Primrose Hill Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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Another week has gone by and the longest January in living memory will soon be over (I'm sure we think that every year but particularly so given the current situation!). That said we have much to celebrate in school this week. Our Year 3s have completed the first week of their 2-week swimming block, Y2 have had a trip to the zoo, Y5 have been working with an Artist in Residence and a group of children across the school got to attend the unveiling of 'Charlie the Horse' in Camden Market today as a result of their highly commended competition entries. All of these are clear signs that some kind on 'normal' is beginning to become clearer. As I said in my newsletter piece last week, the desire to allow that full community involvement in all aspects of school life is overwhelming. As soon as we can facilitate that engagement we most certainly will. For now, like the snowdrops in Primrose Hill, we can see the green shoots indicating the way ahead.



This beautiful sight was taken by our very own Emma Wregg this morning looking atop the school roof into central London. Given the continued struggles with pandemic related issues, it is a wonderful image to remind us that difficult times do pass and there is much to look forward to. Our very special part of North London, looking very splendid indeed! **PHIL**

ZERO TOLERANCE

As you know we take modelling positive behaviour very seriously. We cannot expect the children in our care to show kindness and respect for one another if they see adults behaving in a way that is verbally aggressive. There is no reasonable excuse for such behaviour at any time on the school site. Therefore I would remind everyone that we have a zero tolerance approach to such incidents and this will include incidents involving interactions with any of our school staff. We will prevent anyone who behaves in such a manner from entering the school site for any reason. May we say thank you to the overwhelming majority of parents, carers and visitors to PH who are polite, respectful and always arrive with the same beaming smile as the children have when they come to school.



EXTRA BANK HOLIDAY JULY 2022

You will be aware that this year sees the Platinum Jubilee of the reign of Queen Elizabeth II. I was a schoolchild myself when the Queen's Silver Jubilee was celebrated and remember it fondly.

The government announced it was adding a bank holiday in celebration of this event and placed it within our summer half term. This means June 2nd and 3rd (Thursday and Friday) are designated bank holidays for that week. However, unlike other bank holidays that are fixed, because this one has been added, the government have said that schools can set that bank holiday for a different time of year within term time.

This is up to individual schools and we wished to cause as little disruption to the children's education as possible (considering the disruption that has already occurred over the past two years). To that end we have decided to place our day on Friday 22nd July 2022. That day was scheduled to be the last Friday of the academic year. This means our last day in school at the end of the summer term will now be Thursday 21st July 2022 and, as usual, children should be collected at 1.30p.m.

Our term dates on the website will be adjusted to take account of this but, I wanted to let you all know at the first available opportunity. Can I also draw your attention to the fact that our <u>term dates for 2022-2023</u> are also now published.

ARTIST IN RESIDENCE

We are lucky to have Katie Surridge in school over the next few weeks, a visual artist whose latest work was was the butterflies which hung at Christmas over Carnaby Street. She will be working alongside year 5 over the next few weeks.

Katie works with RIVA, residencies in visual art, a charity placing artists in schools creating art work around climate change and the nature emergency. Year 5 will be working on

an exciting project about the mangroves, their diversity and their ecological importance.

The first few days were spent doing detailed pencil drawing of wildlife from the Sunderbans and water colour study's looking at Henry Rousseaus style of painting plants and trees. Over the next few weeks we will be posting updates on this exciting project. Maria Felstead, Art and Design Lead











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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 (New Year's Day – Saturday 01 January 2022 (Monday 03 subs

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)

Wednesday 20 April to Friday 27 May 2022 Farlv Mav Bank Holiday: Monday 2 May 202.

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

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

INSET DAYS
Wednesday I.^M, Thursday 2nd & Friday 3rd September 2021
Tuesday 4^m January 2022
Tuesday I.9^m April 2022

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Term Dates 2022 - 2023

Autumn Term 2022

Monday 05 September to Friday 21 October 2022 Half-term: Monday 24 October to Friday 28 October 2022 Monday 31 October - Friday 16 December 2022 (35 days)

Christmas break: Monday 19 December 2022 to Monday 2 January 2023.

Spring Term 2023

Half-term: Monday 13 February to Friday 17 February 2023 Monday 20 February to Friday 31 March 2023

Easter/Spring holiday: Monday 3 April to Friday 14 April 2023. (Including Good Friday, 7 April, and Easter Monday, 10 April).

Summer Term 2023

Tuesday 18 April to Friday 26 May 2023 (29 days)

Early May Bank Holiday: Monday 1 May 2023

Half-term: Monday 29 May to Friday 2 June 2023 (Including Spring Bank Holiday 29 May)

Tuesday 06th June to Friday 21 July 2023 (34 days)

INSET DAYS
Thursday 1st & Friday 2^{std} Septem
Tuesday 3^{std} January 2023
Monday 17th April 2023
Monday 5th June 2023



Information, Prices and How to Book

- You can book your place either at Talacre Reception or online www.better.legendonlineservices.co.uk (Please note: online bookings can only be made up to 7 days before the start date of the course).
- You will need to complete a form either in paper or electronic form, before the start of the Mini Camp. You must complete a form even if you have attended one of our Mini Camps
- 4) Children attending the Mini Camps should; bring water in a labelled bottle (no glass bottles permitted), wear sports kit and socks, no jewellery and long hair must be tied up.



Talacre Holiday Multi Sports Scheme 2021/22 May to February



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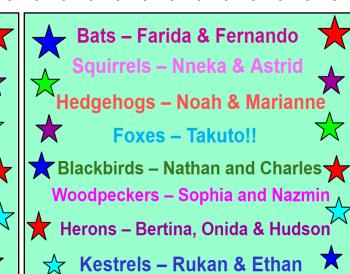
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- You will need to complete a form either in paper or electronic form, before the start of the Holiday scheme You must complete a form even if you have attended one of our Holiday Schemes previously.
- 4) Children attending the Holiday scheme should; bring a healthy packed lunch, plenty of water in a labelled bottle (no glass bottles permitted), wear sports kit and trainers, weather appropriate clothing e.g. a sunhat or a waterproof jacket and
- 5) We encourage you to ensure that children leave valuables at home as there is no access to lockers and we cannot take responsibility for valuables.



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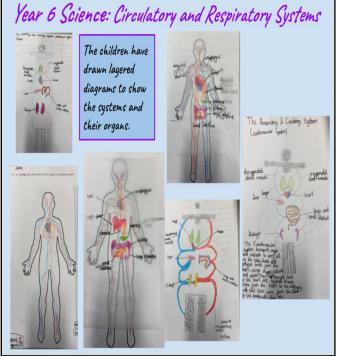
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COVID-19: Update from Camden Council

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

- Visit camden.gov.uk/coronavirus
- 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).



SIGH UP to the Council's coronavirus enewsletter at camden.gov.uk/coronavirus-updates

New 5-day self-isolation rule

If you've been self-isolating after a positive COVID-19 test and don't have any symptoms, you can now choose to stop self-isolating after 5 full days – as long as you receive two negative rapid tests on days 5 and 6.

If you test positive, please stay at home and continue to self-isolate until you receive negative tests on two consecutive days, or until the end of day 10.



For the latest updates to COVID-19 guidance, visit gov.uk/coronavirus

Where to get your COVID-19 vaccine

It's not too late to get your first, second or booster dose. Everyone aged 12+ is eligible to get vaccinated, with boosters now also available to 16 and 17-year-olds 3 months after a second dose. Book an appointment online or visit a vaccination clinic for a walk-in appointment:

- Aqua Pharmacy, 59 Mill Lane, NW6 1NB Monday to Friday 10am to 7.30pm, Saturday 9am to 7pm, Sunday 10am to 4pm
- Bidborough House, 38-50 Bidborough St, WC1H 9BT Monday to Sunday 9am to 6pm
- Bloomsbury Surgery, 1 Handel Street, WC1N 1PD -Thursday to Sunday 10am to 6pm
- Essential Pharmacy, 168 Drury Lane, WC28 5QA Monday to Friday 9.30am to 5.30pm
- JP Pharmacy, 139 Camden High Street, NW1 7JR Monday to Saturday 8am to 6.30pm, Sunday 10am to 5.30pm
- Sandylight Pharmacy, 131 Queens Crescent, NW5 4EG – Monday to Saturday 9am to 5pm



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

If you or your child is aged 12 to 17 and ready to get their COVID-19 vaccination, the NHS is hosting free clinics 4.30 to 6pm:

- Friday 21 January at the Roy Shaw Centre, 3-5 Cressy Road NW3 2ND
- Thursday 27 January at the Peckwater Health Centre, 6 Peckwater Street NW5 2UP

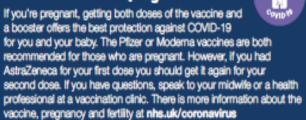
With the latest news that restrictions are beginning to be removed by the Government, please remember that COVID-19 hasn't gone away. It's important we all continue to look after each other and take steps to keep ourselves and others safe.

While it's been reported that cases of Omicron in London have peaked, cases still remain high. Continuing to take regular rapid tests, wearing a face covering in indoor and busy outdoor public spaces, and getting your vaccine and booster doses as soon as possible, are some of the best ways to keep safe. So far in Camden, over 437,000 vaccinations have been given, including over 106,000 boosters. If you haven't had your vaccine or booster yet, there are lots of locations available across Camden, including local pharmacies, vaccine clinics and health centres – see below.

Finally, we know winter is a hard time for many – below you can find a range of support and help available to you from the Council and our partners. Please get in touch if you or anyone you know is struggling.

Councillor Georgia Gould, Leader of Camden Council

The COVID-19 vaccine is recommended for pregnant women



Help and support available this winter

Money worries

- If you're struggling with debt or your finances, find out how to access a range of benefits, grants and discounts at camden.gov.uk/finances or call Camden Council on 020 7974 4444 (option 9)
- If you need support making a Universal Credit claim, call Citizens Advice Camden on 0808 278 7835

Staying warm

- If you're 66 or over, you may be eligible for a Winter Fuel Payment worth up to £300. To find out more, call Age UK Camden on 020 7239 0400
- If you're on a low income and receive benefits, you may be eligible for a £140 discount on your electricity bill under the Warm Home Discount Scheme. Find out more about this and other available support with your energy bills at camden.gov.uk/staywarm
- For general advice on how to stay warm and well this winter, visit nhs.uk/keep-warm-keep-well

Mental health

- If you're struggling with your mental health, speak to your GP, visit icope.nhs.uk or call iCope on 020 3317 6670
- Young people can also visit kooth.com or camdenrise.co.uk/emotional-wellbeing
- For more information, visit camden.gov.uk/mental-health

To access help and advice on other issues, visit camden.gov.uk/ winter-booklet or call Camden Council on 020 7974 4444 (option 9).

