great way to enjoy the summer and get some exercise.

Have fun, make friends, stay safe

Keep an eye on the Low Camden website and on Camden Council's social media channels, and don't forget to share your summer photos with us on Instagram or Twitter using the hashtag #WeMakeCamden

### We make Camden Celebrating summer

Visit [summerincamden.co.uk](http://summerincamden.co.uk) for more information and to book your place.

# 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](http://camden.gov.uk/coronavirus)
- Check the rolling news pages at [news.camden.gov.uk](http://news.camden.gov.uk)
- Follow Twitter @CamdenCouncil, Facebook facebook.com/LBCamden and Instagram @WeMakeCamden
- Speak to someone at the Council at 020 7974 4444 (option 9).

**SIGN UP to the Council's coronavirus newsletter at [camden.gov.uk/coronavirus-updates](http://camden.gov.uk/coronavirus-updates)**

## Let's keep following public health advice in Camden

While this week marks a new milestone in the fight against the pandemic, cases of COVID-19 in Camden and across London remain high and are increasing. A steady transition is safer, will slow community spread, reduce the risk of new variants and is easier for everyone - including those of us at most risk from the virus or feeling overwhelmed about restrictions easing.

Please continue to be cautious and keep following the 'hands, face, space, fresh air and testing' advice. Following this advice has helped to save lives, so let's keep it up in Camden.

## Get vaccinated to keep Camden safe

Even if you think you'll be fine if you catch coronavirus, you could pass it on to someone else who could get seriously ill - including residents who can't get vaccinated due to underlying health conditions.

Getting vaccinated massively reduces your risk of getting seriously ill and helps to keep others safe too. Find out more at [camden.gov.uk/getting-the-vaccine](http://camden.gov.uk/getting-the-vaccine) or call Camden Council on 020 7974 4444 (option 9).

## Take a rapid COVID-19 test twice a week

With coronavirus cases rising, it's important to continue to take a rapid test twice a week (for people without symptoms) to check you're COVID-free, even after vaccination. Home test kits are available to pick up from many local pharmacies. Order test kits to be delivered at [gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests](http://gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests). You can also drop by one of the local test sites in Camden. Find out more at [camden.gov.uk/rapidtest](http://camden.gov.uk/rapidtest) or call 020 7974 4444 (option 9).

If you develop COVID-19 symptoms, self-isolate for 10 days and book a PCR test - visit [nhs.uk/coronavirus](http://nhs.uk/coronavirus) or call 119.

## Summer in Camden

Over the summer holidays, Camden Council and local partners are offering a variety of free and low-cost events and activities for children, young people and their families.

Turn to the front, back and inside cover of this paper to find out more. You can also search for activities by age, date, type of activity and venue at [summerincamden.co.uk](http://summerincamden.co.uk)

Older and disabled residents can find additional activities and support at [camdenchoices.camden.gov.uk](http://camdenchoices.camden.gov.uk)

This is part of a wider Celebrating Summer in Camden programme for all ages. For full details, visit [lovemcamden.org/celebratingsummer](http://lovemcamden.org/celebratingsummer)

**Pull out and keep Camden summer activities guide on cover**

## Celebrating Eid al-Adha safely

Please be cautious and keep following the 'hands, face, space, fresh air and testing' advice during Eid celebrations to help keep yourself, loved ones and others safe. Where possible, celebrate outdoors, which is safer because your chance of catching or passing on the virus is lower. If you're celebrating indoors, please keep windows and doors open to ventilate the space and dilute infectious particles. Eid Mubarak!

## Food vouchers for Camden families

If you receive Housing Benefit or Council Tax Support and have dependent children under 18, or if your child attends a Camden school and receives free school meals, look out for a £45 supermarket voucher per child in the post to support the cost of food over the summer holidays. You should receive this by the end of July. If it doesn't arrive, or you need support to access food, please call Camden Council on 020 7974 4444 (option 9).

## Grants for Camden's cultural venues

Camden Council has released additional grant funding to support the borough's evening and night-time economy, as more live music and cultural venues reopen.

There's a range of one-off grants available, including:

- Up to £10,000 for live music venues, museums, galleries and theatres
- Up to £12,000 to support businesses still affected by restrictions
- Grants of £1,000 for eligible street traders and £2,000 for eligible fixed premises in certain areas

To check eligibility and apply, visit [camden.gov.uk/grants](http://camden.gov.uk/grants)