



PARK HILL JUNIOR SCHOOL

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1st April 2021

HEAD TEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have reached the end of another school term.

It has been a very different term and the challenges have been varied. I am confident that staff and the children will no doubt welcome the opportunity to rest and recuperate.

Walking around the school and seeing how the children are learning and the amount of learning they completed during the remote learning period has highlighted to me that despite lockdowns and 'bubbles'; the different ways of learning, the school remains true to its ambitions to educate our children to be well rounded individuals. The wealth of opportunities and experiences outside of the classroom as well as learning both virtually and in person during this term has been heartening.

We will be running an Easter Camp over the Easter holidays and if you feel you need to access this service please do contact Helen McCarthy, the Extended Schools Manager on 07960610393.

This term will finish on Thursday 1st April at the usual times. The first day of the summer term will be Monday 19 April and will start at the current stipulated times.

I end by wishing you all a joyous and uplifting Easter break.

Yours Sincerely,

Ann Pratt – Headteacher

NATIONAL SURVEY FROM THE CHILDREN'S COMMISSIONER

The new Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza, has begun a major review of the future of childhood, which will address the barriers holding children back in the 21st century. This review begins with ['The Big Ask'](#): the largest ever survey of children in England, to gather children's views on what the government should prioritise in planning the recovery from the pandemic.

The Big Ask will be launched on Monday 19 April in the form of a short online questionnaire. Sign up here to be told when the survey is launched: ['The Big Ask'](#)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

01.04.21	Last day of term
19.04.21	First day of Summer Term
31.05 - 4.6.21	Half term break
18.6.21	Staff Training Day: No on-site or remote school
21.6.21	Staff Training Day: No on-site or remote school
20.07.21	Last day of term

Our term dates for the 2021-2022 academic year can be found [here](#).

Please remember that we are unable to authorise any holidays during term time.

WE ARE TAKING A STAND AGAINST DOMESTIC ABUSE

This is a safe space
You can get help here
Please talk to a member of staff

You can also contact Croydon FJC for support

Call 020 8688 0100

Or call the 24hr National Domestic Abuse Hotline
0808 2000 247

#YOUARENOTALONE



THE PUPIL PREMIUM GRANT

If you are in receipt of certain state benefits, work in the armed services, or have adopted a child from care, then you may qualify for the Pupil Premium grant. The Pupil Premium grant entitles your child to free school meals, discounts on school events and priority for a number of extra-curricular clubs. It also provides the school with additional money which we use to offer curriculum support and enrichment opportunities for our children.

In 2014, the government introduced Universal Infant Free School Meals for all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. Though this initiative was very warmly welcomed, it unfortunately removed the incentive for many parents to sign up to the Pupil Premium grant. Since 2014 therefore, numbers of those applying for the grant have significantly dropped off. This has reduced the amount of money coming into the school, which has in turn impacted on the opportunities we can offer our children.

If your situation has changed and you are now in receipt of benefits such as Universal Credit, your child may now be eligible to receive Free School Meals and/or the pupil premium grant.

CONTACT DETAILS

Please don't forget to let us know if your contact details change. We want to be able to send you all the latest news about school re-opening. Please let us know if your email address or phone number change and your new address, if you move house. Thank you.

TIK TOK

TikTok is a video-sharing social media app which lets users create, share, and view user created videos.

TikTok has been designed with the young user in mind and has a very addictive appeal. Its age restriction is 12, because of the dangers children face from other users, who may watch their videos or contact them online.

The TikTok Checklist provides all the information about the app and how to stay safe with questions such as:

- What is TikTok?
- How to stay safe on TikTok?
- How to set up the parental controls?
- How to block users on TikTok?
- Where can I go for further support?



<https://swgfl.org.uk/resources/checklists/tiktok/#resource>

WHATSAPP

WhatsApp is one of the most popular messaging apps in the world, with more than 1.5 billion people using it to send and receive text, photos, videos and documents, as well as make voice and video calls.

The age restriction for WhatsApp is 16, but every year our staff support children who have become upset by messages their friends have sent to or about them.



Please take a moment to visit this website and help us to avoid further cases. Thank you.

www.net-aware.org.uk/networks/whatsapp/?fbclid=IwAR0_SzAz1r6Nkt6JhCU6NvclKYhHhctbinJ6-PIPHte2n3EjKipm5LCNDsc

PARK HILL JUNIOR SCHOOL MULTI-ACTIVITY EASTER CAMP

FOR 4-12 YEAR OLDS

(CHILDREN WHO ARE 4 AND WERE BORN BEFORE 1ST AUGUST 2016, AND ARE IN FULL TIME SCHOOL MAY ATTEND)



TUESDAY 6th APRIL - FRIDAY 16th APRIL

9AM - 4PM

ALL CHILDREN REQUIRE A PACKED LUNCH & WATER BOTTLE

SPORTS, ARTS & CRAFTS, COOKERY, GAMES, LEGO, STORYTIME AND MUCH, MUCH MORE!

LED BY QUALIFIED AND EXPERIENCED AFTER-SCHOOLS CLUB STAFF AND PLAY LEADERS, USING THE FACILITIES OF PARK HILL JUNIOR SCHOOL.

9AM - 4PM	£17.00 PER CHILD PER DAY
9AM - 6PM	£19.00 PER CHILD PER DAY
9AM - 6PM	£21.00 PER CHILD PER DAY
9AM - 6PM	£23.00 PER CHILD PER DAY

THE DAILY SCHEDULE IS AS FOLLOWS:-

09.00 - 10.15	MEETING, REGISTRATION, BASIC CRAFT ACTIVITIES, FREE PLAY
10.15 - 10.30	DRINKS & REST
10.30 - 11.15	STRUCTURED ACTIVITIES, FREE PLAY OR GAMES AREA
11.15 - 11.30	LUNCH
11.30 - 12.00	STRUCTURED ACTIVITIES, FREE PLAY OR GAMES AREA
12.00 - 12.30	FREE PLAY, GAMES AREA & BASIC CRAFT ACTIVITIES

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO BOOK A PLACE, PLEASE CONTACT HELEN MC CARTHY ON: 01794 630 313 / OFFICE@PHJS.CO.UK

IF THERE IS NO ANSWER, PLEASE LEAVE A MESSAGE AND YOUR CALL WILL BE RETURNED.

LIMITED PLACES AVAILABLE AND ALL BOOKINGS ARE MADE ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS.

SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES

Whilst the school is closed over the Easter break the following organisations will continue to offer support:

CROYDON VOLUNTARY ACTION: 020 8253 1850 www.cvalive.org.uk

Providing trained volunteers to provide practical support for families

MIND IN CROYDON: 020 8662 9383 www.mindincroydon.org.uk Supporting those with mental health concerns

CROYDON FOOD BANK TRUSSELL TRUST: 020 8686 5664

www.croydon.foodbank.org.uk

PURLEY FOOD HUB: 07546 635295 www.purleyfoodhub.net

NSPCC CROYDON: 020 8253 1850 www.nspcc.org.uk Includes support and information re supporting your children and you through the pandemic

FAMILY LIVES: 0808 800 2222 www.familylives.org.uk

Advice for parents on a range of topics, online support

CROYDON COUNCIL C-19 HELPLINE: 020 8604 7787

www.croydon.gov.uk/coronavirus

UNIFORM

Please remember to check our school website before you purchase any new uniform:

www.phjs.co.uk/parent-info/uniform/

All children must wear the school P.E. kit:

- Pale blue T-shirt with school logo
- Navy shorts/tracksuit bottoms
- Navy sweatshirt with school logo

Please remember that school shoes should be plain black, with black soles.

CROYDON REFUGEE DAY CENTRE

Croydon Refugee Day Centre is a friendly, safe meeting place offering practical assistance to all asylum seekers and refugees. They offer a drop in on Tuesdays 10am-1pm with:

- Refreshments
- Information & Help Desk Service
- Food Parcels
- Shower Facilities
- A cooked meal
- Access to English Language Classes
- Toiletries
- Clothing

CRDC is located in West Croydon Baptist Church on the corner of St James Rd and Whitehorse Rd. CRO 2JH. <https://croydonrefugeedaycentre.co.uk/>

CRDC need help and are looking for donations of: toothpaste, shampoo, bar soap, shower gels, tins of sardines, pilchards, tuna, tins of tomatoes, peas and long life milk.

If you are able to help, we will be accepting donations on their behalf after Easter during April.



Hewitts store will **Re-Open** on Monday April 12th, due to current restrictions in place for Non Essential Businesses forced to stay closed.

However, Online orders can still be placed for Delivery & Click & Collect. All Orders are being picked & processed in the order of them being placed & are currently taking up to 5 working days.

A delivery or collection date will be only be provided once goods are dispatched or ready to collect.

If you have a query please email it to customer@hewittsofcroydon.com and a member of staff will get back to you ASAP on the days we are in.

LITERACY AT PARK HILL JUNIOR SCHOOL

Congratulations to our Writing Laureates!

Each half term teachers choose the pupil who has made the most significant improvement in their writing to be the class Writing Laureate. The Writing Laureate is awarded with a medal which they may wear for the duration of half term and their writing is displayed in the Atrium. When their time ends, they return the medal and they receive a wristband which they can keep.

Some children were still busy doing the best they could to keep their writing skills sharp during the lockdown. In recognition of this, the following children were nominated the Writing Laureates for this half term:

3M Alexander	4G Vishruth	5I Mirella	6E Jasna
3P Rishaan	4K Isha	5M Mira	6F Tanishka
3L Shravan	4D Isabel	5A Ruby	6H Anaiah

Be The One..

We used Kevin Mc Cormack's poem *Be the One* as the inspiration for a whole school poetry and art project. The children blew us away with their maturity, sensitivity and sheer artistry in their response. Here are some examples:

