

# Primrose Hill Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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The end of week 2 has arrived at a pace! So much has happened this week too – most notably our Froglets and Ladybirds gradually returning to school following the home visits. This has been a joy to watch and experience as new and old pupils have come on to site with a mix of trepidation and excitement, but left smiling broadly and with a spring in their step. It really is great to see their enthusiasm for learning!

It has to be said, that goes for the rest of the school too! The buzz around the school this week as we get more familiar with the routines has been fantastic. In my wanderings I have seen everything from amazing art and melodic music through to wonderful writing and magical maths! I look forward to seeing how the children progress this half term as we move the curriculum forward with all the 'learning not yet gained'. **Phil**



## Inclement Weather

This week showed us what autumn and winter can throw at us. In more normal times we would be able to allow waiting on site in sheltered areas, but at present this is not possible. We must ensure that ALL the children are in their lines BEFORE any parents are allowed on site. This ensures they are ready to be collected, minimising both any concerns you may have if they aren't there and any waiting that needs to happen as a result.

To that end I would ask that in the event of the weather being as it was earlier in the week you delay your arrival as near to 3.25pm as possible. This will ensure neither you or your children will be out in the rain/hail/sleet/snow (!) any longer than is necessary. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

**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](mailto:admin@primrosehill.camden.sch.uk)

## Attendance & Punctuality

Welcome back everyone! We've been having a great couple of weeks. Regularly attending school after a whirlwind year is challenging, however Department of Education guidance is clear: school attendance is compulsory. Mandy and I are working out a clear plan to promote and maintain high attendance in school including, meeting with parents and continuous conversations. It's important that you tell us of any issues going on so we can find ways to best support you.

**A reminder to parents/carers to call the school on 0207 722 8500 (option 1) for any absences and clearly outlining symptoms. We are still trying our best to keep our community safe so communication with the school is crucial.**

## 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.**

### Families for Life Community Champion Programme

Starting on:  
Tuesday  
14 Sept – 19  
October 2021  
10-11.30am

Virtual MS  
Teams  
sessions

Keen to build on your skills and knowledge to create a happy, informed and healthy community?

Happy to support and share information about free, fun, and healthy lifestyle programmes available in Camden?

Want to develop key communication skills, building strong local connections?

Curious on how volunteering can boost your CV, offer valuable skills and improve your career opportunities?

If your answer is YES! Join us and make a real difference in your community.

We offer a FREE 6-week programme for Camden parents/carers who has what it takes to become an inspirational Volunteer Families for Life Community Champion.

Sessions run on Tuesday's at 10-11.30am from 14 September to 19 October 2021.



Families for Life  
helping you and your child

For more information on how to register and join our amazing Champion team, please contact:  
Sylvia Chowdhury, Community Champion Coordinator:  
m: 07734 603 060, or sylvia.chowdhury@camden.gov.uk

Camden  
Learning

These sessions are organised by Camden Health and Wellbeing Team.





## Feeling overwhelmed? Struggling to cope?

24  
hours a day  
7  
days a week

Text AFC to 85258

### Text the free, confidential textline

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

### Primrose Hill Primary School



#### 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 1<sup>st</sup>, Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> & Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2021  
Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2022



### 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.

15<sup>th</sup> September - we will be joined by Rachael Bond who helps facilitate the Autism Partnership Board in Camden and Sandra Soteriou who works with parent/carers 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](mailto:maria.schultz@kids.org.uk), call or text 07826 671 523 <https://www.facebook.com/CamdenSpecialParentsForum>

#### 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 for an early age for children to have opportunities to take part in regular activities which are both adult led and child led in order to be healthy, to learn and to gain new skills. Our activities are inclusive and cover sports, arts and crafts, dance, games, cooking and free play opportunities.

Our service aims to be financially sustainable and to be led to meet the needs of all parents especially those who are in employment or full time education studies. We offer for school 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.

P3 Below:  
"Children have the right to ride and play, and join in a wide range of other activities and other recreational activities"  
Article 31 of the UN Convention

#### Our Prices\*

Term-time charges per session  
- Centre times: 2:30PM to 4:00PM  
Book by midnight  
£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 midnight  
£4.00 one child  
Late Charges  
8:00pm to 9:00pm £10  
9:15pm to 9:30pm £25  
9:30pm to 9:45pm £50  
After 9:45pm may incur fines  
For Registration and Bookings please create an account via <https://charitymagicbooking.co.uk>  
Cancellations must be made at least 48hrs before a session in order to receive credit to book. Cancellations after this time are non-refundable.  
Emergency bookings available - T & C apply  
\*Our rates are subject to change

#### Our Activities

- Hall games Bench Ball, Ball in a bucket, Beach Ball Race, Dodge Ball, Conk
- Arts/Crafts- Painting, Junk Modelling, Puppet Making, Jewellery Making
- Dance- Street Dance, Musical Games, Movement
- Homework Club- Numeracy, Library & 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.....

**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**

**Year 1...**

**Dragonfly Life Cycle**

**eggs**

**nymphs**

**molting nymphs**

**Butterfly Life Cycle**

We acted out the life cycle of our class insects.

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

We learned about the life cycle of butterflies and dragonflies.

**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?

# COVID-19: 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](https://camden.gov.uk/coronavirus) – Includes information in different languages
- Check the news pages at [news.camden.gov.uk](https://news.camden.gov.uk)
- Follow Twitter @CamdenCouncil, Facebook [facebook.com/LBCamden](https://facebook.com/LBCamden) and Instagram @WeMakeCamden
- Speak to someone at the Council on 020 7974 4444 (option 9).



**SIGN UP** to the Council's coronavirus newsletter for regular service updates, news and support at [camden.gov.uk/coronavirus-updates](https://camden.gov.uk/coronavirus-updates)

## Keep following public health advice to keep Camden safe



COVID-19 cases remain high across Camden and London, so please keep following 'hands, face, space, fresh air and testing' advice to help you prevent catching or passing on the virus. See below for how to get rapid tests.

## Take a free rapid COVID-19 test

Please continue to take a rapid test twice a week (for people without symptoms) to check you're COVID-free. You can pick up free home test kits from many local pharmacies, order home test kits online or visit a local test site to take a test in person. Find out more at [camden.gov.uk/rapidtest](https://camden.gov.uk/rapidtest)

## How to get your free COVID-19 vaccine

Anyone aged 16 or over can drop by Camden's COVID-19 vaccination bus or a walk-in clinic this week at:

- Bidborough House, 38-50 Bidborough Street, W1CH 9BT, Thursday 15 September 9 to 10am and 2.30 to 6.30pm (Pfizer)
- Essentials Pharmacy, 168 Drury Lane WC2B 5QA, Monday to Friday 9am to 6pm (Moderna)
- Kilburn Grange Park, Palmerston Road, NW6 2DG, Friday 17 September 2.30 to 6.30pm, Saturday 18 September 10am to 2pm (Pfizer)
- JP Pharmacy, 139 Camden High Street, NW1 7JR, Monday to Friday 9am to 6.45pm, Saturday 9am to 5.45pm, Sunday 11am to 4.45pm. Call the pharmacy on 020 7426 4870 to check availability on the day.

If you're 18 or over, or turning 18 in the next 3 months, you can also book your vaccination by:

- Calling 119 for free
- Visiting [nhs.uk/coronavirusvaccine](https://nhs.uk/coronavirusvaccine)
- If you need help to book, calling Camden Council on 020 7974 4444 (option 9).

Find out more at [camden.gov.uk/getting-the-vaccine](https://camden.gov.uk/getting-the-vaccine)

If you're 18 and over, or 16 and over and clinically vulnerable, you are eligible for a second dose. You can get the second dose 8 weeks after the first, but you must get the same vaccine for both doses.



Next week is the start of our We Make Camden week of action – we are showcasing some amazing examples of work led by and for our communities to help us recover from the pandemic and build a better Camden for everyone. Find out more and get involved at [wemakecamden.org.uk](https://wemakecamden.org.uk)

Our high streets and markets are really important parts of our communities – they bring us together, they provide jobs and support creative and enterprising small businesses. I want to encourage everyone to make the most of Camden's amazing high streets and markets – you can read more information on our projects to support our high streets below.

We are now in autumn – the start of a new school year, and I want to thank everyone who has and continues to do their bit to keep us all safe. Over 153,000 adults in Camden have received their first vaccine so far, with over 135,600 receiving their second. Everyone aged 16 or over can now receive the vaccination. We are working with our communities to get information out about why getting vaccinated is the best choice, and our vaccine bus continues to be out and about in our communities to make getting your vaccine easy and convenient. You can find more information about how to get vaccinated on our website at [camden.gov.uk/getting-the-vaccine](https://camden.gov.uk/getting-the-vaccine)

Councillor Georgia Gould, Leader of Camden Council

## Undecided about the COVID-19 vaccine?

A group of young Camden residents who are on the fence about getting the COVID-19 vaccine recently met with local GP Dr Frances Baawuah to get their questions answered. They discussed vaccine ingredients, how and why it was developed so quickly, benefits and risks of vaccination, side effects, and where to get trusted information.

If you're undecided about getting vaccinated, or know someone is, watch and/or listen to the conversations by searching 'On The Fence Podcast Camden' on YouTube or scanning this QR code.



## Camden Council launches new support for local high streets

Do you have an idea for your high street? The Camden Future High Streets CrowdFund, in partnership with Spacehive, will help to fund innovative projects to support the recovery of Camden's high streets following lockdowns. The Council has allocated up to £360,000, with up to £35,000 per project available (maximum 50% of project costs) to help successful projects. Find out more at the online launch event on Monday 20 September at 3pm. Book at [spacehive.com/movement/camden/news](https://spacehive.com/movement/camden/news)

## Camden Council support line

If you are going through a hard time, or need some extra support, please know that Camden Council is here for you. If you need support to access food, with money worries, for mental health or because you're at risk of becoming homeless, call 0207 974 4444 (option 9). You can also call this number for coronavirus-related support, for example with self-isolating, or if you're looking to support refugees in Camden and would like to be put in touch with relevant local organisations.