Primrose Hill Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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Well we made it! It has been another rollercoaster of a term with covid falling then rising again amongst staff and children alike. As you will see in this newsletter, the guidance is changing again for after Easter. However, our maxim will continue to be that if a child is symptomatic we will be asking you to collect them and keep them at home for the 3 recommended days when they are likely to be most infectious.

That said we do still anticipate opening up more in the summer (let's hope it is warmer than this week has been!). The anticipation of a more normal summer term is almost more than many of us can bear but it is in sight! However, before that it is definitely time for a well-deserved break. The children and staff have worked so hard this term! Can I, as always, thank the entire school community for your support and help through what has been another challenging term. Have a wonderful Easter break and we look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Thursday 21st April. **Phil**

Parent Consultations all day Wednesday 20th April 2022

A project based series of activities will be provided for your child to complete on this day.

Children back to school on Thursday 21st April 2022

Soft start is from 8.45-9am, after this time the gate will close and children will be marked in as late.

NEW COVID GUIDANCE

As of today the guidance for COVID will change. The following is taken from the DfE website in respect of the government's 'Living with Covid' strategy. From today:

- adults with the symptoms of a respiratory infection, and who have a high temperature or feel unwell, should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people until they feel well enough to resume normal activities and they no longer have a high temperature
- children and young people who are unwell and have a
 high temperature should stay at home and avoid
 contact with other people. They can go back to school,
 college or childcare when they no longer have a high
 temperature, and they are well enough to attend
- adults with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days, which is when they are most infectious. For children and young people aged 18 and under, the advice will be 3 days

We will be maintaining our procedures that if any child is showing symptoms we will be asking parents/carers to collect them and take them home until symptoms stop for a minimum of 3 days. Please also do not send your symptomatic child into school.

ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance for last week dropped to **91.64%**, which is below our target of **96%**, please continue to strive for 100% attendance. Children who arrived late for school last week also dropped to **128**, this figure continues to be too high. We will continue to make this a focus, to ensure our children do not miss the introduction to their learning for the day. For those children who are repeatedly late for school ,we will be asking parents to join us in a meeting, to think about ways to improve this.

Soft start is from 8.45-9am, after this time the gate will close and children will be marked in as late.

We hope you all have a wonderful break and come back to school feeling refreshed and together we can hit our attendance targets next term.

Mandy & Tara



'SPONSORED BOUNCE'- FOPH

Thank you to the parents and the carers and the reps for your contribution. I'm so pleased to announce that we have raised £1400 for our school.



Amal & FOPH

SCHOOL DINNER PAYMENT:

A reminder please to always ensure you are paying for lunches in advance – not in arrears.

We are having a big push on lunch debts as sadly the school is not in a position to finance these.

Reminders will be going out weekly by text and email, and Tara (Admissions & Attendance Officer) and Julia (School Business Manager) will be individually contacting those in arrears over the next week.

We do understand that these are difficult financial times for many of our families – so if you think you may be eligible for Free School Meals, please don't hesitate to contact the office and they will advise you on how to apply.

Please click here to make payments.



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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 (Monkay 03 substitute days)

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 - Parent Consultations via ZOOM (School Closed for pupils)

Thursday 21 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 Thursday 21 July 2022 (35 days) (Friday 22 April 2022- extra day for Jubilee Bank Holiday)

INSET DAYS
/ednesday 1st, Thursday 2nd & Friday 3rd September 2021
Tuesday 4s January 2022
Tuesday 19th April 2022



PARENT CONSULTATIONS

The latest round of parent consultations will once again be held on Zoom on **Wednesday 20th April**. This means **school will be closed to**

pupils so that the consultations can take place. Home Learning will be set for your children for that day.

We have sent the booking link via email and text and we will follow with the Zoom link later on!

Obviously as we open up school life further during the summer term, we hope to provide an opportunity for you to access your children's work and classroom areas

- we are acutely aware that for many of you, the inside of the school is unknown because of the last two years!

Camden Cycle Skills

Camden offer free cycle skills training for children, adults and families who like to enjoy the freedom of going by bike. Perhaps you have never been cycling before, perhaps you want to improve your confidence in traffic there will be a course available at your level.

Courses are held during school holidays at Haverstock School, near Chalk Farm station. Places for Tue-Wed 9-10 April can be booked now. We give priority to children aged 9 / year 4 or higher. For further information and to register, visit



www.camden.gov.uk/cycleskills or call 020 7974 1451.

ART BYTES

Remember we entered year 5's Mangrove artwork into the **Art Bytes completion**.



Their judges have very much enjoyed seeing the young artists creations from all over

the country and have had the difficult decision of choosing the top three from each school. To find out which art works have been shortlisted, visit your school's portfolio page from 12 noon tomorrow to vote!

Primrose Hill's page showing the three shortlisted pieces is

https://artbytes.co.uk/schools/primrose-hill-primary-

school 153/ you can vote here from tomorrow.

The QR code on the poster below allows you to go directly to the browse schools page (see link at top of poster). By holding the camera on your smartphone to the QR code, we are hoping this will make it easier for your pupils and school community to vote!

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Well done Primrose Hill Choir!



Last week the school choir performed live on the internet from Acland Burghley School

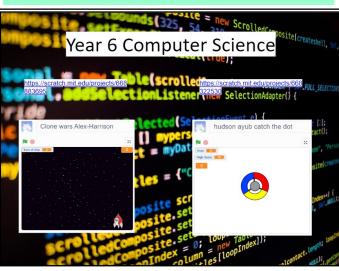
They performed a song called 'Us' which is based upon a poem by Michael Rosen.

It is a song about all that we can achieve if we work together.



Here is what the organisers said about their singing

"Us" was a fantastic choice of song, really inspired and quite challenging. Your children rose to that challenge and sang with a real sense of iov.





This week in Ladybirds we have been learning about lots of different festivals that are celebrated at this time of year. We learnt about the story of Passover which Jewish families celebrate, we even tried Matzo crackers. We also listened to

crackers. We also listened to the story of Easter and understand why we celebrate by eating eggs, we made chocolate nests. Finally we listened to our friends tell us how they celebrate Ramadan with their families and tried dates which they eat to break their fast.

Spring is a very busy time of



Year 2 became party planners this week as we planned our end of term party! We selected and made games, like Pin the Tail on the Bunny (see below!), and made bronze, silver and gold medals as prizes. Some of us took on the role of DJ and planned the perfect party playlist - all thriller, no filler! We also made some fabulous Easter hats. We might even have had some celebratory party treats...Jemma says it was the best class party she's been to at Primrose Hill so far!







This week, Carly has been working with a small group of children on an exciting art project! They have been looking at whale conservation and the environment that they live in. They have been exploring ocean patterns and how waves move through art.



















And this week's class with the most people logged on 3 times per week is.....

FOXES!!!



Keep up the fantastic effort over the Easter Holidays!

Keep logging in, keep practising in the garage.

We may have some prizes for best Easter Effort after the holidays!