

Primrose Hill Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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Welcome Back!

A massive welcome back (to all our established children, parents and carers) and the warmest of welcomes to our new arrivals in the school. Whether it is a brand new experience or we are seasoned old hands, it is always exciting and nervous in equal measure at the start of a new school year.

To that end, my sincere apologies for the confusion that resulted on entry on the first day back. There were reasons this occurred in respect of the COVID compliance both before the summer and now that caused this, but it is no excuse for not communicating clearly enough. We have learned the lessons and please be assured there will not be a repeat!

More positively, the way the children have settled back in school this week has been hugely impressive. The smiles and enthusiasm for learning that has been present every time I've gone around the building has warmed my heart as much as the scorching temperatures earlier in the week. Added to that, now some of the restrictions have been eased on the playground, there children are much happier to be able to roam more freely.

We are looking forward to being able to do some of the more normal aspects of school life over this academic year and our desire is to knit the school community back together again as we come through the current COVID situation. **Phil**



Meet the Teacher videos and curriculum information

In order that we limit the numbers of people coming into the school building and site we are creating 'Meet the Teacher' videos using an app called 'Loom' for each class. The links to these will be sent to you at the start of week commencing Monday 20th September. The year group letters and curriculum overviews for this half term will be sent to you on Monday 13th September. As ever, if you have any questions following this just call or email the school and we will pass the request on to the relevant staff.

At the start of a new year, we are looking at how we can ensure the link between parents/carers and teachers can be enhanced (especially given the restrictions we still face currently inside the school building). We understand that fixed 'teacher liaisons' rarely fall at the time you want to speak to the teachers concerned. To that end we would ask that if you want to speak to the teacher about something that won't take much time, you liaise with them at the end of the school day when you pick your child up. Clearly you may need to wait until all the other children have been picked up from their class, but this will allow for a more spontaneous dialogue to occur on an 'as and when' basis.

Obviously, if you need to discuss something at length then please arrange a time for a phone call or face to face meeting.

Start/End of day and visiting arrangements

The normal soft start to school will take place between **8.45am-9am** through the **MAIN GATE ONLY** but with no barriers there to improve the flow. The main gate will be closed shortly after 9am so any latecomers will have to sign in via the main office. **Please ensure you drop off before 9am to prevent needing to come into the building**

- At the end of the day we will assemble the children on the playground so we can open the **main gate at 3.25pm**. There will be no need to queue down Princess Road but we would ask that parents/carers are mindful of the numbers of people coming on site at the end of the day and maintain social distancing as much as possible

- No parents / carers will be allowed on site during September except for pick up and drop off unless by appointment, and then only through front entrance, adhering to sanitising and face mask wearing (this is a requirement for indoor settings where people would not ordinarily meet)

During the school day:

- We will continue to stagger the children's lunch times as they were before the summer but will not be zoning the playground and there will be no specific bubbles inside or outside

- 2m social distancing for adult to adult and adult to children will remain as far as is practical

- Music will continue to be taught in the top hall to assist with ventilation

- PE lessons will be taught outside unless the weather is too bad until further notice.

- Windows/Doors will remain open to improve ventilation and vigilance of air flow will be maintained

COVID secure measures

Whilst we all want to get back to as normal a school day/week/month/year as possible the prevalence of the virus in society does mean we need to proceed with caution as the children return. Wider restrictions may have relaxed but the virus is now 30 times more prevalent than it was in September 2020. The aim has to be to release internal restrictions slowly so we do not have an outbreak in school.



Reporting COVID Cases:

We will continue to isolate and send children home who have any of the main symptoms of COVID 19 whilst in school (persistent cough, high temperature, loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell). We appreciate your cooperation in respect of this. However, as you will see below the procedures for closing bubbles have ended.

NHS Test and Trace have taken over the close contact administration. However, as we are required to inform local public health whenever we have a positive case linked to school, please do inform us if there is a positive case in your household. **Anyone deemed as a close contact is strongly advised to do a PCR test.**

If your child tests positive on a lateral flow device (LFD) test, they should self-isolate – and you should inform us immediately. You should then immediately order a confirmatory PCR test to check the positive result.

If the PCR test is taken within two days and the result is negative, your child can stop self-isolating (unless instructed to self-isolate for other reasons).

If the PCR test is positive (or is taken more than two days after the LFD) your child must self-isolate until 10 days after the date of the LFD test. Other members of your household are strongly advised to do a PCR test. However, close contacts of a confirmed case (including siblings) do not need to self-isolate if you are exempt (see below) unless they have symptoms or have tested positive.

Close contacts below the age of 18 years 6 months of a positive case are no longer required to self-isolate but strongly advised to take a PCR test instead.

Other groups that do not need to self-isolate are:

- the fully vaccinated.
- those part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial
- those not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

Anyone with any symptoms of COVID-19 or has tested positive for COVID-19 must self-isolate immediately.

Should we identify a confirmed case in any class we will inform parents of children within that class immediately. This will be known as a 'warn and inform' letter to assist in increasing vigilance for potential cases.

If we breach either of the thresholds below we will look to increase the control measures as per our risk assessment:

5 children, pupils, students or staff, who are likely to have mixed closely, test positive for COVID-19 within a 10-day period; or 10% of children, pupils, students or staff who are likely to have mixed closely test positive for COVID-19 within a 10-day period.

Parent Consultations Mon. 1st November 2021 & Wed. 20th April 2022



We intend to run our autumn parent consultations on **Monday 1st November 2021** and our summer parent consultations on **Wednesday 20th April 2022**, please put these important dates on your calendars. They will run throughout the day and as a consequence school will be **closed for all pupils** with learning provided for all children to complete at home. The consultations will be undertaken remotely, via Zoom and booking will be via Teachers2Parents. Links will be sent prior to half term.

If you have changed your email address recently and have not informed us, please email:

admin@primrosehill.camden.sch.uk

Anna Freud
National Centre for
Children and Families

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85258
here for you 24/7

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24
hours a day
7
days a week

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Text the free, confidential textline

All texts are answered by trained volunteer,
with support from experienced clinical specialists

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Term Dates 2021 - 2022

Autumn Term 2021

Monday 6th September to Friday 22 October 2021 (35 days)

Half-term: Monday 25 October to Friday 29 October 2021

Monday 1st November – Friday 17 December 2021 (35 days)

Christmas break: Mon 20 December 2021 to Monday 03 January 2022

Spring Term 2022

Wednesday 05 January to Friday 11 February 2022 (28 days)

(New Year's Day – Saturday 01 January 2022 (Monday 03 substitute day))

Half-term: Monday 14 February to Friday 18 February 2022

Monday 21 February to Friday 01 April 2022 (30 days)

Easter/Spring holiday: Monday 4 April to Monday 18 April 2022

(Including Good Friday, 15 April, and Easter Monday, 18 April)

Summer Term 2022

Wednesday 20 April to Friday 27 May 2022 (27 days)

Early May Bank Holiday: Monday 2 May 2022

Half-term: Monday 30 May to Friday 3 June 2022

(Including Spring Bank Holiday 2 June, Jubilee Bank Holiday 3 June)

Monday 6th June to Friday 22 July 2022 (35 days)

INSET DAYS

Wednesday 1st, Thursday 2nd & Friday 3rd September 2021

Tuesday 4th January 2022

Tuesday 19th April 2022

CAMDEN
Special Parents Forum

AUTISM Coffee Morning

When Wednesday 15th Sept @ 10.30-12pm
Wednesday 10th Nov @ 10.30-12pm
Where ZOOM (Register for a link)



Join us for a chat about Autism and to meet other parents!

Meet us on Zoom and join in the chat with other parents about the challenges and joys of living in Camden with a child or young person with autism.

What are your experiences? Do you have any top tips?
Would you like advice from other parents? What do you want to talk about?
Come along to share your experiences or simply listen to the conversation.

15th September - we will be joined by Rachael Bond who helps facilitate the Autism Partnership Board in Camden and Sandra Soteriou who works with parent/carer's to provide feedback to the board.

If you are new and haven't joined one of our chats before – why not make this your first time? We are a really friendly bunch and we'd love for you to join us!

To book a place please email maria.schultz@kids.org.uk, call or text 07826 671 523
<https://www.facebook.com/CamdenSpecialParentsForum>



P3 PLAY

At Primrose Hill Play Centre we offer...

- Breakfast Club from 7:45am
- Play Centre till 6pm

Our Play 3 Service

Play 3 provides after school and holiday play services in many London primary schools. Our professional, caring staff deliver activities for children in reception to 11 years and provide safe play environments that aim to support each child to learn and develop socially, physically, intellectually, creatively and emotionally.

We believe it's extremely important from an early age for children to have opportunities to take part in regular activities which are both fun and challenging in order to be healthy, to have fun and to learn new skills. Our activities are inclusive, and cover sports, arts and crafts, drama, games, cooking and free play opportunities.

Our service aims to be broadly sustainable and flexible to meet the needs of all parents especially those who are in employment or full-time education studies. We cater for one-off bookings, emergency bookings and regular days.

Every child is provided with a healthy afternoon snack/breakfast which includes fresh fruit and water in all our sessions.

Our Prices*

Term-time charges per session

- Centre time: 3:00pm to 6:00pm (Book by midday)
- £10.00 one child

Every child is provided with a healthy snack which includes fresh fruit and water.

Breakfast Club: 7:45AM to 9:00 AM (Book by midday)

£4.00 one child

Late Charges:

- 6:15pm to 6:30pm £10
- 6:30pm to 6:45pm £10

After 6:45pm may have place

For Registration and Bookings please create an account via <https://p3playbooking.co.uk>

Cancellations must be made at least 48hrs before a session in order to receive credits to re-book. Cancellations after this time are non-refundable.

Emergency bookings available - £5 to £10 only

*All prices are subject to change

Our Activities

- Hall games-Bench Ball, Ball in a bucket, Beach Ball Race, Dodge Ball, Corn
- Arts/Crafts: Painting, Stick Modelling, Puppet Making, Jewellery Making
- Dance: Street Dance, Musical Games, Movement
- Homework Club, Numeracy, Literacy & Reading
- ICT: Games, Music, Creative Art
- Cooking: Healthy Eating, Cultural Awareness, Baking
- Competitions: Sports, Arts, Fitness
- Children's Forum: Expressing views and ideas
- Plus so much more...

P3 Below

"Children have the right to relax and play, and play is a vital part of cultural, artistic and other recreational activities"

Article 31 of the UN Convention



Star Learners!

Tadpoles –

Froglets –

Ladybirds –

Dragonflies – Katie & Lucas

Butterflies – Katie & Pierre

Grasshoppers – Zayaan & Adam

Beetles – Maisie & Felix



Bats – Yusuf & Sophia A

Squirrels – Josh & Teresa

Hedgehogs – Clara & Torri

Foxes – Leonel & Aqsa

Blackbirds – Alannah, Charles and Richie

Woodpeckers – Samy and Sinead

Hérons – Leo & Rhemi

Kestrels – Berta & Elliot

eggs

adult dragonflies

We acted out the life cycle of our class insects.

nymphs

We found about the parts of the insects and labelled them.

Year 1...

molting nymphs

We learned about the life cycle of butterflies and dragonflies.

Dragonfly Life Cycle

Butterfly Life Cycle

Year 3 have complete their Growth Mindset displays. We came up with positive self talk slogans and painted leaves of a tree to show our minds growing.



Year 5 ...



In Year 5, we discussed what we did during the summer holiday. In groups, we discussed what we did and selected one person's most memorable moment. As a group, we then created a freeze frame/ still image of that moment. Can you guess what is happening in each image?