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Kentish Town CE Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome Back!

It has been so joyful to have most children back in school this week. The school has come alive with the noise of children chatting with friends, exchanging news, learning and playing. Several teachers have mentioned how well children have done with their remote learning. A huge thank you to all you have done to support us in keeping your children learning during this latest lockdown.

Parent's Evening Meetings

You will have been sent a link to book an appointment on Zoom on Monday 29th or Tuesday 30th March. Please do book a slot as teachers will expect to speak with all parents and carers on these evenings. The meetings will be ten minutes long, as normal.

End of Term dates

Easter Service — Friday 26th March at 9.30am please email Pam for the Zoom code.

Eggmobiles in the school hall — Thursday 25th March. This year class teachers will be making the Eggmobiles in Design Technology with your children so you don't need to do anything! We will find a way to share this with you all.

West End in Schools— Each class will have a session with a dancer who will lead a storytelling session for their age group. This is funded by The Friends of Kentish Town.

Last day of term—Wednesday 31st March, school finishes at 1.15pm.

May Bank Holiday — School is closed on Monday 3rd May.

Mayoral Election Polling Day — Thursday 6th May, school is NOT closed on this day. This year a space will be used for polling but the rest of the school is to remain open on this date.

Secondary Transfer

Congratulations to our Year 6 children on their allocated secondary school places. Please do bear in mind that if you are not happy with the school your child has been offered, accept the place, register with your school of choice so that you are on their waiting list and then wait. September is a long way off and there is always movement between now and the start of the new school year.

Social Distancing etc

Please help us by maintaining social distancing (2 metres) when dropping off and collecting your child/ren outside the school. Camden and Islington Public Health are also recommending that you wear a face covering while waiting as well. Thank you for your help with this.

Best wishes,

James Humphries
Headteacher



Father Peter Leaving St Benet's Church

As many of you know Father Peter, our parish priest, is sadly leaving us on Easter Sunday this year after nearly eight years. Peter has worked closely with our school in his time at St. Benet's, leading assemblies in school, making us very welcome at church and he has also taught RE in classes for us. In addition, Peter has been a member of the Governing Board at our school, serving three years as Chair. If you would like to make a small donation to say "thank you" then you can do so on ParentPay.

James Farmer, who serves on the Parochial Church Council at St. Benet's, is collecting messages for Fr. Peter. You can email James at:
james.farmer@b2bmarketing.net.

We will be thanking Peter for his work in our school at our Easter Service at the end of this term.

The Bishop of Fulham is looking at suitable candidates for St. Benet's and when a suitable person is recruited then I am sure we will meet the new vicar and introduce the new vicar to our school community.



KTS CE School Term & Holiday Dates 2021/22	
Autumn Term 2021 Total Days: 69	
Term Starts:	<i>INSET – Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd September 2021</i>
	Children Return – Monday 6 th September 2021
	<i>INSET – Friday 22nd October 2021</i>
Half Term:	Half-Term: Monday 25 th – Friday 29 th October 2021
	Children Return – Monday 1 st November 2021
Term Ends:	Friday 17 th December 2021 @ 1.15pm
Christmas Holidays:	Monday 20 th December 2020 – Friday 31 st December 2021
Spring Term 2022 Total Days: 59	
Term Starts:	<i>INSET – Monday 3rd January 2022</i>
	Children Return – Tuesday 4 th January 2022
Half Term:	Monday 14 th – Friday 18 th February 2022
Term Ends:	Friday 1 st April 2022 @ 1.15pm
Spring Holidays	Monday 4 th April – Thursday 14 th April 2022
Easter Holidays	Good Friday - 15 th April 2022
	Easter Monday – 18 th April 2022
Summer Term 2022 Total Days: 62	
Term Starts:	Tuesday 19 th April 2022
Half Term:	Monday 30 th May 2022 – Friday 3 rd June 2022
	Children Return – Monday 6 th June 2022
	<i>INSET – Friday 24th June 2022</i>
Term Ends:	Friday 22 nd July 2022 @ 1.15pm
Bank Holidays	2nd May 2022 - Early May Bank Holiday
	Monday 30 th May 2022 – Spring Bank Holiday
	Monday 29 th August 2021 – Summer Bank Holiday

TOTAL DAYS

The total number of pupil days is 190

INSET Days = 5

Coronavirus: Weekly update from Camden Council

For the latest information and support from Camden Council and its partners, including updates to services:

- Visit camden.gov.uk/coronavirus – includes information in different languages
- Check the rolling news pages at news.camden.gov.uk
- Follow Twitter [@CamdenCouncil](https://twitter.com/CamdenCouncil) and Facebook facebook.com/LBCamden
- Speak to someone at the Council directly by calling **020 7974 4444 (option 9)**.



SIGN UP to the Council's coronavirus e-newsletter for regular service updates, news and support at camden.gov.uk/coronavirus-updates



This week marks the first step in the Government's plan to ease lockdown, which includes schools and colleges reopening for face-to-face learning. It's brilliant to see so many children going back to school and I want to say a huge thank you to all the school staff working so hard to make sure this happens safely.

While this brings a great deal of hope, there is still a long way to go. There are still restrictions in place, and we need to follow them carefully to ensure the timeline for lifting lockdown stays on track. If we all do our bit, we'll keep each other safe and give ourselves the best chance of things beginning to look more like normal.

I know that many of us will be feeling anxious after all the difficulty and pain of the last year, and about what lies ahead. Please remember there is support for you – including additional financial support for individuals and businesses, some of which is detailed below. There is also free, rapid testing available for anyone who needs to leave home for work, care and for parents and carers of school children.

Councillor Georgia Gould, Leader of Camden Council

Changes to restrictions

Lockdown restrictions are still in place and you should still only leave home where necessary. However, since 8 March:

- You can now socialise – as well as exercise – outdoors with your household, support bubble, **or one** person from another household.
- Care home residents are allowed one regular visitor – with conditions.
- Schools and colleges have reopened for face-to-face classes.

To keep yourself safe, please keep following the rules, including those below. For more information, go to gov.uk/coronavirus

Please use Camden's parks and open spaces safely

To keep yourself and others safe, please keep following the rules, and be considerate in parks and open spaces:



Keep a safe distance from anyone outside your household or bubble



Avoid areas if busy



Stay local



Always wash your hands as soon as you are indoors



Wear a face covering in busy outdoor spaces, unless exempt



Help to look after the spaces. Please put rubbish in bins or take home with you

Please do not leave home if you have symptoms.

Find out more about parks at camden.gov.uk/parks

Extension to financial support

The Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme (known as the furlough scheme) and the Self-Employment Income Support Scheme have been extended until 30 September 2021. The £20-a-week top-up to Universal Credit has also been extended for another six months.

For more information, visit gov.uk/coronavirus

Rapid testing for pupils and parents

Pupils have been returning to school for face-to-face classes this week. To help keep everyone safe, rapid testing is taking place on secondary school and college sites to help



identify pupils and staff with COVID-19 who don't have symptoms but are still infectious. This will help prevent further spread of infection.

Pupils will be offered three rapid lateral flow tests, three to five days apart – and will then be given kits to regularly test themselves at home. Parents and carers of primary and secondary school, and college-age children, can also get free rapid tests or pick up a home test kit – as can people who need to leave home for work, or care or volunteering responsibilities.

Find out more at camden.gov.uk/rapidtest

COVID-19 vaccine

The vaccine is safe, effective and gives the best protection against coronavirus. To help you make an informed choice about the vaccine when it's your turn to have it, you can find a variety of information on Camden Council's website including answers to frequently asked questions, stories from local people about why they're choosing to be vaccinated, and downloadable resources.



Find out more at camden.gov.uk/covid19vaccine

Funding available to support businesses

Local Restriction Support Grants are available for businesses in non-essential retail, hospitality, leisure and cultural sectors that have been impacted by 2020 and 2021 lockdown restrictions. The deadline for applications is 31 March 2021.

Find out how to apply at camden.gov.uk/business-support
If you have any questions, email businessgrants@camden.gov.uk

Grants available





**Dental Health Advice for Parents/Carers
&
Easter Holiday Dental workshops for Children**
Venue: Join online Zoom

Camden Learning is inviting you to schedule meetings.

Tuesday 16th March 2021 at 10:30 to 11:30

Parents/Carers of Babies and Toddlers 10:30 to 11:30

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82868177195?pwd=eWJ3Wmt6dUR0cERyYk1BOWhPMOJIZz09>

Meeting ID: 828 6817 7195

Passcode: 422955

Friday 9th April 2021 at 10:30-11:00

Children's Easter Dental Workshop Sessions 3yrs to 6 years

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81370856020?pwd=RjRpNE1DRnZNYIYyUVRZSmpia1NsUT09>

Meeting ID: 813 7085 6020

Passcode: 412105

Monday 12th April 2021 at 10:30-11:15

Children's Easter Dental Workshop Sessions 7yrs old & over

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84918439763?pwd=Qms1bEltTIRvNjI1UIZjR6ttQ3BUQT09>

Meeting ID: 849 1843 9763

Passcode: 456704

19th April 2021 13:00-14:00

Dental advice for Parents/Carers of SEND Children

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87131472910?pwd=b0dlcnhLOW1xZCtHQ1FxaHNRK0lodz09>

Meeting ID: 871 3147 2910

Passcode: 046508

26th April 2021 10:00-11:00

Dental Health Advice - Parents/ Carers

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82051364952?pwd=dGIOSUwrU0hoZXU1Y2s5Lysvb0dsdz09>

Meeting ID: 820 5136 4952

Passcode: 280062



**Note: For further information: Please contact Nicola Ramnarine on:
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