

NEWSLETTER

Moving Forward Together

It was a pleasure to take part in our first virtual assemblies today. **It is so important that we keep safe yet connected!** We launched with the very special **Star of Week Assembly!** Every class in KS2 and then KS1 took part. We all had fun waving to each other and learning how to work the technology! The united theme was that our very special stars were not only active and respectful learners, but also caring friends. We also talked about how resilient all of the children had been since their return to school. These **'big conversations'** are so important to **unite us a school** so we can learn together and celebrate our achievements.



Thank you to all parents and carers who went online to attend the **'Meet the Team' meetings this week.** We had a really good turnout! See **page 4** of this newsletter for information to access the presentations on the website.

World Health Week

World Health Week takes place from the 21st to the 27th September. We will be learning about our physical and mental health and championing our right to be healthy. The children and staff will take part in **fitness PE lessons and there will lots of activities at playtime get us in shape!** We will be promoting walking or cycling to school in support of **World Car Free Day on Tuesday 23rd September** (see page details on page 4) so please bring locks to secure your bikes! The children will also be reflecting on their well-being in lessons and nominating **Physical Well-being Ambassadors** for each class.



Thank you for following the social distancing guidance at the beginning and the end of the school day. It is important that we all remain vigilant and comply with the restrictions. **The weekly Camden COVID update** is attached to this newsletter and further guidance can be found on page 2 of this newsletter.

Have a lovely weekend.

Helen

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Calendar

TERM DATES AUTUMN 2020

- **Tuesday 13th October**
- Individual School Photos
- **Friday 23rd October**
- INSET/ Teacher Training Day
- **AUTUMN HALF TERM**
- Monday 26th - Friday 30th October
- **Tuesday 17th November**
- Sibling School Photos (provisionally booked)
- **Friday 18th December**
- END OF TERM

Attendance

Whole school attendance this week was 87%, we know that this was many due to illnesses.

Please remember that if your child is well they should be in school.



Happy Rosh Hashanah



Don't forget to sign up and follow us on Parent Hub - a fantastic social media communications system.

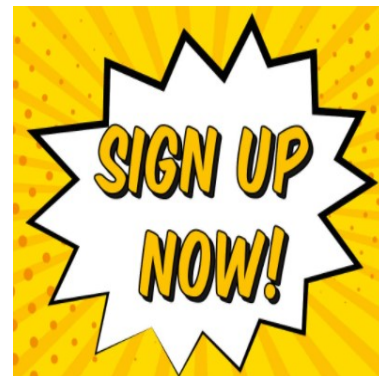
Download now the app for **FREE** from the app store or google play.

All our school letters and this newsletter will soon just be sent through Parent Hub and not through Parent Pay

(which will be just for making payments).



Through Parent Hub, you will receive updates on your child's class, the whole school and you can also receive free private message regarding your child. You will also receive zoom links for your child's virtual assemblies in the second half of this term, as well as lovely photos of your child's day-to-day school life.



Parent Hub works just like other social media platforms, such as Twitter or Facebook. We aim to use it as such to give you up-to-date instant notifications and important announcements.



We currently have only 51% of you using the app. Without registering for the app, you will miss important information, such as emergency school closures and COVID Notifications.

If you need help registering, please call see Issue 28 issued on Friday 19th June of our newsletter for a step by step guide. <https://www.brecknock.camden.sch.uk/parents/newsletters/>

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APP COVERAGE

51%

181 / 358

Dropping Off and Picking Up

We kindly ask parents and carers to adhere to the rules when it comes to dropping off your children in the morning and collecting them at the end of the day.

We ask that it is **one adult/ person** collecting your child, not 3 or 4, because social distancing is then not possible. **If you do come with additional people, they will need to remain off the school premises and away from the school gates/doors.**

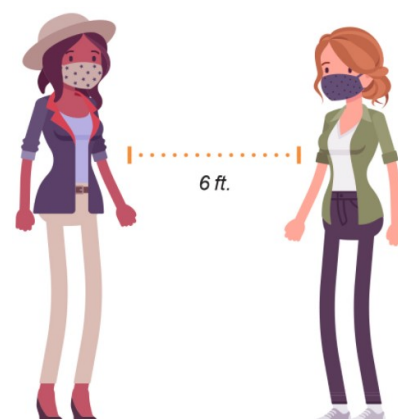
We kindly ask that you do not stop to chat to other parents on the school grounds or block the school entrances. **If you find that you do need to have a chat, please move away from the gates, to the other side of the road.** Please do not gather in the playground either - please line up and keep a 2metre gap between other parents/carers.

Please be reminded that you can not park outside the black gates on York Way, you risk getting a ticket from traffic wardens. Camden Council are trying to encourage as many people as possible to walk to school with their children. Whilst we know that some of you lie further afield, you must not park up and block the road or the school gates.

Please be reminded that parents must not walk through the playground to visit the school office, you will need to walk around the school and buzz for the office on the Cliff Villa entrance.

No parents are allowed in the school office unless you have a pre-booked meeting.

But THANK YOU to everyone for getting better and making the effort to have a smooth system. We really do appreciate it.



School Photos

As you know this school year has brought a lot of changes, due to COVID restrictions and the need to be socially distant. We are trying to continue with as many normal yearly activities as possible, even though some maybe virtual. One we will still have are school photos.



Due to restrictions, we will only be, at first, having individual photos. That way the seat can be cleaned in-between each bubble. These will take place on Tuesday 13th October.

The photographers have asked us to pass on the message that this year paper proofs will not be sent home and that they too are now completely cashless. Orders will be taken online only.

Each photographer has had extensive training to ensure that they are 100% COVID compliant.

We have provisionally booked a sibling photo day for November 17th, as long as this can be carried out safely.

Secondary School Transfer



All Secondary School Transfer applications must be completed by the 31st October 2020.

All Year 6 children should have received the Camden Guide to Secondary School booklet, which outlines all the different Camden secondary schools and provides all the necessary information for completing the application.

It is also currently available to download at:

<https://www.camden.gov.uk/ccm/navigation/education/camden-schools/secondarieschools/secondary-admissions/>

On the school website there is a PowerPoint presentation with useful information about getting the best result for you from the process. You can find it in **Parents and Letters**.

Tiggy will be available in school to provide advice and support with the application process. If you would like assistance in completing the application or have any questions regarding this transition process, please book an appointment to meet with Tiggy.

La Sainte Union School

La Sainte Union School : Open Mornings for Year 7 Admission September 2021

La Sainte Union is an inclusive school and the Governing Body welcomes applications from girls of all faiths.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, they have had to close registration for our Open Evening on 24 September because they have reached the maximum permitted numbers.

However, they will be providing virtual open morning sessions. Their Headteacher, Mrs Fegan, and student ambassadors, will be speaking and taking questions. All the information is available on their website and below is the link to the registration form:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=i6DOHvhZKk-eF_kAcqPBW7eR5i4ma6dNiA76sp6zQa5UNIiWVDJSSIFIU1ZEMFZSWkZUNFVDUIo1Ti4u



Meet The Teacher

A big thank you to all you parents and carers who attended the 'Meet The Teacher' meetings this week.

All presentations will be uploaded to the website can be found in the "Children" section of the website in the relevant year group.

There are two more to take place next week:

Wednesday 23rd September - Reception @ 4pm

Thursday 24th September - Nursery @ 4pm

Zoom links will be sent out on the morning of these meetings, via Parent Hub.



Lock It Up

As from *Monday 21st September*, it is essential for all children to bring a lock for their bikes.

There are signs to remind you that all property is left at your own risk.



SCOOTERS AND BIKES ARE
LEFT HERE AT THE OWNERS OWN RISK.

Please **lock** up your own
property.



World Car Free Day

Tuesday 22nd September is World Car Free Day, when all around the world, towns and cities allow people to experience streets free of motor traffic.

We challenge you to travel to and from school by walking, scooting, cycling or skating. Save you lungs and strengthen your body by travelling to school actively! Send a picture of your car free journey to h.wedmore@brecknock.camden.sch.uk and we will celebrate you on the school website.

<https://www.livingstreets.org.uk/about-us/our-work-in-action/world-car-free-day>



NO CARS ALLOWED

Please remember, as announced in last week's newsletter, that Cliff Villas between the hours of 0800-0915 and 1500-1600 is car free.

Please note that an Automatic Number Plate Recognition camera at the junction with Camden Park Road is operation.

Free Cycle Training

Camden is partnering with Lime to offer free cycle training sessions to parents on Monday 21st of September.

Lime will be providing free bikes the day-of, and discounts for further rides to participants. A limited amount of helmets will also be given away courtesy of Lime.

To Book please email richard.riddle@camden.gov.uk



Healthy School Streets - Brecknock Primary School

JOIN LIME IN CAMDEN FOR FREE URBAN SKILLS CYCLE TRAINING - PARENTS AND STAFF ALL WELCOME

Location, Dates and Booking

21 Sept @ Cliff Villas, NW1 - Brecknock School
Times: 09:00-10:15, 10:30-11:45, 12:30-13:45
To book email: Richard.Riddle@camden.gov.uk
Meeting Point: Cliff Villas

