



Kentish Town CE Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Wider Reopening

I am delighted that we now have all year groups (save Acorns) back in school. It has been a great joy to have your children back in school and to see them and many of you parents and carers at the various gates each morning. Every day we are receiving emails and calls from you saying that you would like your child/ren to return. Please email the office: admin@kentishtown.camden.sch.uk if you would like your child/ren to return. Alternatively you can email class teachers directly.

September and Recovery Curriculum

You may have seen in the news last week that the government expect all children to attend school full time from September. They have changed the requirement that children be taught in Bubbles of 15 and have increased the size of the Bubbles to 30. **That means that all children may return full time and be taught by their class teachers and teaching assistants.** There will be minimal contact between classes and extra cleaning, outside learning and rigorous handwashing will need to be in place but school will feel more like normal. I will be sending out more detail for our recovery curriculum in my next newsletter.

Classes for 2020 – 21

Teacher/Support Staff	Year(s)	Class
Tracy Nolan/ Clare/ Karin	Nursery	Acorns
Jessica Tilley/ Caren/ Sharon D/ Chloe D	Reception	Oak
Issie Debnam/ Valerie/ Lorraine	1	Ash
Emma Benham / Rachel Davis/ Shona / Irene	2	Willow
Flora Grant/Karen Trussler/ Lule/ Cristina/ Jean	3	Cedar
Johnny Chapman/ Maxine/ Sharon M/ Kahina/ Natalie	4	Sycamore
Joe Mahon/ Debbie/ Chloe C	5	Chestnut
Kate Agnew / Ed / Shepa (+ Rachel Davis in spring 2021) Rachel Davis (cover teacher)	6	Beech
Other Roles		
James Humphries	Headteacher	
Grant Jacobson	Deputy Headteacher/SENDCO	
Emma Benham	Assistant Headteacher	
Miriam Nadarajah (0.6)	Teacher in Charge - Autism Resource Base	
Marcia Freixeiro	2 nd Teacher/ Teacher in Charge	
Coren Miles (0.4)	Music Teacher	
Palmi Buschi	French Teacher	
Chloe Commins	PE Coach/ TA	
Jahanara Jalil	EMA Support EYFS/KS1	

Dates for your Diary

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

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

Wednesday 15th July — Optional Parents Meetings (10 min slots) Zoom codes to follow

Thursday 16th July — **Final day for children in school - 2pm finish please**

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

Thursday 16th July - Y6 Leaver's Service - 2.30pm in the playground

Friday 17th July — INSET day for staff.

Summer Reading Challenge 2020

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

The Summer Reading Challenge is run each year and is usually based in Kentish Town library. This year I would strongly recommend to all parents and carers that you encourage your child/ren to log in, register and read as many books as possible this summer. On the website there are book recommendations, games, rewards and much more. If you are concerned about your child getting ready for school in September then encourage them to read, read and read some more. Joining in with the challenge is more important than ever this year and better for your child than any other catch up initiative at this stage. Little and often is best unless your child really gets lost in books. You can read to them, with them and just enjoy them reading to themselves.

Travel Arrangements for Summer 2020

If you are planning to travel abroad this summer then please check the quarantine arrangements on your return. Our autumn term begins on **Wednesday 2nd September** and it is expected that all children will be in school for the beginning of the autumn term.

Home Visits for Acorns and Oak Children

Children who are new to our nursery or reception classes will be offered a meeting in the nursery garden with a parent/carer and the team who will be working in each class. Sarah in our office will notify new families about these meetings in the next week.

Tutoring Programme

You may have heard that the government have announced two sources of funding which they intend for us to use to help children to catch up on missed learning. There is little detail at this stage (although I expect much of the money to be targeted at children in receipt of free schools meals). I will share more detail in September when we know more.

And Finally...

Thank you all for bearing with us when there have been so many changing pieces of guidance given to schools. Over fifty revisions have taken place to the guidance originally issued when we were asked to reopen from June 1st. I appreciate that this rapidly changing picture has been challenging for many families (as it has been for us). We now have most children back in school, Summer Club is running this summer, thanks to Lorraine and other staff and we know that the plan for September looks more like a normal school model. Phew!

I wish you all a calm end to this term.

With best wishes,

James Humphries

Headteacher