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## Kentish Town C of E Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers

### Talking to Children about the Conflict in Palestine/Israel

I imagine many of you will be wondering how to talk with your children about the tragic escalation of violence in Palestine/Israel that is so much part of the news in recent days. There are some helpful tips provided by UNICEF via this link: https://www.unicef.org/parenting/how-talk-your-children-about-conflict-and-war.

#### **Staffing Update**

Patricia Burns

Patti joins us in our school admin team as support for Pam and Sarah. Please extend a very warm Kentish Town welcome to Patti as she settles in.

#### Adela Hurtado Saura

Adela has joined the Oak Class team in order to support children who have additional needs in the class.

### **Black History Season**

On Monday next week, Marcia Freixeiro will be leading an assembly with our children about 'Saluting Our Sisters'- honouring the achievements of Black women. Children will be able to select from a group of Black women who have led in their field. They will be asked to research and present their findings about these pioneering women, culminating in a gallery in our school hall where the children's work will be celebrated.

### **School Dinners**

I hope everyone is aware that The Mayor's Office is funding free school meals for all children in Reception — Y6. If you need more information about this then please email Pam or Patti in the school office.

I also wanted to make everyone aware that our school meals **never** include pork products but we also do not serve Halal meat. There is always a vegetarian option, baked potatoes, filled baguettes and a salad bar for the children. I think our school meals have never been better as Nicky and her team do a superb job in our kitchen. If you have any questions related to meals or the menus then please email Pam or Patti on: admin@kentishtown.camden.sch.uk.

#### **INSET Day—Friday 20th October**

Please note that school will be <u>closed</u> for children on Friday 20th October 2023. Staff will be undertaking training on phonics and reading.

#### Friends of Kentish Town Annual General Meeting

This meeting will take place in the staffroom tomorrow, Friday 13th October. The Friends will be discussing how much money has been raised for our school, how we can work together to fund further projects and they will be discussing requests for funding from class teachers etc. Everyone is welcome to attend.

#### **Mental Health Support Team**

There will be a presentation in the Music Room (opposite the school office) tomorrow morning. The MHST have resources and strategies to support children's mental health.

#### **Parent Partnership Agreements**

You have recently had a parent/partnership agreement emailed to you for you to read, discuss with your child/ren and sign. Please pick up a copy of this document from the school office if you need a hard copy. We are expecting each family to sign and return a copy of the agreement. Thank you for your support with this.

Best wishes,

James Humphries - Headteacher

# Safari Playground Refurbishment

Willow and Ash parents and carers,

Many thanks for bearing with us during the recent weeks. The playground is now complete and it is a lovely play space for our children; it is safe, well designed and inclusive!









There is still some organising and finishing of the outside space to be completed but the main works are complete.

Parents and carers from both Ash and Willow classes can now please drop off and collect your children from the outside doors of the respective classrooms.

Thank you for your support over the last few weeks.