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Music and much more...

Dear parents and carers,

School has happily begun to feel busier and busier as the summer term has got into full swing in recent weeks! In line with the current guidance, we are beginning to bring back more and more of our usual activities. After school clubs have started for this term and it is great to see children enjoying taking part in these arts and sports activities at the end of the usual school day. Our breakfast club has also restarted (see more information below).

It has been wonderful to hear more music around the school building recently, too: classes are singing, children have been performing on their musical instruments for their classes, recorder lessons are back for Years 2-4 and we have even started singing hymns as a whole school in our weekly zoom golden certificates assembly!

We are also beginning to have a few more visitors in school to lead workshops for classes, starting with workshops linked to our PSHE week and continuing to follow the current DfE schools' guidance and our COVID risk assessment. Trips out of school are slightly more difficult but we have an intensive swimming course for Year 3 (and some of Year 4) set up for after half term and are even beginning to plan a mini school journey to PGL in June for Year 6. We also continue to make the most of virtual tours and workshops where we can. It is certainly beginning to get a little busier!

With best wishes, Katy Forsdyke, Head teacher

Sharing our musical skills!



A big well done to the many, many children who shared their wonderful skills playing their musical instruments to their classes recently. Classes heard wonderful performances on the guitar, piano, recorder, clarinet, glockenspiel and much more! Well done for keeping practising and keeping up with online lessons over the past year!



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- LESSONS IN SCHOOLS
- SATURDAY CENTRES
- SUNDAY GROUPS
- HOLIDAY COURSES

After school instrumental lessons in school

We have been really pleased to begin to bring back our after

school individual instrumental tuition this term. Camden Music Service runs this provision for us, with their experienced tutors coming in to school on a Wednesday after school to teach individual lessons. Parents sign their child up for these lessons and pay for them on a termly basis directly with Camden Music. Miss Morris, one of our Teaching Assistants, supervises the children in school until and after their lesson (to 5.50pm). Along with Camden Music, we are looking to expand the provision from September onwards – there are spaces for tuition in all sorts of instruments, usually starting from Year 3 upwards, though there are some tutors who start with younger pupils, too.

If you are interested in individual instrument tuition for your child, there is lots of information and the application form on Camden Music's website: Camden Music You can also find some links to promotional videos attached. Reductions in fees are available for eligible children, so please ask the Music Service or school if you think this applies to you. Camden Music also run many successful Saturday and holiday courses – please see the attached poster or their website for more information about taster courses over half term.

Welcomes!

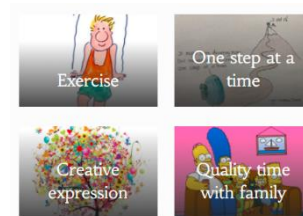
A very warm welcome to these new pupils and their families who have joined the school this term: welcome to Saba, Iris and Marta who have joined our Year 5 class and welcome to Mateo who has joined our Year 1 class!

Information and reminders

Well-being tips

We continue to add to our simple well-being tips on our website:

[Well-being tips](#)



Policies

Staff and Governors have recently reviewed the following policies:

- Maths Calculation Policy
 - Charging Policy
 - Whistleblowing Policy
- You can view all our policies on our website or request a paper copy from the school office.

Christ Church is open!

Christ Church continues to hold a weekly service each Sunday at 11am. There is no Sunday School at the moment but

families and children are all very welcome in Church for the service.

Please remember that if you are thinking of requesting a church attendance reference from Fr Paul for applications for schools, parents should sign the attendance register which is at the back of the Church on Sundays.

Christ Church  Hampstead



Breakfast club

Breakfast club runs from 7.50-8.40/50am each day. It is run by two of our Teaching Assistants, Miss Morris and Miss Jess, and at the moment is taking place in the hall. We provide cereal/toast for breakfast and children have the chance to take part in games and art activities with

classmates until the beginning of the school day. The charge is £8 per session and sessions need to be booked in advance by emailing the school office.

Lots of working parents have found our breakfast club really useful in the past and, as more employees return to the office, we wanted to remind everyone about what we provide. We have spaces so if you are interested or would like more information, please get in touch with the office.

Virtual workshops and tours

We have been making the most of opportunities for virtual tours and workshops to supplement our learning in the classroom (and at home) over the past few weeks and months, with classes taking part in zoom sessions with the Jewish Museum, Victoria and Albert Museum, Regent's Park Mosque, Pollock's Toy Museum and the Royal Observatory. In the coming weeks, Year 5 have two virtual sessions booked with the Houses of Parliament, as part of their PSHE learning about democracy, and Year 2 will be making a virtual visit to the Buddhist Centre to complete their world faith learning in RE.



The Big Ask – finding out children's views

The Children's Commissioner for England is carrying out a large scale survey of children's views, as well as asking for parents' ideas about their children's future.

Please find time for your child to complete the simple online survey if you can. There are

different surveys for different age groups and they can all be found here: [The Big Ask](#)

Online language classes - Hola! Bonjour! Ni hao!

Speak Like a Native is all about **fun with languages** and we're delighted to offer our **online Spanish, French and Mandarin clubs** so that your children don't miss out on the opportunity to learn a language. Our online clubs are **30 minute live sessions** where all ages and abilities are welcomed. Pay just once per household.

Visit www.speaklikeanative.com/find-a-class, type 'online' into the search bar and make sure to change the drop down menu from 'in-person' to 'online'. Choose your preferred day and language and **book!** Contact help@speaklikeanative.com with any questions or for more information

Rights Respecting Schools – Article of the month

To remind parents and pupils that we are a UNICEF Rights Respecting School, we are including a different article from the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child in each month's newsletter.

Article 6 Every child has the right to life. Governments must do all they can to make sure that children survive and develop to their full potential.



Dates – please keep checking for updates

May

Monday 3rd – Bank Holiday – school closed

Tuesday 4th – Friday 7th – Y1-6 'Have your say' presentations

Monday 17th – Friday 21st PSHE week – being a good citizen/wider community

Monday 17th – Friday 21st – Walk to school week

Week beginning 24th – KS2 times table challenge this week

Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June – Half term

June

Weeks beginning 7th and 14th – Year 3 daily intensive swimming course (plus group from Year 4)

Week beginning 7th – KS2 spelling challenge this week

Wednesday 9th – class photos

Monday 14th – Friday 18th – 'Try something new' week!

Monday 14th – Wednesday 16th – Year 6 school journey – to be confirmed

Thursday 24th – whole school photo

Friday 25th and Monday 28th June – INSET days – no children in school.

Hopefully, by this point, families may be able to use this long weekend to see family and friends, but please do not ask for additional time away from school.

July

Week beginning 5th July – last after school clubs this week

Tuesday 6th, pm – Sports Day – to be confirmed

Wednesday 7th, pm – reserve Sports Day (for rain)

Thursday 8th, eve – Summer Serenade – to be confirmed

Wednesday 14th – letter home re staffing for 2021/22

Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th – Y6 production – tbc

Friday 16th – reports home to parents

Friday 23rd – children home for the summer holidays at 11.45/11.55am

September

Thursday 2nd – children back to school for Autumn term