



PARK HILL JUNIOR SCHOOL

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1st May 2021

HEAD TEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers

We are indeed in the last term of another school year which has been highly challenging. Nevertheless, with your support we have made it thus far with happy and smiling children gracing our school buildings every day.

We hasten to add our appreciation in you working with us to ensure our school is Covid secure and free from positive Covid cases. Thank you for keeping us informed about the health of your families and for our continued discussions regarding Covid symptoms. We are clear through our risk assessments how to work with you, so we do not have any pupils in school with Covid symptoms. Just to reiterate this, the symptoms are a new continuous cough, high temperature, loss of smell/taste. Please do not send your children into school if they have any of these symptoms.

Having used Google Classroom as a learning platform for a while, children have become confident in its use, applying their e-safety knowledge on a daily basis. We are working with children and parents to ensure that the same level of e-safety is applied to all non-school online platforms e.g. Gaming and WhatsApp. There have been a few issues associated with disputes started online and out of school times. We therefore implore you to keep an eye on what your child is doing online and who they are interacting with whilst gaming/ on apps such as WhatsApp.

We are hopeful for a summer term full of as much outdoor learning and activities as possible and because the recent government guidance has allowed us to plan local trips we have been able to fit in as many outdoor events as we can. Please look at the pertinent forthcoming dates.

We will also be hosting Y2 Transition meetings, so please look out for the dates and kindly spread the word. Our website also has some information about this.

What remains is for me to wish us all, our Park Hill community a safe, happy, and exciting summer term.

Ann Pratt – Headteacher

SUMMER TERM 2021

Dates for your Diary

3.5.21	Bank Holiday (School closed)
5.5.21	Year 2 Parents' Virtual Meeting (see below)
31.5 - 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
28.6.21	Class & Team Photos
6.7.21	Sports Day
13.7.21	Year 6 Production (eve)
14.7.21	Year 6 Production (eve)
16.7.21	Years 3-5 Disco
19.7.21	Year 6 Prizegiving (pm)
19.7.21	Year 6 Prom (eve)
20.7.21	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.

PLANNER COVER COMPETITION

Congratulations to Karolina in Year 6 who won our 2021-22 Pupil Planner Front Cover competition with her stunning design!

The judging team had a tough time deciding with so many high-quality entries. Thank you to everyone who took part.

Karolina's design will be printed on the front cover of next year's pupil planners.

YEAR 2 PARENTS' INFORMATION MEETING

Do you have a child joining Year 3 in September?

If you do, we invite you to a virtual Welcome to Park Hill Junior School (PHJS) meeting on Wednesday 5th May 2021 from 5:00pm -5:30pm. The details are as follows:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/2576584743?pwd=aTVaSEJGazNoMGd3bzc3ZE1YdnVIZz09>

Meeting ID: 257 658 4743

Passcode: parkhill

We look forward to meeting our new year 3's!

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

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. Recently, some families have found that it is quicker to complete the form and then submit it via our school office. If you are unsure and would like some help checking or advice, please contact Paula via the school office. Paula can also help with advice about benefits and accessing other support for families.

ONLINE SAFETY

These LINKS may be helpful for keeping your children safe online:

- [Thinkuknow](#) provides advice from the National Crime Agency on staying safe online
- [Internet matters](#) provides age-specific online safety checklists, guides on how to set parental controls on a range of devices.
- [Net-aware](#) has support for parents and carers from the NSPCC, including a guide to social networks, apps and games.

UNIFORM

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

<https://www.phjs.co.uk/parent-info/uniform/>

Children should **not** wear the following to school:

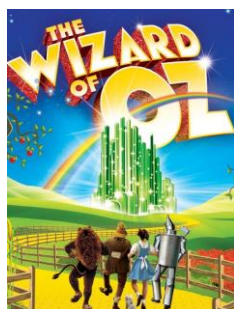
- Leggings
- Trainers
- Shoes with white soles or logos

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

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

WIZARD OF OZ PRODUCTION

We are excited to announce that an M&M production of The Wizard of Oz will be coming to Park Hill Junior School on the 13th and 14th May!



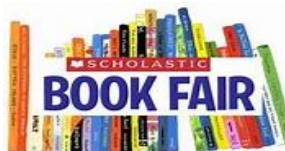
The children will see this production within their year group bubbles and be able to join in with this interactive and engaging play!

A letter providing more information on this production as well as asking for voluntary donations from parents/carers to help the school fund this wonderful event will be emailed home. Thank you in advance for your support.

BOOK FAIR

The Scholastic Book Fair will be returning to Park Hill Junior School on Monday 24th May for one week! A letter informing adults at home of how to make purchases and what is available to buy this time around will be emailed out shortly. The children will also have the chance to take a look at what is on offer at the book fair when it arrives.

Please note that due to Covid-restrictions, we will be asking parents/carers to make purchases over the phone as we will not be accepting cash or vouchers bought from the Scholastic website due to complications that arose in the last book fair. We look forward to seeing the variety of authors and genres that will visit us and hope you do too!



SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES

CROYDON VOLUNTARY ACTION: 020 8253 1850 www.cvalive.org.uk Providing trained volunteers to give practical support for families

CROYDON FOOD BANK TRUSSELL TRUST: 020 8686 5664 www.croydon.foodbank.org.uk

PURLEY FOOD HUB: 07546 635295
www.purleyfoodhub.net

FAMILY LIVES: 0808 800 2222
www.familylives.org.uk Advice for parents on a range of topics, online support

YEAR 4 DEBATING COMPETITION

On the 31st March, children in Year 4 had an opportunity to participate in an inter-class debate championship. The topic was: 'Is **Deforestation necessary for human survival?**' There were three teams, each team represented by their four class members. All the teams worked hard, read, researched and gathered facts for a balanced argument using a variety of resources. They prepared flash cards and had evidence to support their arguments.

After the tense first round of answering Judges' questions to support their presented facts of the argument, one team was eliminated.

In the second round, countering the opponents' questions and convincing the Judges with their facts and figures, 4K won the Debate championship. They were awarded medals in the Merit assembly. It was impressive to witness Year 4's enthusiasm and respectful participation in the entire championship. Well done Year 4!



THE BIG ASK

Get your child's voice heard and make a difference

The Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza, is launching a once-in-a-generation review of children's lives.

It's called 'The Childhood Commission' and it will identify the barriers preventing children reaching their full potential and propose policy solutions to address them.

At its heart is 'The Big Ask' – the largest ever consultation held with children.

In this survey the Children's Commissioner is asking children and young people what they think is important for their future and what is holding young people back.

The Children's Commissioner will use what children and young people tell her to show the Government what they think and what they need to live happier lives.

It's an exciting opportunity to help us think big and it's a chance for every child in England to have their voice heard.

[Find out more and take part](#)

Please remember to let us know if your contact details change. We may need to contact you in an emergency.