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September

I am sure that you have been hearing lots on the news about school return in September. I have been watching and listening with increasing concern about the lack of clarity and changing scenarios presented. We hope to hear something official in the next couple of weeks.

I can however tell parents that reducing the 2m distancing to 1m will have no effect in schools and will still only mean 15 children in a classroom as it is not possible to have the 2m rule in any of our classrooms. At the moment our children are sitting between 1m and 1.5m apart. To get 30 children back in a classroom, social distancing in schools will have to be removed altogether. There has been some talk this week that this is part of the government plan moving forward but we have not had anything official yet.

Having attended a meeting for Barnet Headteachers last week with the Barnet Director of Education and another this week with local Headteachers, it seems that all schools will have two plans which they are currently preparing for:

One plan - that all children return to school in September but in bubbles of 15 with children doing two days in school and three days home schooling. This is the model we have at Holly Park now that can be scaled up to meet this.

Another plan - that schools return back to normal with 30 children in a class and at school 5 days a week as normal.

Let's hope that we have some clarity before the summer and that it has been discussed and agreed with teaching unions and the DfE before being published.

Class Photos

Dear all,

A big thank you to all of you who sent photos for the class photos. The participation has been overwhelming with the photos of all year groups complete with almost all children and all of the staff!

We have been busy putting these together and they look beautiful. It was a time-consuming but very rewarding task. Thank you all for your participation and kind words during this process of collating the photos from the whole school!

We have organised for the photos to be available as A4 prints on photographic paper which are available for you to order through the PTA website via the link below.

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/hollyparkpta>

DEADLINE for orders is TODAY - Friday the 26th of June

Each print costs £5 which we hope you find a good value for these memorable class photos. The price is considerably lower than what normally charged for school photos and all profits go straight to our school!

There is now an added £2 frame add-on option.

We hope we receive as many orders as possible as this will help raise much needed funds for our school.

With each print order you will also receive a free high-resolution digital file for your archive or to use for ordering additional prints in the future.

You will still receive a free low-resolution digital photo as promised.

We really hope you enjoy the photos and that you support the PTA and our school by placing as many orders as possible!

If you have any questions, feel free to get in touch with Marilena at mshkavara@gmail.com

Please see a compilation of the photos below.

Best wishes,

Your PTA

Virtual Sports Day – Friday 10th July

As we won't be able to have a sports day this year, we have decided to hold a virtual sports day. We will send you a letter with a description of the events (perhaps accompanied by a photo or short video). There will be eight events. We would like children to wear sportswear in their house colours and to have a go at doing the events either in your garden or in a nearby park. Children will score a point for their house if you send a picture

in for each event they do. Therefore – IF they send in a picture of them doing all eight events then they will get 8 house points for their house. Children in school that day will be able to do the events in school. There may be extra housepoints on offer for creativity – especially for photos of parents doing an event!!!!

Learning Skill – Team Work

Team work is about the combined efforts, or the actions of a group, to achieve a common purpose or goal. Being at home during lockdown has made it almost impossible for children to do team work with their class mates and people in school. The task this week was to do some team work to re-create this famous picture by choosing one square to colour in and putting it all together to make one team picture. We have been able to create three complete different vases of sunflowers. They look rather good!







Inset Day Change in July

In our original calendar, we have an Inset day on Friday 10th July - which was originally there for a specific reason. With Lockdown that reason has now gone and means that children in Bubble B miss a day. We have checked with Barnet and have decided to move that Inset day to Tuesday 21st July (which would have been the last day. The last day of our Key Worker Hub will be Friday 17th July and this will be the last day for any year group bubbles coming into school. Monday 20th July will be a home schooling day for everybody. There will be home learning activities on the website as normal. These will be very much rounding off the year activities,

reflecting back and making wishes for the future. On Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st July staff will be in school preparing for September – hoping that we have had some guidance by then about September. The children will have had 190 days of education provided and the school will have had its official 5 Inset days.

Collecting PE Kits and Books

We realise that many parent would like their child's PE kits back to wash and to see if they still fit. We also need to send home the exercise books that we have for this academic year. We need to send them home in the safest way possible.

We are therefore asking you to come and collect on **Wednesday 15th July**.

This is a quiet day in school as only the HUB children are in school.

Class teachers will come to school at 9am and put out the books in piles and the PE kits on the floor. Each year group will then be given a time slot throughout the day to come and collect the kits and books.

For Health and safety reasons we can ONLY offer this day.

We cannot keep PE kit and books or put them aside if you have already left for holiday etc

If you cannot attend on this day because you are working or are on holiday, then please make arrangements for a friend, relative or neighbour to collect.

Only one person may enter the school grounds to collect.

All books and PE kits that are not collected on this day will need to be disposed of so that the school can be thoroughly cleaned over the holiday. They will be disposed of at the end of the day on 15th JULY.

Please do come and collect. Times for each year group will be given nearer the time.

Class Mix Ups For Next Year - Reception, Year 2 and Year 4

As you will know, it is now our well-established practice to reallocate the children in our Reception, Year 2 and Year 4 classes and create new classes for the start of the next academic year. This has always been a very successful move, and the vast majority of parents agree that it was very positive for the children. Due to the unprecedented situation we are in this year, we have been discussing whether we will leave the children in the groups they are already in or if in fact we will still mix them up. Under normal circumstances, we have very good reason for doing this. Because this year has been so unusual and children have been away from school and from each other for so long, we have decided that the children need stability when they return in September. They will have new teachers and be in new classrooms so we think that they do not need the additional change of being mixed up. In addition, we would normally consider friendships and try out the new groupings to see if they work. Obviously, we are not able to do this now. For these reasons, we have decided not to mix the children up this year. They will remain as they are as they move to their next year group. We may however decide to mix them up at the end of next year.

New Teachers For September 2020

We are in the process of making final decisions about who will teach which class in September. As normal the children will find out their new teacher for September in the last full week of this term.

Saying Goodbye To Current Class Teachers

There will be an opportunity for the children from current Year one to Year 6 to say goodbye to their current teachers on a live chat. This will be via Google Meet. The children from Y2 to Y6 have a Google Classroom log in so this is easy to do. The teachers will decide on a date and time for the 'Meet' The children then just need to log in. This will be an opportunity for the children to say goodbye.

In terms of its security, Google Meet is exclusively facilitated by the teacher in charge of the Google Classroom. No student is able to create their own meet, nor are they able to continue chatting or login again, once the session has finished. Should they try to do so, they will be met with a 'session has expired' message.

Accessibility is extremely simple. Once the teacher is ready to begin a session, they will share a link which appears on the home stream of Google Classroom - top left hand corner, entitled 'Meet link' . The children simply need to click on the link which will then connect them to the meet, using their laptop/desktop camera and microphone. The teacher can mute all participants and can remove children from the 'Meet' if their behaviour is not acceptable. Nearer the time you will all be sent some expectations to follow when attending a Google Meet. Children are able to join the meet on an iPhone/iPad, however they will need both Google Classroom and Google Meet downloaded from the app store.

Children in current Y1 will be given a Google log in in the next week or so as their teachers want them to become familiar with it in case it is needed in September.

Children in Reception and nursery will receive a video from the staff saying goodbye to them.

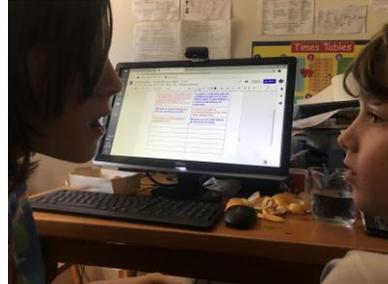
The goodbyes will happen between Monday 14th July and Thursday 17th July.

Saying Hello to New Teachers and Classrooms

In the last few days of the summer term, the children normally get to meet their new teacher in their new classroom. Obviously this year, this is not possible. We have therefore decided that the children will get to meet their new teachers via a video and also get a tour around their new classroom. We decided that it would be rather awkward for children and staff to meet together via video live for the first time. As a staff we discussed this and decided a video was best. The new teacher will make a short video about themselves that will be on the website on Friday 18th July.

Co-operation

The definition of cooperation is people working together to achieve results or people helping each other out to achieve a common goal. In schools we need children to co-operate all the time. We asked the children to think about activities they could do with someone else at home that are about co-operation e.g Wash the car together, wash and dry dishes together, make a bed together, hang out the washing together, set the table together, empty the dishwasher together, clean the house together, empty and put away shopping together, gardening together, fold the washing together, cooking together. We asked the children to take a photograph of themselves and someone else in their house doing an activity that shows they are co-operating together.





Raising Money For A Good Cause

Last week, Talia and her brother Zakk wore flowers to their zoom dance classes every evening to raise money for brain tumour research. They are still taking classes every night, even being back at school. Talia has 7 classes a week at the moment rehearsing for a zoom show. They raised a lovely amount of money and are still accepting donations if anyone would like to donate.

