



# Kentish Town CE Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

## Autumn Term 2020

As you may have seen in my last newsletter or in the news, we are expecting to be open for all children in September. Our first day for children is **Wednesday 2nd September**. Your children will be in a class Bubble of thirty and each class will not mix with other groups across the school. This means that you can expect your child/ren to attend school full time (a relief for you and frankly, for us as well!).

Children will eat their lunch in their classrooms and Caterlink will provide a packed lunch menu instead of their normal hot meals offer. Children can, of course, bring in a packed lunch from home.

Although we can't have parents routinely on the school site, we are planning to welcome you to a "meet the new teacher" session, in the school hall. Seating will be arranged according to the social distancing guidelines. I feel it is very important for you to meet your child/ren's new teachers face-to-face. The meetings will take place on:

- Monday 7th September - 9am Ash Meet the Teacher in hall
- Tuesday 8th September - 9am Willow Meet the Teacher in the hall
- Wednesday 9th September - 9am Cedar Meet the Teacher(s) in the hall
- Thursday 10th September - 9am Chestnut Meet the Teacher in the hall
- Friday 11th September - 9am Sycamore Meet the Teacher in the hall
- Monday 14th September - 9am Beech Meet the Teacher in the hall

## Nursery and Reception Transition Meetings

Jessica Tilley and Chloe Dunbar will be meeting the parents and children who have not been in our Nursery on Friday 17th July. These meetings will take place in the Nursery garden. Jessica has also recorded a welcome video which is posted on our school YouTube channel.

Tracy Nolan and Clare Lillywhite will be meeting new nursery children and their parents in the nursery garden in the first week in September.

## Welcome Videos from Teachers

All class teachers have recorded and posted videos introducing themselves to their new classes. These are posted on the Kentish Town YouTube channel.

## Staff Leavers' Assembly

We will be thanking the staff who are leaving us this year in an assembly on the morning of Thursday 16th July. Because we cannot gather in the hall, we will be sharing the assembly via Zoom. Please contact Pam for the code to join the assembly.

**The last day of this term is Thursday 16th July at 2pm. Please collect promptly.**

## Summer Reading Challenge 2020

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk>

The Summer Reading Challenge is run each year and is normally 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 (in which case just let them!). You can read to them, with them or just enjoy them reading to themselves.

## Recovery Curriculum

I will be running a parent session on this in September. I will run the session in the hall and depending on numbers, I will also share via Zoom. Look out for more information in the first week of term.

## The Summer Holiday

I think children really need a break over the summer. However, I understand that some parents/carers may wish to keep learning going in order to help children catch up. My advice would be to focus on reading (see link to Summer Reading Challenge) or perhaps purchase a CGP book for your child/ren and complete some short activities on a regular basis.

<https://www.cgpbooks.co.uk/>

<https://owlbookshop.co.uk/>

As I mentioned in my last newsletter, there will be more details on the government tutoring and catch up schemes by the time we return to school in September.

## Y6 Leavers' Assembly

This will take place in school at 2.30pm on Thursday 16th July. Please email: [admin@kentishtown.camden.sch.uk](mailto:admin@kentishtown.camden.sch.uk) for the Zoom code to join.

## And Finally...

I must say a huge thank you to you all for getting through the lockdown period. With very little notice you home-schooled your children as well as holding down jobs, managing your own anxiety and often without the help of extended family or friends. I think our parent community have been heroic in this unprecedented period. You certainly deserve a break and I hope you get one!

I cannot thank staff enough for their efforts. Our school has remained open continuously for the children of key workers and others, throughout the Easter holiday and into the summer term. We only closed for the May bank holiday week in order to have the school deep cleaned, before wider reopening. Staff have worked tirelessly to set work online, record videos of teaching, organise food parcels, deliver food and resources to families, supervise the groups of children in school, set up Zoom calls, ringing families and all the while they have worried about their own health and that of their loved ones.

I wish you all the most restful summer that you can have. The job of rebuilding our school community begins in September but everyone needs to rest and reflect before we begin.

Best wishes,

James Humphries and the KTS Team

## The Eco Cook Up Competition

# Calling all young chefs!

Have you got an idea for a veggie or plant based meal? If so, enter our competition to create a recipe that could be served at school lunch!



Submissions can be made by poster or small flyer by Tuesday 15th September. To submit entries and for more info, tips and inspiration:  
<https://www.thinkanddocamden.org.uk/eco-cook-up-competition/>