



Newsletter

17th October 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Unfortunately, the increase in coronavirus cases has now led to **London being put into the Tier 2 (high) category of restrictions**. It is more important than ever that everyone continues to follow public health advice as outlined in the attached message from Cllr Angela Mason, Camden Council Cabinet member. Also attached are some posters with graphics that you may find helpful.

At present there is little change in what happens on a day to day basis in school. There has been some talk in the press about an extended half term break however at this point in time, as far as we are aware, half term will be one week long, from **Monday, 26th to Friday, 30th October**. Should that change, we will let you know.

Public Health England has also re-issued advice on vitamin D supplements which includes children, young people and families. PHE advises that we should all consider taking a 10 microgram vitamin D supplement throughout the year in order to maintain good muscle and bone health. It is also essential for the correct functioning of the immune system. Some people have a higher risk of vitamin D deficiency. These include those:

- Who spend little time outdoors,
- With darker skin, such as people of African, African –Caribbean or South Asian origin.

For more information on PHE's updated vitamin D recommendations, please visit: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vitamins-and-minerals/vitamin-d/>

For information about food sources of vitamin D, please see <https://www.nutrition.org.uk/attachments/article/874/BNF%20Vital%20Vitamin%20D%202019.pdf>

Parent Meetings

Over the past few months there have been many firsts that we never anticipated and having parent meetings on Zoom is definitely one of them! Thank you for your quick responses to our request for your preferred time slots.

Meetings will take place on:

Monday 19th Oct – Year 5 and Year 6

Tuesday 20th Oct – Year 1 and Year 2

Wednesday 21st Oct (evening only) - All classes (Year 1 to Year 6)

Thursday 22nd Oct – Year 3 and Year 4

Please – login at least 5mins ahead of your appointment and, be sure to follow the house rules that were sent with your Zoom invitation.

Should there are any technical glitches your child's teacher will reschedule your meeting for another time.

Parent/Teacher meetings for Nursery and Reception families will take place after half term. We will be in touch about setting up Zoom appointments.

Remote learning survey

Thank you to all of those who have responded to our remote learning survey. We have had a reasonably good response with approximately two thirds of our families filling out the questionnaire. We are in the process of collating your responses. We really appreciate your comments as they are helping us to gauge the type of support you and your children will need should we need to close any bubbles or should there be another lockdown.

If you have not submitted your questionnaire as yet, it is not too late to do so. Please give your response to your child or hand it in at the gate next week.

Harvest Assembly Friday 23rd October

We had hoped to share each class's contribution to our whole school assembly on our website next week, however some children are not allowed to have their images on the website. We have therefore decided to place each class's contribution on their learning platform (Google Classroom or SeeSaw), so that parents can see their child's contribution. This will be a briefer assembly for parents than we had anticipated, however, the children will be able to see the entire assembly in school.

Please remember our '**Give a tin**' collection for harvest. Collection boxes will be at each entrance gate next week.

Science Museum Trip

As you all know, at Hawley we like to enrich your children's learning with educational visits to the many rich and accessible resources in Camden, London and beyond. Due to the coronavirus we are very much limited as to the places we can visit.

Last week Year 4 went to the Science Museum. We are very lucky that we were able to travel by coach, thanks to Toby's grandad (Y3) who gave us a fantastic rate for the coaches. Entry to the museum was free.

We were amazed to find that Year 4 were the first class to visit the museum since it re-opened, even though it had been open for a number of weeks. As the only class there, Year 4 had a fantastic visit.



Year 4 had a fantastic trip to the Science Museum. We had lots of fun learning about sound, electricity and many other areas of science. We had a great day!

The Science Museum had a handful of visitors whilst the class were there. As far as we know, many museums and galleries are open to the public and have free entry, providing you book in advance. Half term may be an ideal opportunity to book a visit, providing government guidance says that it is safe to do so.

Diary date

After half term, on Friday 6th November, our school photographer will be visiting to take individual photographs of your children. We will send out details as to how the picture can be purchased a couple weeks later. They make great Christmas pressies!

Thank you again for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

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