



# Kentish Town CE Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you well. It has been lovely to hear from teachers how much they have enjoyed seeing children during Zoom meetings. There is also a good uptake on Mini and Purple Mash, as well as on the other online platforms that we offer. This week we have investigated MyMaths (another Zoom staff training session) and Emma will be letting you know more about this later in the newsletter. Log in details will follow.

## Birthdays

I will be calling or texting children on their birthdays as I think it is really important to mark these special occasions at any time and particularly during lockdown. If you receive a call with ID Withheld then it is probably me. If your child is too shy to speak on the telephone then I will text instead.

## Pupil Wellbeing Parent Pack

There is a comprehensive advice pack for parents and carers, put together by Grant, on our school website. It has also been emailed out to all of you. Please take a look if you haven't done so already. There are some very helpful and reassuring tips included. Should you have concerns about your child/ren's mental health during this very challenging time then please contact us. Grant is the Mental health lead in our school and his email is: [deputyhead@kentishtown.camden.sch.uk](mailto:deputyhead@kentishtown.camden.sch.uk) and Sharon McGran is a Mental Health First Aider and her email is: [s.mcgran@kentishtown.camden.sch.uk](mailto:s.mcgran@kentishtown.camden.sch.uk).

## Home – Learning Survey

At the end of this week I shall be sending you a short survey to gather views regarding our online learning offer. Please help us with some constructive feedback. If there is something we can adjust in order to help you and your children then we will consider this. Please note that we will not be changing our online learning platform – we will continue to use Mini and Purple Mash, along with MyMaths and the other online resources.

## National Voucher Scheme

If your child/ren are entitled to free school meals then you should receive vouchers this week. The vouchers are in lieu of a lunch and they are for £3 per child, per day. The scheme has been overwhelmed with very high numbers of applications which is why it has taken so long for the vouchers to be distributed. There are some hampers of food still available in school if you would like to collect one. Please email [admin@kentishtown.camden.sch.uk](mailto:admin@kentishtown.camden.sch.uk) if you would like a hamper.

## YouTube Channel

A reminder that some teaching and Child of the Week assemblies are hosted on the Kentish Town YouTube channel. Father Peter will also be recording assemblies for the channel (he started last week). Please check this out.

## Laptops and iPads

I am aware that some families need these items in order to access the school learning offer. Please email the school admin address: [admin@kentishtown.camden.sch.uk](mailto:admin@kentishtown.camden.sch.uk) if you need support with this.

## And finally...

If you have not been in touch with a member of school staff (there are a small number of families who we have been unable to contact) then please text the school text service, send an email or leave a voicemail at school. We care about you and your children and we would like to know that you are well or if you need help.

We miss you all very much and look forward to being together again in our school.

Very best wishes,

James and staff



## MyMaths

MyMaths is an online maths teaching and learning platform for children in Years 1-6 which has several benefits and matches the maths National Curriculum objectives. The benefits for our children at this time are:

- children can work independently on a tablet or computer,
- teachers can set differentiated tasks and feedback regularly,
- there is direct teaching in the form of simple step-by-step lessons with models and visuals and the children can practice the tasks several times if they are not confident with a concept.

The platform is really simple for children to navigate and also includes lots of fun maths games which can be used as warm up activities to practice mental skills. Please take a look at the introductory video on our school YouTube channel to support you and your child before you get started and look out for an email today with your child's login details.

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