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# Kentish Town C of E Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back for the autumn term. I hope you have all had a great summer with some time to relax and enjoy some sunshine! September is a busy month with lots going on and settling children in will be our key priority.

### Lorraine Benfield



With great sadness, I have to tell you that Lorraine died on Friday 30th August. Lorraine had been unwell during last year, although she continued working in Ash class until December of 2023. While receiving treatment, Lorraine continued to organise clubs from home, including securing funding to enable Summer Club to go ahead. Lorraine had worked with us since 2005 and she was passionate about children learning to read. Lorraine also believed in children's access to high quality play provision. There is a book of condolences in the main entrance to our school where you can leave messages if you wish. I will pass this book to Lorraine's husband in time. I will be talking to the children in an assembly later this week.

Lorraine will be sorely missed by our school community; she was an exceptional person, an excellent practitioner and a joy to work with.

### Meet the New Teacher Meetings

Mon 9th September: 9am Ash (Hall) and Willow (Lab) Meet the Teacher

Tues 10th September: 9am Cedar (Hall) and Sycamore (Lab) Meet the Teacher

Weds 11th September: 9am Chestnut (Hall) and Beech (Lab) Meet the Teacher

Please try to attend these meetings where teachers will introduce themselves, give you an overview of the curriculum and classroom routines as well as answering any questions you may have.

There will be a meeting for Oak and Acorns parents once all children have started school in those year groups.

### New Staff

We welcome several new Teaching Assistants to our team: Fateha, Cherelle and Stephanie. Valon also joins us PE Coach and Teaching Assistant.

### Polling Day — Thursday 5th September

We are open as normal on Thursday 5th September. As we have done on occasion in the past, we will allow electoral services to use the Science Lab which can be accessed via the gate close to Cedar class. The internal Lab door will be locked and access to the school site will be restricted so members of the public and children will not have any contact. This arrangement has worked successfully in the past and as this is a small local election for a Camden councillor, a large turn out is not expected.

For your clarity, we were approached about the use of a space for polling after the end of the summer term in July.

### Ofsted

Our Ofsted inspection outcome is likely to be released this week and I will share this with you as soon as I am able to do so.

### Breast Cancer Now

Pam is fundraising for the above charity and if you would like to donate please visit her [JustGiving Page](#).

Best wishes,

James Humphries - Headteacher

