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Kentish Town CE Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Lifting of Restrictions

As I am sure you are aware, the lifting of Cornavirus restrictions has been planned for 21st June. Until those restrictions are lifted and we have a clearer steer from the Department for Education, we will be continuing with the current arrangements at the beginning and the end of the school day. Obviously we would like to have parents and carers in the school building and on the school site but until restrictions are lifted then we are unable to do this routinely. I will, of course, update you following the Government briefing on Monday 14th June.

Wider Opportunities in Music Concert

Parents and carers from the following groups are invited to come along to a celebration of your child/ren's musical achievements on Thursday 24th June at 9.30am. You will be seated in the school playground and the children and Coren will perform for you. If your child/ren are in the following groups then please come along if you can:

- Chestnut Class Wider Opps (all instruments needed please)
- Cedar Class Recorders
- Band (instruments needed)
- Choir

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Please come to the main entrance, you will need to sanitise your hands but you do not need to wear a face covering. We can accommodate a maximum of 2 x adults per child. See you all on the 24th June.

Foxlease Beech Class Residential Trip

On Monday 14th June, Beech Class will be travelling to Foxlease in Hampshire—they are sure to have a wonderful trip. All children who are travelling need to have taken a LFD test on Sunday 13th June and the result <u>must</u> be shared with Pam in the school office before the children travel. You can email Pam at admin@kentishtown.camden.sch.uk. We will post photos of the trip each day on our school website for you to see how your children are doing. If your child is not attending the trip then they are expected to come to school: I will not be authorising any absence.

Big Wheel French Theatre Group

On Friday 19th June we will welcome Roland and the Big Wheel Theatre group. They will perform in French for Ash and Willow, Cedar, Sycamore and Chestnut classes.

Challenge Partners Virtual Review

This week we have welcomed four external reviewers (virtually) to our school. The lead reviewer has been to our school twice before and that helped enormously. The reviewers (from Surrey, Yorkshire and Cornwall) worked with school staff and we spoke with parents and carers, governors and children about remote learning, the recovery curriculum, our curriculum review and the culture and ethos in our school. We agreed some very helpful next steps for our school and I will share the report with you when it is published. Bringing our school to life through the medium of Zoom has been a real challenge but staff worked well do just that.

Orchestra of the Age of Enlightement

This week we also welcomed some musicians from the OAE who played for Acorns and Oak classes. There are pictures on the next page and on our website: www.kentishtown.camden.sch.uk.

Best wishes,

James Humphries - Headteacher





| KTS CE School Term & Holiday Dates 2021/22 | | | | | |
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| Autumn Term 2021 | Total Days: 69 | | | | |
| Term Starts: | INSET – Thursday 2 nd and Friday 3 rd September 2021 | | | | |
| | Children Return – Monday 6 th September 2021 | | | | |
| | INSET – Friday 22 nd October 2021 | | | | |
| 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: 58 | | | | |
| Term Starts: | INSET – Tuesday 4 th January 2022 | | | | |
| | Children Return – Wednesday 5 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 | | | | |
| | INSET – Friday 24 th June 2022 | | | | |
| Term Ends: | Friday 22 nd July 2022 @ 1.15pm | | | | |
| Bank Holidays | 2nd May 2022 - Early May Bank Holiday | | | | |
| | Monday 30th May 2022 – Spring Bank Holiday | | | | |
| | Monday 29 th August 2021 – Summer Bank Holiday | | | | |

The Meet the Parents project is holding two online events in June for primary school parents deciding where to send their children for secondary. Families from Acland Burghley, Camden School for Girls, La Sainte Union, Parliament Hill and William Ellis secondaries will be frankly answering any questions you might have about their school experience on Monday June the 14th from 6 to 7pm. To register for free, go to <u>https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/152115506575</u>.

MTP will be running a similar event with families from Regent High School, Maria Fidelis, Haverstock, UCL Academy and Hampstead schools on Wednesday June the 16th. See <u>https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/152120742235</u>

All Camden's schools are either Ofsted good or outstanding and work together as a family of schools. You can see a film about Camden secondaries here: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=db-zlk4__Kk</u>

Madeleine Holt info@meettheparents.info





BIRTHDAYS IN MAY AND JUNE

Happy Birthday to all those children who celebrate a birthday in the month of May and June.

| Milan | Avante | Jean | Anisa | Poppy |
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| Jason H | Nina | Hassan | Harriet | Robin |
| Jason A | Sameeha | Luna | Francis | |
| Louis Z | Dorian | Noah | Lawrence | Orges |
| Ilyas | Eloise | Annabel | Arthur | Rudy |
| Frederick | Robyn | Josiah | Liam | Lila |
| Kenny | Victor | Daisy | Max | Eliza |
| Harley | Amelia | Serena | Ronnie | Asa |



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
- Check out news.camden.gov.uk
- Follow Twitter @CamdenCouncil and Facebook facebook.com/LBCamden
- Speak to someone at the Council on 020 7974 4444 (option 9).

SIGN UP to the Council's coronavirus enewsletter at camden.gov.uk/coronavirus-updates

There are four ways to book your free COVID-19 vaccination

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If you're aged **25 or over**, or fall into one of the priority groups, you can book your COVID-19 vaccination appointment now:

- 1. Call **119** for free
- 2. Visit nhs.uk/coronavirusvaccine
- Not registered with a GP? Email our local NHS on nclccg.covid-19vaccine@nhs.net or call Camden Council on the number below
- 4. Need support to book? Call the Council on 020 7974 4444 (option 9)

Why I had the COVID-19 vaccine

Zein Hussain is a Physician Associate at Central Camden Primary Care Network. He says: **"Being a Black man who works in healthcare, I was at much higher risk of getting COVID-19 so I had the vaccine to put a barrier in COVID's way and help keep myself safe. COVID has disrupted all of our lives so let's help prevent it spreading by getting the vaccine when it's our turn.**"



Have you visited one of Camden's Streateries yet?

Camden now has a range of Streateries, where you can meet others safely and enjoy dining in the great outdoors.

Streateries provide new space on the road for outside tables and chairs. This extra space means you can enjoy meeting others and dining outdoors safely. Taking up new space on the road also keeps the pavement clear for passers-by and wheelchair users. You'll find Camden's Streateries in:

- Belsize Park
- Charlotte Street
- Cleveland Street
- Doric Way
- Drummond Street (coming soon)
- Earlham Street
- Goodge Street

- Great Queen Street
- Pancras Road
- Regent's Park Road
- South Crescent
 - South End Road
- Warren Street

Find out more, including the Council's plans to consult on more Streateries locations, at streateries.commonplace.is



It's been wonderful to enjoy Camden in the sunshine as life has felt a bit more normal. And while we are feeling really hopeful, as more than 100,000 Camden residents have had one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine and more than 60,000 people have had two doses (the full dose of protection), the pandemic is not over

and we have seen cases triple over the last week. This is from a very low base but it is important we all take steps to keep Camden safe.

We need your help to make sure that we don't put all the progress we have made at risk. If you're out and about shopping, meeting friends, eating out, picking children up from school or going to work, you can get a regular rapid test. These are available for free at some pharmacies, you can order to your home, or visit one of Camden's free rapid test centres (see below). If you are over the age of 25 you can now book your vaccination, so please don't wait, the more of us who are vaccinated the better protection we have as a community to stop the spread of COVID-19. And lastly, please continue to be careful, meet outside if you can, keep a safe distance, and open windows and doors if you are meeting inside.

Finally, this week (7 to 13 June) is Carers Week. We know there are many more people carrying out a caring role because of COVID-19, for instance caring for relatives and friends who need support. We also understand how challenging this can be. Please know that there are a range of ways you can access support for the important role you play. Visit **camden.gov.uk/ carersupport** for a list of support options, including for young carers.

Councillor Georgia Gould, Leader of Camden Council

Rapid COVID-19 testing for people without symptoms

"I'd rather take a test and know I'm COVID-safe than pass the virus to someone else. It's super easy to do, and helps keep those around us safe." Amber Zeb-Khan, tested at Queen's Crescent

Around 1 in 3 people with coronavirus do not show any symptoms. Get a rapid lateral flow test twice a week to check you're COVID-free, even if you've been vaccinated. To find your closest test site,

home-test pickup or delivery options, visit camden.gov.uk/rapidtest or call 020 7974 4444 (option 9).

If your test result is positive or you develop COVID-19 symptoms, you need to self-isolate and book a PCR test within 2 days at **nhs.uk/coronavirus** or call **119**.



Free electric bike hire for key workers

Camden Council has partnered with Lime to create great offers for Camden residents. Lime is offering all key workers, such as Local Authority, NHS and supermarket staff, free rides on their bikes. For more information, visit **camden.gov.uk/LimeAid**

Anyone hiring a bike from the Council's Safe and Healthy Street area around Arlington, Savernake or Constantine Road, can also get 50% off, saving you money, helping the environment and boosting your health!



APPLY FOR A Restart grant Before 30 June

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One-off payments of between £6,000 and £18,000 are available to support eligible nonessential retail, hospitality, accommodation, leisure and personal care businesses to reopen. To apply, visit **camden.gov.uk/how-to-applyfor-coronavirus-business-support-grants** To check if your business is eligible, visit **gov.uk/guidance/check-if-youre-eligiblefor-a-coronavirus-restart-grant**

