



# PARK HILL JUNIOR SCHOOL

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## Newsletter 001 - 6th September 2018

### Welcome Back!

On behalf of all at Park Hill Juniors, I would like to welcome parents/ carers and the children back to a brand new school year.

As a new Headteacher at Park Hill Juniors, I would say, I already feel welcome by the staff at Park Hill Junior School. The children also made me feel welcome during my visits in July and I can't wait to meet them again.

I look forward to working with you to ensure Park Hill Juniors remains a happy and safe place for your children.

*Ann Pratt - Headteacher*

### Lunch Time at Park Hill Juniors

Please help us to talk through your children's lunch choices with them before they get to school.

The school will send the menu termly via email informing you of the choices. The menu is also available on the school website.

At Park Hill Juniors we want to get things right for the children and alleviate any anxious moments. Therefore, to identify their choices, children will be handed coloured wrist bands at the start of the day. The bands will indicate their choices to the kitchen staff who will then give them their meal selection. This is a new system we are trialling to improve your child's lunch time experience.

School Meals cost £2.30p (£11.50p a week). Please ensure your child's account is topped up to ensure they have a regular meal. As you are aware our school budget dictates a 'no debt policy'. Thank you for your cooperation.

**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> Alternatively, you are welcome to visit the School Office and complete a form with assistance from the staff.

**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!**

Please share the Newsletter with your child.

If possible, please take the time to read it with them, or to them, so that they can discuss the news items with you.

### Contact Details

If you have changed your contact details over the summer, please contact our office staff to update these details.

## Uniform

Please ensure your child has the correct uniform for school and PE and that **everything** is clearly named. Black school shoes should be worn by all children. Boots and trainers are not permitted. Leggings are also not part of the school uniform.

For further details of our school uniform please see: <http://www.phjs.co.uk/parent-info/uniform/>

PE kits should be brought into school on a Monday and taken home on a Friday to be washed. The timing/day of PE lessons can change in order to take advantage of better weather, so children need to have their PE kit in school every day.

## Welcome meetings

These are very important meetings for you to attend as they set the stage for highly productive relationships within our Park Hill Juniors family. The meetings are informative and interactive, enabling us to work together to get our children off to a good start!

Please take note of these dates below.

**The school stationery shop will be open between 12.45 & 1.45pm every Wednesday starting next week!**



## Dates for your Diary

- 13<sup>th</sup> Sept – Y6 Welcome Meeting 6.30-7.30pm
- 14<sup>th</sup> Sept - Y3 Welcome Picnic 2.30 – 3.30pm
- 19<sup>th</sup> Sept - Y5 Welcome Meeting 6.30-7.30pm
- 20<sup>th</sup> Sept - Y4 Welcome Meeting 6.30-7.30pm
- 27<sup>th</sup> Sept - Reading Festival
- 4<sup>th</sup> Oct - Y4-6 Reading & Writing Parents'/Carers' Workshop 6.30-7.30pm
- 11<sup>th</sup> Oct - Y3 Reading & Writing Parents'/Carers' Workshop 6.30-7.30pm
- 15-19<sup>th</sup> Oct - Maths & Science Week
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov - PHSA Fireworks
- 7<sup>th</sup> Nov – Y2 Parents' Open Day
- 12<sup>th</sup> Nov – E-safety training for staff (4-5pm) and parents (6.30-7.30pm)
- 6<sup>th</sup> Dec – Dress Rehearsals
- 7<sup>th</sup> Dec – PHSA Christmas Fair
- 10<sup>th</sup> Dec - Group A Christmas Concert 1.45pm
- 11<sup>th</sup> Dec - Group B Christmas Concert 1.45pm
- 13<sup>th</sup> Dec - Group A Christmas Concert 1.45pm
- 14<sup>th</sup> Dec - Group B Christmas Concert 1.45pm
- 18<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas lunch and hat making
- 19<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas Disco 5.45 – 7pm



## Mobile Phones



Only children who walk home on their own with their parent/ carer's permission are allowed to bring in mobile phones to school. This is done at the parents/ carer's risk. **Phones will now be handed over to the class teacher** and collected at the end of the school day from the class teacher. The school cannot be held responsible for phones that go missing if they are not handed in to the class teacher for safe keeping.

**DO NOT** send your child into school with a mobile if they are being dropped off and collected from school.

Thank you for your cooperation