



# PARK HILL JUNIOR SCHOOL

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RESPECTFUL - KIND - RESILIENT - RIGOROUS - ASPIRATIONAL



5<sup>th</sup> November 2018

## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Welcome back to the second half of the term! The term which includes lots of celebrations like Diwali, Hanukkah and Christmas!

We will also be checking the children's knowledge and understanding of what they have been learning this term on the week beginning 19<sup>th</sup> of November.

We are very proud of all the children's achievement and celebrate everyone's effort in our bid for all children to be the 'best they can be!'

The 5Rs (Respectful, Resilient, Resourceful, Reflective & Relationships) permeate everything we do.

Thank you for working with us to ensure your children achieve what we know they are capable of.

**Ann Pratt**  
Headteacher

## MATHS AND SCIENCE WEEK

It was wonderful to end the first Autumn term with our fun-filled Maths and Science Week. Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics were all brought to life by the different investigations and practical activities we had and also by the amazing visitors we organised. The week culminated in a fabulous celebration assembly whereby the children shared their learning and their highlights of the week with the rest of the school and we all

We hope the children shared their experiences with you and that it has provided them with some inspiration and ambition for their future.

We would also like to say thank you to every parent and carer who provided different resources during the week and also contributed on ParentPay, as without this support we would struggle to run weeks like this. Our thanks to Miss Turner and Mr McCabe for organising this stimulating week. We look forward to the next one!

## ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

*At Park Hill Juniors we value your input on ensuring your children are in school on time and every day*

**5 Minutes** late each day means 3 days lost per academic year

**10 Minutes** late each day means 6.5 days lost per academic year

**15 Minutes** late each day means 10 days lost per academic year

**20 minutes** late per day means 13 days lost per academic year

**30 minutes** lost each day means 19 days lost per academic year

Please give your child a good start to the day and the best opportunities for learning!

**Congratulations to 5G and 5F who had the highest attendance percentage last week.**

**Congratulations also to 3P and 3I with no lates!**

Class	%	No of late arrivals
3G	92.7	4
3P	96.3	0
3I	93.7	0
4L	95.5	3
4K	95.8	3
4M	95.2	5
5A	94.8	2
5G	98.4	1
5F	98.4	3
6H	96.7	1
6M	94.2	2
6E	97.5	1

## PHSA FIREWORKS

A huge Thank You to the Park Hill School's Association for hosting the Annual Fireworks Extravaganza on the school field on Friday night. The event was a big success! Thank you to our supportive staff members and all who attended.

**FREE SCHOOL MEALS: ARE YOU MISSING OUT?** Every year we have a few children who are eligible for free school meals (FSM) miss out as an application has not been made. Hopefully you have completed a FSM form and are already in the process of finding out if you are eligible. You may not realise that this application needs to be made each academic year your child is in the school. This is particularly important for those children joining the school for the first time. If you qualify for FSM, then the school also qualifies to receive £1,320 additional funding to further enhance the learning experience of your child. For further information and the Croydon online application form visit:

[https:// www.croydon.gov.uk/education/schools-new/free-school-meals](https://www.croydon.gov.uk/education/schools-new/free-school-meals) Alternatively, you are welcome to visit the School Office and complete a form with assistance from the staff

#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2<sup>nd</sup> Nov - PHSA Fireworks  
5<sup>th</sup> Nov – Y5 Langley Vale trip  
7<sup>th</sup> Nov – Diwali Celebration Day  
8<sup>th</sup> Nov – Trust Training Day – **School closed to pupils**. Play Day places available.  
9<sup>th</sup> Nov – UK Parliament Day  
12<sup>th</sup> Nov – Keeping your Child Safe from Predators 6.30-7.30pm for parents and carers (not suitable for children to attend)  
14<sup>th</sup> Nov – Y5 and Y6 cinema trip  
21<sup>st</sup> Nov – Open Day for Y2 Parents 9.15-10am and 2.45-3.30pm  
26<sup>th</sup> Nov – Flu Immunisations for Y3,4,5  
26<sup>th</sup> Nov - Y4-6 Maths Parents Workshop 6-7pm  
28<sup>th</sup> Nov – Y4-6 Maths Parents Workshop 9:15– 10:15am  
6<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas Dress Rehearsals  
7<sup>th</sup> Dec – PHSA Christmas Fair  
10<sup>th</sup> Dec - Group A Christmas Concert 1.30pm  
11<sup>th</sup> Dec - Group B Christmas Concert 1.30pm  
13<sup>th</sup> Dec - Group A Christmas Concert 1.30pm  
14<sup>th</sup> Dec - Group B Christmas Concert 1.30pm  
18<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas lunch and hat making  
19<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas Disco 5.45 – 7pm (NB. **all** children **must** be collected by an adult)  
20<sup>th</sup> Dec – Last day of term  
21<sup>st</sup> Dec – Trust Training Day. School closed to Pupils. Play Day places available.

#### DROP-INS

The next Headteacher drop-in session will be on **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November at 3.45pm** in the school hall.  
All parents and carers are welcome to attend.

#### KEEPING YOUR CHILD SAFE FROM PREDATORS

On Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November we have an expert on Internet Safety visiting the school to run a parent/carers' information session. We would urge all parents/carers to attend if they can. Our experience is that all children are exposed to these dangers. Please note that this session is not suitable for children to attend.

#### EXCITING NEWS FOR YEAR 3

Every Year 3 class across the capital has been invited to take part in one of the largest group portraits ever made and to see their class photograph among thousands of others in a vast exhibition at the prestigious Tate Britain in central London.

Our school is delighted to be a part of this and is excited about seeing our Year 3 classes photographs become part of one of the most compelling British artworks of our time. As part of the project, a photographer from Tate is coming to school on the 18<sup>th</sup> November to take a class photograph of our Year 3 pupils whose parents have given consent.

After the class photograph has been taken, it will appear as part of the free public exhibition at Tate Britain from November 2019 until May 2020 along with thousands of other class photographs from primary schools London-wide. You will have the opportunity to visit the exhibition and our school will keep you informed of our involvement in the project and how you can take part.

#### ST MATTHEW'S CHURCH CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

We are delighted that children from Park Hill have once again been invited to participate in the Christmas Tree festival and we will be decorating our own Park Hill Junior School Christmas tree. Children will be making decorations at school and then 12 children will decorate the tree after school on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November. Do pop in and see all the trees!

#### THE BOOK FAIR IS COMING!

The book fair will be running from Monday the 5<sup>th</sup> November for one week.

Come and see us in the atrium after school every day to see the fantastic range of books for all ages and all interests. A good opportunity to get some of that Christmas shopping under way!

Don't forget to look at the Park Hill 100 books in the children's learning planners too! <http://www.phjs.co.uk/100-books-to-read/>

#### HOLIDAY PLAY SCHEME & PLAY DAYS

When the school is closed for holidays we operate a holiday play scheme (except Christmas week) between 8am and 6pm. The day is split into sessions of 'free play,' 'structured activities' such as arts and crafts and sports sessions. Children who attend are required to bring a packed lunch. However, children who remain all day are offered a light snack after 4pm. Places are limited and allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

On staff training days the school operates Play Days where children from the Junior School can come to school from 9-3.30pm to play with their friends and participate in fun activities.

#### CONTACT DETAILS

From time to time we need to contact parents/carers in the case of an emergency.

Please ensure our school office have **two** up-to-date emergency

Breakfast and After Schools club operate as normal on these days.  
For further details, or to book a place, please contact Helen McCarthy on 07960610393

contact numbers for  
your child.

### HARVEST THANK YOU

Our harvest assembly went very well last week. Thank you very much to all those who donated goods for our chosen charities. Night Watch and Purley Food Hub have now received all the donations and pass on their heartfelt thanks.

### MUSIC LESSONS IN SCHOOL

If you would like your child to have music lessons at school on piano, keyboard, recorder, violin, guitar, trumpet, trombone, euphonium, saxophone, flute or clarinet, then please see the contact details below for the music teachers or contact Mrs Cooper via the school office for further information.

**Piano, keyboard, recorder, saxophone:** Mrs M.C Gordon [middle\\_c@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:middle_c@hotmail.co.uk) 07805407234 & Miss O. Gordon [semitone92@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:semitone92@hotmail.co.uk) 07527512189

**Guitar:** Mr J. Gibbard [jimgibbard99@googlemail.com](mailto:jimgibbard99@googlemail.com) 07766 125638

**Violin:** Mrs J. Ansbergs - application via Croydon Music and Arts <https://www.croydonmusicandarts.co.uk/>

**Brass:** Mr R.Pywell - application via Croydon Music and Arts <https://www.croydonmusicandarts.co.uk/>

**Flute and clarinet:** Application via Croydon Music and Arts <https://www.croydonmusicandarts.co.uk/>

## Park Hill Junior School – Priorities for 2018/19

### HEADLINES

'AT PHJS CHILDREN TAKE OWNERSHIP OF THEIR LEARNING'

#### Achievement-Progress and Attainment

1. To improve **writing outcomes** for all pupils using strong cross curricular links between subjects.
2. To further enhance current provision for children with SEND and support for teachers and other adults working with **SEND children, so better progress.**

#### Teaching and Learning

1. Drive **accelerated progress** for **disadvantaged children** in all subject areas through enhancing current pastoral provision and improving the way we evaluate/measure impact of PP spend.
2. Enhance **current provision for EAL children** with 'early beginner language/no recourse to public funds' and support for teachers and other adults working with this group of children.
3. Improve the **learning environment** so fun, interactive and meaningful for learning.

#### Behaviour for Learning & Safety

Building project will reduce playground space – To manage behaviour and safety within the confined space.

#### Leadership and Management

1. To further develop **collaboration with other schools** in Folio, with the LAB and parents in order to develop stronger links and learning opportunities for staff and children and better engagement with our parental community.
2. **Subject leaders** to produce an action Plan which reflects **progress in the skills and outcomes for pupils in their subject areas.**