



# Kentish Town C of E Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

## Welcome Back

It has been so wonderful to see your children in school this week. They have settled in so well and the atmosphere in school is purposeful and calm. Thanks also to you all for being so understanding regarding the gates your children have been entering and leaving through. We are hoping the work on Islip Street will be completed by the end of September and this will clearly leave us with a widened path and as part of the School Street.

I know Emma has emailed parents in Ash, Willow and Sycamore classes asking for your help in queuing outside the Frideswide Place gate. Thanks very much for your help with this — it helps us to keep your children safe.

## Secondary Transfer

Local secondary schools will be offering virtual or other open days soon. There is also a Moving On event which I will share with you all when I have details, along with the details of open events happening locally.

In the meantime, you can join the Meet The Parents event at St Patrick's primary on 21st September. I am very happy to meet any parents/carers of children in Y6 regarding the application process for local secondary schools. Please email:

[admin@kentishtown.camden.sch.uk](mailto:admin@kentishtown.camden.sch.uk) to make an appointment.

## Nursery Places

We currently have a number of places in our Nursery for children who are already three. Please mention this to anyone you know who may be looking for a nursery place. The provision of 30 hours is free and our nursery team are experienced, highly skilled and the environment is outstanding. Breakfast club and after school club are also offered.

## School Uniform

Many thanks for supporting us by sending your child/ren in dressed in school uniform. Our uniform consists of:

- A white t shirt or polo shirt
- A navy blue t shirt or polo shirt
- Blue and white gingham dress or play suit
- Navy blue skirt or dress
- Navy blue trousers or jogging bottoms or shorts
- A navy blue cardigan/ fleece/ sweatshirt or jumper
- Sensible shoes or trainers—no lights please

Please do not send your child/ren in to school in:

- Sports clothing or items with a logo other than our school logo
- Hoodies are NOT allowed please and your child/ren will be asked to remove these
- Strappy or other sandals that they cannot run or play in
- Items of jewellery — small stud earrings are allowed.

Many thanks for your help with this.

## **Meet the Teacher Meetings**

These meetings will take place in our school hall or in the Science Lab. Doors and windows will be open. You will be asked to sanitise your hands on entry to the building and to wear a face covering. Please enter via the main door by the school office. The presentation slides will be posted on our school website if you would rather receive information in that way. I wanted to offer you the chance to meet your child's teacher/s face-to-face and to ask them any questions you may have.

- Monday 13th September    - 9am Ash Meet the Teacher in hall  
   - 9am Willow Meet the Teacher in the Lab
- Tuesday 14th September    - 9am Cedar Meet the Teacher in the hall  
   - 9am Sycamore Meet the Teacher in the Lab
- Wednesday 15th September - 9am Beech Meet the Teacher in the hall  
   - 9am Chestnut Meet the Teacher in the Lab

Jessica and Tracy will arrange meetings for the Oak and Acorns families once the children are all in school and settled.

## **Requests for Term Time Holiday**

After two years during which children have experienced disruption to their education, I will not be authorising any requests for term time holidays. I am sure you will all agree that children need to be in school, with their friends and teachers, learning together.

If there are exceptional circumstances then you may request term time absence by filling in the green request for absence form from the school office. I will notify you by letter of my decision.

If you do decide to take leave which is not authorised by the school then you should be aware that a penalty fine of £60 per parent, per child, may be made.

Please help your child/ren by making bookings for holidays during the school holidays — term dates can be found on our school website:  
[www.kentishtown.camden.sch.uk](http://www.kentishtown.camden.sch.uk).

Many thanks for your understanding.

## Meet the Parents events for Kentish Town parents:

The pioneering secondary school transition project, Meet the Parents, is holding an online event this coming Monday, September 13th, from 6 to 7pm, to which all Torriano parents are invited. You will be able to ask any questions you wish from a friendly panel of local parents and students at Camden Schools for Girls, Acland Burghley, Parliament Hill, La Sainte Union and William Ellis schools. All year groups are welcome. Please sign up for free here:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/mtp-acland-burghley-csg-lsu-parli-william-ellis-tickets-163168905589?utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-term=listing&utm-source=cp&aff=escb>.

Feel free to submit questions in advance at [info@meettheparents.info](mailto:info@meettheparents.info).

There will be another event the following Monday, September 20th, featuring families from Regent High, Haverstock, Maria Fidelis, UCL Academy and Hampstead schools. Sign up here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/mtp-hampstead-haverstock-maria-fidelis-regent-ucl-academy-tickets-163174291699?utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-term=listing&utm-source=cp&aff=escb>

Meanwhile, St Patrick's is holding its first Meet the Parents event on Tuesday September 21st from 4 to 5pm. Kentish Town parents are warmly invited to come along.

### London Marathon

One of our parents, Tina Sharkey (Poppy's Mum from Cedar class), is running the London Marathon in aid of Age UK. This is what Tina says on her JustGiving page:

Most people will feel lonely at some point in their lives. It's a deeply personal experience that - in most cases - will thankfully pass. Sadly, 2.65m older people feel they have no one to turn to for help and around 3.9m older people consider TV to be their main form of company. Donating to this page will help the national Age UK to continue providing vital services that offer companionship, advice and support for older people facing later life alone. They have been especially invaluable over the pandemic, when older people have been hit so hard.

If you would like to support Tina in this amazing effort then please follow the link below to sponsor her.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/tina-sharkey2021>