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Kentish Town CE Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

School Reopening

The wider reopening of our school is going very well. This Thursday we will welcome our second bubble of Sycamore children and our first bubble of Chestnut children. Next Monday we will welcome our final bubble of Chestnut children. Every day extra children are returning and if you would like your child to join one of the bubbles then please email admin@kentishtown.camden.sch.uk or your child's teacher/s direct.

Online Learning

As we reopen, teachers will not be able to offer a full online learning offer. In line with Government guidance, we will be directing parents/carers to the Oak National Academy resources or BBC Bitesize resources. Teachers will send out a short letter to you with links tomorrow and then on the next two Mondays. Some maths activities will still be set on MyMaths. As teachers need to plan for teaching their classes in school, this will be the focus of their time. As we have opened for year groups beyond the required Reception, Y1 and Y6 I hope you will understand the change of emphasis here.

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 8th July—teachers will Zoom with their new class teacher and support staff for transition—Zoom code to follow

Friday 10th July—reports will be **emailed** to parents and carers

We will notify you of your child/ren's new teacher/s on Tuesday 7th July

Wednesday 15th July—Leaver's Service. Zoom code to follow

Wednesday 15th July—Optional Parents Meetings. Zoom codes to follow

Thursday 16th July—Final day for children in school

Staff and Other Leaver's Service in school at 9.30am. Zoom code to follow

Friday 17th July—INSET day for staff.

Optional Meetings for Parents and Carers

After you have received your child/ren's end of year reports, we will be offering you an optional meeting with your child/ren's current class teacher. This will be an opportunity for you to discuss the end of year report. The meetings will be via Zoom and they will last for 10 minutes. Pam will send out the booking information via Teachers to Parents. The meetings can be scheduled throughout the day or at any time before 6pm on Wednesday 15th July. Y6 parents will be offered a meeting time after 1pm on the 15th as the Leaver's service will take place in the morning of the 15th July.

Staffing Update

This year we have needed to reduce our staffing costs. Four teaching assistants have taken voluntary redundancy as a result and will be leaving us in July.

Wendy Baker

Wendy has been a staff member since 1994. She has made an enormous contribution to our school, most recently as Senior TA and Meals Supervisor. Her energy, creativity and humour are infectious. Wendy is looking to spend time with her family and her grandchildren.

Pauline Chisholm

Pauline has worked at the school since 2008. Pauline has also made a substantial contribution to our school in all sorts of ways. Her patience and support for children have made a real impression on many in our community. Although she keeps it quiet, Pauline also makes a mean jerk chicken (which she shared at one of our Black history Month celebrations!)

Vicki Riches

Vicki has worked in our school since 2010. Her skills and calmness are very much appreciated by staff, children and parents alike. Vicki is looking to take on a fresh challenge and she will undoubtedly make a success of whatever she chooses to do next.

Val Redhead

Like Wendy and Vicki, Val is also an ex parent. Val told me recently that she had been coming to our school as a parent /staff member for 47 years! Val does many of the jobs that no other staff member really wants to do (tea and coffee ordering anyone?) Val is looking forward to spending more time in her garden and with her family.



Kate Barker

Kate has also decided to leave us in July. Kate no longer wishes to work full time as she also has various family commitments as well as working in our school. Kate has been an incredibly dedicated and hard working staff member since joining us in 2014. She has taught in Y1 and EYFS, leading the latter in the last couple of years. Kate is a hugely creative teacher and I know she will be missed by children, parents and staff alike. She has made a substantial contribution to our school, for which I'm sure you will join me in thanking her.

Jessica Tilley

Jessica joins us from a school in south London, where she has taught both reception and nursery. Jessica will be the Oak class teacher and she will lead EYFS from September. Jessica's enthusiasm really impressed all of us on the interview panel and she will be in school on Thursday this week. She will record a video welcome to Oak class and children and parents will have the chance to meet her via Zoom before the end of this term — and in person in September.

Helen Francis

Helen begins her maternity leave in July (she and her husband Matt are expecting their first child in August). I'm sure you will join me wishing her well as she prepares for the baby's arrival. Unfortunately Helen can't be with us in school at present due to the current government advice but she joins us daily for telephone or Zoom calls.

Tracy Nolan

Tracy will be covering Helen's maternity leave as Senior Nursery Practitioner. Tracy has worked across nursery and reception in our school for 22 years. She is an exemplary practitioner with an exceptional understanding of the EYFS curriculum and I have every confidence that she will lead the nursery team very well during Helen's maternity leave.

Year 6 Leaver's Service

We are planning a Zoom Leaver's service at 9.30am on Wednesday 15th July. The children and parents can join the service by Zoom (code to follow). The service will include:

- Leaver's Song and other music
- Y6 memories — edited by Sharon and shared by Zoom
- The usual prayers from Fr. Peter
- Bibles, Qur'ans and other holy books (delivered to you)

We will try to make this service as close as possible to the usual service and we hope that all Beech children and parents will be able to join us on the morning of the 15th July.

With very best wishes,

James Humphries

Headteacher