



Welcome back!

We hope you have all had a good break (if you've had one). The holidays flew by and beach days are a distant memory; however, the children all seem refreshed, revitalised and rearing to go and we have an exciting autumn term ahead. A very warm welcome is extended to all our new children and their parents and carers, we look forward to getting to know you as you become part of the Muswell Hill Primary community.

We have been kicking off the term with Meet the Teacher meetings where the curriculum this year will be discussed – indeed some of these have already taken place. If you are not able to attend the meetings all of the information discussed will be posted on the website so you can access it there.



The KS1 and KS2 Halls have been decorated in a more modernist theme and the amazing parquet flooring given another new lease of life.

The work on the main KS2 playground is about two weekends away from completion. We are awaiting additional final dates to resolve any snagging issues and for some shredding of vegetation and removal of rotting timber structures in the nature/pond area.

We have two members of staff who are being trained as Forest School practitioners; Kathy Hammond completed her initial training over the summer. We hope to be holding Forest School sessions in the grounds in the not too distant future.

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Just a reminder



**This school is NUT-FREE.
Thank you for keeping our
children safe!**



There are a number of children in school who may have an anaphylactic reaction to nuts and/or peanuts. It is for this reason that we are a nut-free school and ask all parents and carers not to bring nuts/peanuts or any products which may contain nuts into school either in packed lunches or as snacks.

We are very grateful for your co-operation.

Exciting curriculum enhancements this year

As part of our agenda to create memorable and creative experiences for our children we are aiming to run Forest School sessions as previously mentioned. In addition, Year 4 will be learning a musical instrument – either the violin or the guitar; Year 3 children will be taking part in dance choreography; the Year 6 children will soon be going on their school journey to the Isle of Wight and the whole school will be preparing for an exhibition of their work at Alexandra Palace in November – keep an eye on future newsletters for more information about this event.

Steve McQueen Exhibition at the Tate

Turner Prize-winning artist and Oscar-winning filmmaker Steve McQueen will unveil his epic portrait of London's Year 3 pupils in an exhibition at Tate Modern in November. Last year's Year 3 children will be visiting on 25 November. "This vast new art work will be one of the most ambitious visual portraits of citizenship ever undertaken, in one of the world's largest and most diverse cities."

Explored through the vehicle of the traditional school class photograph, Steve McQueen, together with Tate, Artangel and A New Direction, invited every Year 3 primary school class in London to be photographed. These class photos are to be brought together into a single large-scale installation, capturing tens of thousands of Year 3 schoolchildren in a milestone year in their development.

The exhibition will be free to visit, with families warmly welcomed at weekends and in the holidays. During the week priority will be given to schools who took part in the project.

Girls' football tournament success



In our last newsletter we wrote about the girls' performance in a recent football tournament.

We are delighted to tell you that they have now been awarded the winner's trophy after a selection irregularity disqualified the original winning team.

The girls received their medals at an assembly this week and Muswell Hill Primary has another cup for the trophy shelves!

Many congratulations to all who played.

Breakfast Club and Muswell After-School Club (MASC)

Following the expansion of both the Breakfast and After-School Clubs we have reduced the waiting lists for both these provisions and the children are enjoying a variety of activities in both clubs. We will be reviewing these provisions and looking at the possibility of expanding them further after half-term.

We have attached with this newsletter another copy of the other after-school activities listing; please contact the providers directly for details of availability and cost etc. There are a few places still available in many of the clubs.

The school gates now open at 8.45am in the mornings

Following on from the previous information about the Breakfast Club expansion please note that we are not opening the school gates until 8.45am each morning; this is to ensure the safety of all the children at Breakfast Club and we really appreciate your co-operation in not trying to enter the school before this time. Sometimes the Dukes Avenue gate is opened to let in a member of staff or visitors and parents follow on in. Please don't come in before 8.45am; if you arrive earlier please be patient and wait outside until the gates are officially opened by Graham, our Site Manager.

Thank you very much for helping keep all our children safe.

New timetable for the school day

The children are getting used to a slightly different school day.

In the mornings children in KS2 (Years 3 to 6) now have a 30 minute break during which time they will be encouraged to be active, to play games, eat fruit and socialise. Years 3 and 4 will have their break together and Years 5 and 6 will have theirs together at a different time. This will give everyone more room to play and make best use of the KS2 playground.

During the lunch break Years 1 to 6 will have their lunch between 12.15 and 1.15. This will enable us to provide a family lunch service for the Reception Children between 11.45 and 12.15.

This term the Year 3 children will have lunch with their Year 6 buddies as part of their transition to KS2 and Years 4 and 5 will sit together to develop and broaden relationships across year groups.

When the Meet the Teacher meetings have all finished we will post class timetables on the website.

GDPR requirements/checking of personal data

Parents/carers of children in Years 1 to 6 will soon receive a hard copy print out of the details we hold for you on our systems. Please check these carefully and notify us of any changes as soon as possible. It is particularly important that we have at least TWO emergency contact numbers for each child in the school – please check that you have provided us with these. Please also remember to tell us if you move; change your telephone number or your email address. Reception parents/carers have recently provided us with their personal details but please don't forget to let us know if anything has changed.

Biscuit Stalls on Friday

There will no longer be biscuit stalls on Fridays; this will be replaced in due course by a healthy 'tuck shop' run as an enterprise scheme by Year 6 children.

Dates for your diaries

Please follow this link to dates that were provided in previous newsletter:

<https://muswellhillprimary.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/JUNE-NEWSLETTER-ISSUE-NO.-13.pdf>

The following dates were recently sent to you but are included again for your information – please note the date for the children to see a Christmas show was incorrect in the original send – it should have read Wednesday 11 December (not the 12 December), apologies for this error, it has been corrected below.

Friday 20 September 2019

Year 6 (and siblings) Individual Class Photographs being taken

Friday 27 September 2019

Reception to Year 5 (and siblings) Individual Class Photographs being taken

Tuesday 15 October 2019

9.10am Year 3 and Year 4 children present a Poetry Recital for parents (approx. 20 minutes)

Wed 16 October 2019

9.10am Year 5 and Year 6 children present a Poetry Recital for parents (approx. 20 minutes)

5.30pm in KS2 Hall Maths Parent Workshop – Maths Mastery Explanations
(repeated the next day at 9.00am)

Thurs 17 October 2019

9.00am in KS2 Hall Maths Parent Workshop – Maths Mastery Explanations
(this is the same workshop as the previous day, repeated so parents are offered a choice of times)

Friday 18 October 2019

9.10am Year 1 and Year 2 children present a Poetry Recital for parents (approx. 20 minutes)

Tues 29 October 2019

PSA event – Fireworks Night - details will be sent from the PSA in due course

Thursday 31 October 2019

Halloween – children invited to dress up

Wed 6 November 2019 and Thurs 7 November 2019

9.00am – 9.30am - Child-led visits to child's classroom so they can show parents/carers their work
4.00pm – 6.30pm - Parent Consultations – parents/carers will be offered a 10-minute slot with the class teacher, when the booking system goes live you will receive an email

Date in November to be confirmed – Ally Pally Festival of Light – school exhibition in the East Wing

Thurs 21 November 2019

PSA event – Night Christmas market 6.00-9.30pm – details will be sent from the PSA in due course

Sat 7 December 2019

PSA event – Winter Fair – details will be sent from the PSA in due course

Wed 11 December 2019

Reception classes to Year 3 – the children will attend a pantomime at school

Years 4 to 6 – the children will attend an ice-skating show at Alexandra Palace

Tuesday 17 December 2019 and Wednesday 18 December 2019

Christmas Shows – children's show for parents – colours classes on 17th and jewel classes on 18th

Thurs 19 December 2019 – last day of term – Carol Concert (to be confirmed) children finish at 1.00pm

On the final page we have included a calendar giving the 2019-20 term dates.

MUSWELL HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Haringey Council return to school date is:
Wednesday 2 September 2020

The school will have TAD days which will be added as soon as we know.



TAD (No school for pupils)



HOLIDAY



Public (Bank) Holiday