

Muswell Hill Primary School

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A warm welcome back to all parents/carers and children – we are really enjoying seeing you all again and are amazed at how well the children have settled into school and have embraced the new procedures in a very positive and collaborative fashion.

Forest School can start again!



We are delighted to let you know that the remedial work in the forest area has been completed by Haringey's contractors and we will soon be able to start Forest School again. We also have some new fencing along the side of the playground so it's looking very smart! Wildflower seeds will be planted this autumn.

Other good news:

Year 5 – we are waiting for the swimming pool to re-open for schools but we hope that Year 5 will start their swimming lessons on Friday afternoons in the next few weeks. The aim is for our staff to take them there instead of them going home at 12.30pm.

Year 4 – we are currently working out the logistics but we hope to start whole class guitar and violin lessons in the week beginning 21st September 2020.

MASC and Breakfast Club

We will be reviewing how these clubs have been working at the end of next week. We are hoping there will be the possibility of looking at our waiting lists and increasing numbers. Please make sure you have applied for a place if you are interested.

After-School Activities

Regrettably we have taken the decision not to run any outside provider after-school activities this half term; this is because of logistics, space and the required stringent cleaning regimes in school. We will review this before the second half of term. We are currently investigating the possibility of running some school sports clubs with the Kickabout Team before then and will keep you informed of our progress.

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Important reminder

We are a NUT FREE school - this means that ANY sort of nut – including peanuts – should NOT be brought into school – i.e. nut butters, bars, sandwiches or anything that contains any traces of nut. We have a number of children and staff who are anaphylactic and it is vital that we remain totally nut free.

Thank you for your cooperation in ensuring the safety of the school environment.

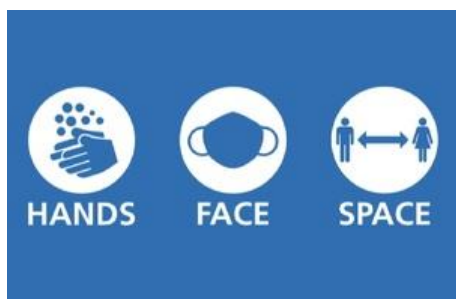
Year 6 Secondary and Primary School Applications

Please don't forget that applications for Haringey Secondary Schools (for children starting September 2021) should be made online by **31 October 2020** and, if you have younger children, the closing date for primary school applications is **15 January 2021**. Visit the website below for further information.

<https://www.haringey.gov.uk/children-and-families/schools-and-education/school-admissions>

School Re-opening Risk Assessment

We will be posting this on the school website next week. Our IT technician left over the summer and we have a replacement starting next week so we will be able to start posting information on the website again when he has settled in.



New government campaign

Please follow the link below for full details of the new campaign to prevent the spread of the corona virus this winter.

https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-campaign-to-prevent-spread-of-coronavirus-indoors-this-winter?utm_source=10%20September%202020%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campaign=DfE%20C19

Clarification: year group emails

The year group emails should only be used for teaching and learning and pastoral needs queries as only the teachers and AHTs can access them. Please don't use them to notify us of illness, changes in collection, breakfast and after-school club queries, requests for absence, changes to lunch requirements etc. These must be sent to the office@muswell-hill.haringey.sch.uk email which we access from 8.00am each day. Thank you very much.

Key dates for this term

We have tried really hard to maintain as many of our key events and opportunities for contact between you and the staff this Autumn term.

Mandi is meeting the PSA next week and will be looking at event options and ideas, we will share these with you in the next newsletter.

When the Senior Leadership Team were planning all of the events back in August, we thought that we would be able to invite you into a class 'sharing ensemble' – thinking an audience of 30 was acceptable. However, as of Monday the 'Rule of 6' becomes law and we now need to await clarity and guidance on school events. If this law impacts on schools, we will still do the class events but we will film them using the other 'bubble' class as their audience. We will then share the film with you.

If we are able to perform 'live' we will provide each child with one ticket – on the proviso that a gathering of 30 is permissible. Work from the term, the Poetry Recital, Black History Month and our Winter/Christmas Show will all be included.

You will also see that the plan is for us to live stream our Carol Concert with pre-recorded singing. We may need some tech help here to layer each group, but we'll cross that bridge when we come to it.

For the Parent/Carer Consultation evenings you will be able to attend in person or you can choose to zoom the class teacher within the correct time slot. If you attend you will enter/exit from the classroom doors, be asked to wear a mask, use hand sanitizer and socially distance but you will be able to look at your child's books and discuss them face to face.

The key dates are as follows:

Week beginning: Mon 14 September	Meet the Teachers video and Home Learning to be sent to parents/carers
Sat 19/Sun 20 September	Rosh Hashanah
Mon 28 September	Yom Kippur
Tues 29 September	Ashura
Thurs 1 October	National Poetry Day, theme is VISION Black History Month starts
Sunday 4 October	Sukkot
Tues 20 October	Flu vaccinations – Reception to Year 6 (further details will follow)
Wed 11 November	Armistice Day
Sat 14 November	Diwali
Tues 17 and Thurs 19 November	Parent Consultation Dates (further information nearer the time appointments made online)
Week commencing: Mon 16 November	Anti-Bullying Week

Tues 1 December	Year 6 Winter Festival/Assembly either 10.00am or 2.00pm (further details to follow – now likely to be video – applies to all years – see below)
Wed 2 December	Year 5 Winter Festival/Assembly either 10.00am or 2.00pm (further details to follow)
Thurs 3 December	Year 4 Winter Festival/Assembly either 10.00am or 2.00pm (further details to follow)
Mon 7 December	Year 3 Winter Festival/Assembly either 10.00am or 2.00pm (further details to follow)
Tues 8 December	Year 2 Winter Festival/Assembly either 10.00am or 2.00pm (further details to follow)
Wed 9 December	Year 1 Winter Festival/Assembly either 10.00am or 2.00pm (further details to follow)
Thurs 10 December	Reception Winter Festival/Assembly either 10.00am or 2.00pm (further details to follow)
Thursday 10 December	Hannukah
Mon 14 December	Carol service – live streaming to parents, recorded carols and live readings
Friday 19 December	End of term

Note from Mandi

Thanks for all your patience and collaboration this week. Thank you also to those of you who have suggested ideas for improvements. We will tweak things further next week, we have some ideas about collection for Year 5 and KS1 but we will share them on Monday ready for Tuesday – this allows us to brief all staff on Monday.

Enjoy the sunshine.

Mandi