



Kentish Town CE Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Wider Reopening

As you know, we are working on wider reopening of our school, following the government guidelines. Last week twenty one out of thirty Y6 children came in (split into two groups). Today we welcomed the first group of ten Y1 children in to school. It has been so good to have them back. We welcome the second group of Y1 children in on Thursday and Friday. Please email admin@kentishtown.camden.sch.uk if you would like your child to join either of these groups.

Next Monday, 15th June, we will welcome back Reception in two groups. The groups will be led by Marcia and Tracy. Sadly, Kate B is unable to return to teach Oak as she is shielding her mother.

We are waiting for further guidance from the government regarding wider opening for other year groups. I appreciate how hard this is for you all but I must ask for your patience. We will do all we can to welcome as many children as possible back to school before the summer holiday.

I will be holding a Zoom meeting for parents and carers (one parent from each family) on Friday 12th June. If you would like to take part then please email admin@kentishtown.camden.sch.uk and Pam will send you the Zoom code. I will mute all participants but I will answer questions (related to school reopening only) if you submit them in advance to admin@kentishtown.camden.sch.uk. Please send in questions by 12 o'clock on Thursday 11th June.


Nursery Closure

We have taken the difficult decision not to reopen Acorns class until September. With Helen not returning to work due to her pregnancy and the need to use the classroom for the play provision for keyworker and other children, there just isn't space if we are going to try to open for other year groups. Helen and I have spoken today and we will be sending you a date for a "leaving Zoom" nearer the end of term for those children who are moving on to other schools. For the children who are moving into Oak class, we will organise a film clip to help with their transition nearer the end of term.

Black Lives Matter

Like many of you, I have watched the death of George Floyd in police custody in the US with horror. When we first began our journey as a UNICEF Rights Respecting school it was because we wanted ALL children to understand that they had rights which were not a gift but enshrined in law (the UN convention). It seems even more important than ever that our children know that they have these rights and that we all stand with them in making sure that they access them, regardless of race or colour. Marcia has put together a list of websites and resources that might help you in having a conversation with your children about racism and the BLM movement.

I will post an assembly on YouTube later this week.



The following are links to articles that give a variety of ideas and suggestions on how to talk to and teach your child about racism and equality.

<https://www.today.com/parents/how-talk-kids-about-racism-protests-injustice-t182929>

<https://www.teachingforchange.org/teaching-about-race>

https://www.huffingtonpost.co.uk/entry/10-anti-racism-books-parents-explain-black-lives-matter_l_5ed593d3c5b6db4977a17841

And finally...

A theme is emerging each day as I talk to parents and friends. It seems that when one child returns to school this can have an impact on your other child(ren). I feel sure this is likely to be short term, it is another change after a period of stability. Please reassure your children at home that we are working towards reopening our school for them as soon as we can. Keep going with the online learning and stay well.

With very best wishes to you all.

James Humphries and the KTS team.