# Prímrose Híll Prímary School Weekly Newsletter

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This week has seen the term really kick into gear. The school is humming with activity, lettings have started in earnest and the music service are 2 weeks into their provision. I'm delighted to say that through our commitment to music in the school, and Tom's brilliant oversight, we were nominated by Camden for the Music Mark. This is a national award for schools that have provision that is seen as showing commitment to music for all. It really is a fantastic achievement and one that comes in a week when we finally feel confident enough to have Tom's room come back into use! He and the children are delighted that this is the case and we look forward to the sights and sounds that come out of there through the children's creative pursuits. Phil

#### BLACK HISTORY MONTH

October is Black History month in the UK and as a school we are celebrating the lives of many famous (and not so famous) figures from history. The lives of people like; Katherine Johnson (NASA scientist), Lilian Bader (first black woman to join the Women's RAF), Paul Stephenson (Civil Rights campaigner), Mae Jemison (astronaut) and Walter Tull (professional footballer and officer in WWI) to name just a few. Added to this recent events around the world will be discussed as part of PHSE lessons, alongside phase assemblies in the last week of half term focused on the importance of celebrating the contribution of BAME people in society. Our Twitter feed and website will contain regular updates of what is going on too.

It should be recognised though that PH started on the road of changing our curriculum to have a clearer anti-racist dimension pre-pandemic. That process is ongoing, with us reviewing our topics within the curriculum, to see how we can express the diversity of our community within it. Practically this means looking at traditional topics through the lens of the involvement of key BAME figures and/or choosing books to study that are more representative of the community the school serves than might have ordinarily been used. We will continue to share our journey over the coming years as this develops further.



Camden has some exciting events programme as part of Black History Season, with a jam-packed schedule of activities for everyone to enjoy. Please see below the calendar about Black History Season from October to December in Camden with a

season of celebrations and events to get involved with !

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#### SCOOTER/BIKE PARKING

We have had reports of scooters and bikes being left in parts of the school that, during the full covid restrictions, were permitted. Please be aware ALL child bikes and scooters should be left in the area to the front of the school that is secure during the day. No scooters should be left near the MUGA or Year R areas and no child bikes should be kept in the front area - this space is for staff/visitor ADULT bikes only. If your child attends P3, the gate will be opened for you by a member of staff. Thanks for your help with this.

### LIBRARY BOOKS AMNESTY

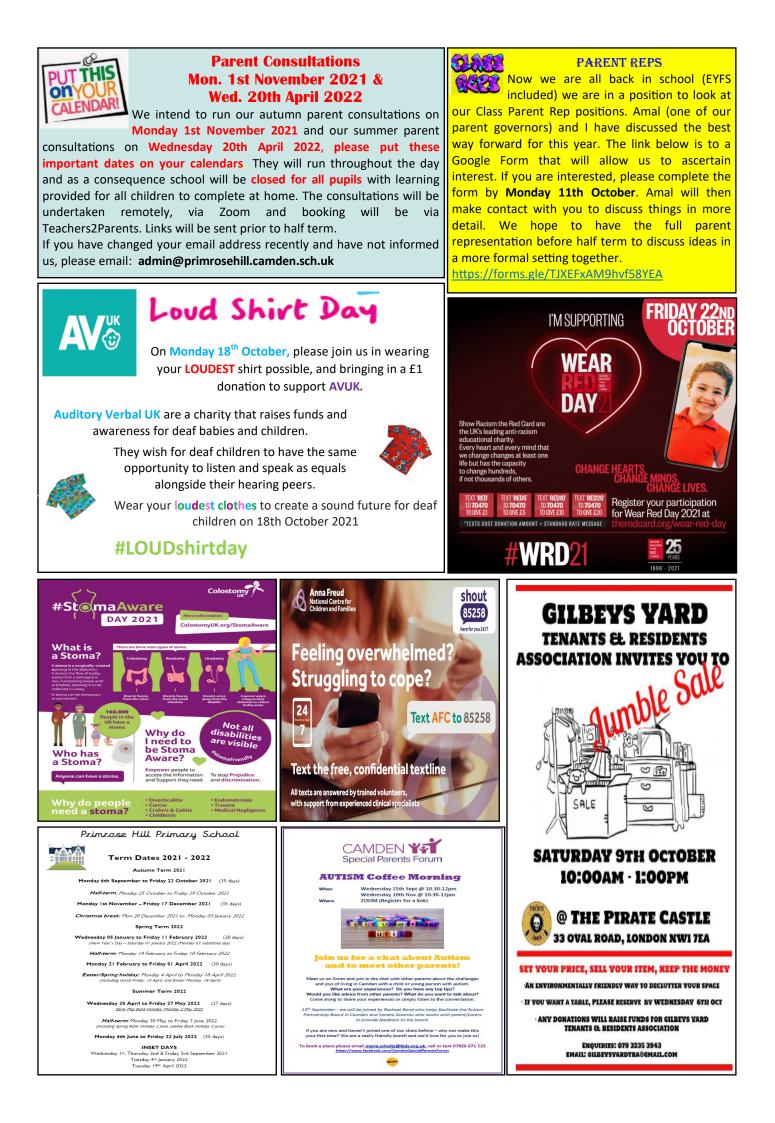
We are delighted that the library is now open again and children may borrow up to 2 books. However, many children still have books they borrowed back in 2020 before the first lockdown, or borrowed last year. Please have a really good hunt at home for school library books, which can be identified with stickers on the spine, and

the school stamp and barcode inside the front cover. Please return library books as soon as possible so that your child can start to borrow books from the library again.



#### PE KITS

Thank you to all the parents purchasing PE kits! It's so nice to see parents getting used to the SchoolMoney system. There are some T-shirts out of stock but please don't worry because we have ordered them. The company we use also cater to many other schools and they have mentioned that it may take a month for new orders to come in during this period. We will let you know as soon as the new stock arrives so you can order them. Thanks! Lyra





# 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 includes information in different languages
- Check the news pages at news.camden.gov.uk
- Follow Twitter @CamdenCouncil, Facebook
- 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 enewsletter for regular service updates, news and support at camden.gov.uk/coronavirus-updates

## COVID-19 vaccine for 12 to 15-year-olds

All young people aged 12 to 15 are being offered a first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine (Pfizer) to help protect them from catching and spreading the virus within

schools and to family members. The NHS is delivering the vaccine programme in schools, similar to the way that other school-aged vaccinations such as HPV and flu are delivered. Parents and carers will be asked for consent beforehand and are encouraged to make this decision jointly with their children. For more information, visit **nhs.uk/coronavirus** 

### Where to get your COVID-19 vaccine this week

- JP Pharmacy, 139 Camden High Street, NW1 7JR, open Monday to Friday 9.15am to 6.45pm, Saturday 9.15am to 5.45pm, and Sunday 11.15am to 4.45pm (Pitzer and Moderna)
- Macey Chemist, 68 Mansfield Road, NW3 2HU, open Monday to Friday 9am to 5.15pm, and Saturday 9am to 3pm (Pfizer)
- Essentials Pharmacy, 169 Drury Lane, WC28 5QA, open Monday to Friday, 9.30am to 1pm and 2 to 5.20pm (Moderna)
- Bidborough House, 38-50 Bidborough Street, WC1H 9BT (entrance on Mabiedon Place), open Monday to Fiday, 9.30am to 5.30pm (Plizer)
- Vaccine bus stop at NW5 Community Play Project, Islip Street, NW5 2TU, Saturday 2 October, 10am to 4.30pm (Pitzer)

To find out more visit camden.gov.uk/getting-the-vaccine

### Got questions about the COVID-19 vaccine?

How was the COVID-19 vaccine developed so quickly? What are the benefits and risks of vaccination? Where can you get trusted information? These are just some of the questions a group of young people from Camden asked GP Dr Frances Baawuah.

If you're undecided about getting the vaccine, or know someone who is, you can catch up on their conversation by searching 'On the Fence podcast Camden' on YouTube, or by scanning this QR code. You can also find out more about the COVID-19 vaccine at camden.gov.uk/covid-vaccines





The past 18 months have been hard for many of us. With furiough ending today (30 September), we know some people will be losing much-needed support and have concerns. Please know we're here to help you – If you are worried about your finances, call our team on **020 7974 4444 (option 9)**. We also offer free employment support through Good Work Camden, which you can read more about below.

From tomorrow (1 October), we're proud to

be celebrating Black History Season in Camden with a fantastic programme of events and activities that runs until mid-December. This year there's a focus on the Black African and Caribbean diaspora, their rich culture and history, and the invaluable contributions they've made to our borough. We hope everyone gets involved – find out more at lovecamden.org/blackhistoryseason

If you haven't yet had your COVID-19 vaccine, the rollout is continuing and has recently been expanded to include 12 to 15-year-olds and booster vaccines for those most at risk who had their second vaccine over 6 months ago. You can find information on the NHS website (nhs.uk), as well as at camden.gov.uk/covid-vaccines. There is also

a really informative podcast called 'On the Fence' for young people who have questions about the vaccine – details below.

Councilior Georgia Gould, Leader of Camden Council

# **COVID-19 booster vaccine**

Booster vaccines doses are now available to book through the NHS national booking system for all frontline health and social care workers who have had a second dose of a vaccine at least 6 months ago.

If you are aged 50+ or 16+ with a condition that puts you at higher risk from COVID-19, please wait to be contacted by the NHS before booking your booster appointment.

For more information visit nhs.uk/coronavirus or call 119.

## Free employment support

With the national furiough scheme coming to an end today (Thursday 30 September), we know many residents may be struggling in an unstable job market.

Good Work Camden offers free, personalised employment support, whether you're looking for work or training, or need some support to update your CV or to prepare for an interview.

Find out more and register online at

camden.gov.uk/employment-support or call 020 974 1666.

### Need support? Camden Council is here for you

We know that it's still a difficult time for many people. If you're struggling in any way, or know someone who is, please reach out. You are not alone, and Camden Council can offer support or advice on a range of issues like:



Call the Council Monday to Friday, Barn to 6pm, on 020 7974 4444 (option 9), or visit camden.gov.uk/support-for-individuals

