



Christ Church School, Hampstead

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Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to the final half term of the school year. It's great to be starting to plan some of our usual end of year events, assuming that the schools' guidance changes along with other national guidance on 21st June. We are not suddenly going to revert to all our pre-COVID routines in school – we've actually learnt that some of our current routines work better in some respects. Instead, we will plan to reintroduce many of our pre-COVID routines gradually over the last few weeks of term, and some of them might not return until September. Look out for emails about any changes to the start or end of the day or any other changes that affect parents over the coming weeks.

The Friends are also gearing up to get their events back up and running – they are beginning to plan a Summer Fair for Sunday 4th July and an after school cake sale on Friday 16th July. There will be two non-uniform days in the run up to the Fair, where we ask parents and children to bring in a donation for one of the main stalls please: (Tuesday 29th June: bring a toy, Friday 2nd July: bring a bottle). Thank you in advance for all your support with the Friends and school end of term events – it will be lovely to do some things together again, hopefully!

With best wishes, Katy Forsdyke, Head teacher

Parent survey – please complete by end of 18th June

We know it's been a very different year but, like each year, we'd still like to find out parents' views about the school. Parents' views are very important to us in shaping our plans and priorities for the year ahead and, of course, we spend a great deal of time listening to children's views, too.

The survey is based on the Ofsted Parent View questions and should only take a few minutes to complete. There are 16 tick box questions and then an opportunity for parents to add any longer comments. Thank you very much for your time completing the survey – we will share a summary of the responses with the July newsletter.

You can access the survey here: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ParentsurveyJune21>

PSHE week – citizenship and supporting our community

We enjoyed a really interesting PSHE week before half term, focused on becoming good citizens and supporting our wider community. As well as lots of learning about money, careers, charities, rights, democracy and the environment, we all took part in two whole school projects to support our local community: we have created a wonderful video of songs to share with the elderly visitors and residents at Henderson Court and we all made beautiful thank you cards to be given to all the staff at the Royal Free Hospital.



Each class is also planning and putting into action their own project to support a local cause, campaign or charity – please try to get involved if you are asked to support!

The projects taking shape so far include:

- ❖ Reception have been learning about UN Peace Keepers and thinking about how they can support people to be peaceful. They even made their own blue Peace Maker badges!
- ❖ Year 2 have been thinking about food poverty locally. They wrote to our local MP asking her to raise the issue with those in government and they have organised their own class food collection for a local food bank.
- ❖ Year 4 have been inspired by one class member's 'have your say' presentation and have set up their own mini community library box outside school where people can bring and swap books. Please join in with it if you can – the box will be on Christ Church Passage.
- ❖ Year 5 are working on a project to make sure our playtime fruit waste goes into our food waste bins and is collected by the council for composting (just like our lunch time food waste).



Welcomes!

A very warm welcome to Eleanora (Y6) and Sofia (Y3) who have rejoined the school!

Welcome, also, to Mme Harris, who has recently joined us to teach French, and to Miss Iseley who is working in the school as a Teaching Assistant for the rest of this term before starting a trainee teacher role here in September.

Well-being tips

We continue to add to our simple well-being tips on our website: [Well-being tips](#)



Well-being parent workshops

Camden's mental health support team are running four online parent workshops over this half term covering:

- Managing parent and carer worries
- Managing children's worries
- Supporting transition to secondary school
- Routine and summer activities

You can find out more information and book places for any of these workshops [here](#).

Try something new week

We are all looking forward to our 'Try Something New' week later this month! Year 6 will be away trying raft building, archery, orienteering and the giant swing at school journey. In school, children will be building resilience and overcoming any anxieties about trying new things by taking part in activities such as samba drumming, skipping tricks and skateboarding!



Information and reminders



Secondary school information

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 secondary schools will be frankly answering any questions you might have about their school experience on Monday June 14th from 6 to 7pm. To register for free,

go to <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/152115506575>.

Meet the Parents will be running a similar event with families from Regent High School, Maria Fidelis, Haverstock, UCL Academy and Hampstead schools on Wednesday June 16th.

See <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/152120742235>

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 secondary schools [here](#).

2021/22 term dates

All schools have been allowed to add an additional holiday day to next year's term dates, in lieu of the additional bank holiday date for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, which is already in our half term. We have decided to add this day to our Summer 2022 half term break on Monday 6th June 2022, following on from the two national bank holiday dates (within half term) on Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd June. Children will therefore return to school after this half term break on Tuesday 7th June next year. The full term dates for next year are attached (there are some additional INSET days still to be decided).

No video/photo/messaging/games watches in school, please

Please do not send your child to school with a watch that can take photos, send messages or play games. These devices are expensive and distracting and are best played with and used at home, please! Any valuable items like these which are brought into school are brought at parents' own risk.

Children moving on

If you are planning for your child to leave Christ Church at the end of this year, please let us know as soon as possible. This really helps us to be able to offer any occasional places to those on our waiting lists.



School caps for sale

We have a limited number of red school caps with the school logo for sale (price £7.50) – if your child would like one, please contact the school office.

Camden cycle training

Camden is running free cycle training for children during the summer break on July 26, 27, 28, 29. For details and bookings: <https://www.camden.gov.uk/cycle-skills-and-bike-maintenance-courses>

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 20 If a child cannot be looked after by their family, governments must make sure that they are looked after properly by people who respect the child's religion, culture and language.



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Dates – please keep checking for updates

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 – correct uniform please!

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

Monday 14th – Wednesday 16th – Year 6 school journey

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

We hope that families may be able to use this long weekend to see family and friends, please do not ask for additional time away from school.

Tuesday 29th – non-uniform day: bring a toy for the summer fair

July

Friday 2nd – non-uniform day: bring a bottle for the summer fair

Sunday 4th, 12-2pm – Summer Fair

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

Tuesday 6th, pm – Sports Day – details 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 16th, 3.20pm – Friends cake sale

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

September

Thursday 2nd – children back to school for Autumn term