



PARK HILL JUNIOR SCHOOL

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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

We are almost at the end of the first half term! The children are getting on very well with their learning as teachers and support staff work very hard to secure and maintain the good learning ethos we have at Park Hill Junior School.

Next half term we revert to our opening and closing school times of all pupils starting at **9am** and finishing at **3.30pm**.

There will only be two gates for entry and exit. The main pupil gate and the Cotelands gate. Our temporary use of the carpark gate will cease.

We hope the trial period has helped with this readjustment.

Enjoy your half term and see you all on the 1st of November.

Ann Pratt
Headteacher

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Voting has been completed at Park Hill Junior School! We now have our school councillors for the School Year 2021/22. Congratulations to you all!

| School Councillor | | | |
|-------------------|-----|----------|----|
| Zayaan & Adelina | 3U | Rufus | 5I |
| Gabrielle | 3WK | Benjamin | 5K |
| Jason | 3L | Soham | 5F |
| Akash | 4P | Donovan | 6A |
| Nikita | 4M | Aditya | 6H |
| Shamira | 4G | Mika'll | 6E |

We look forward to hearing their ideas to make Park Hill Junior School even better!

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 **3WK** with the highest percentage attendance since we returned in September. Well done!

| Class | % | No of late arrivals |
|-------|------|---------------------|
| 3L | 96.8 | 2 |
| 3U | 96.3 | 2 |
| 3WK | 97.5 | 2 |
| 4M | 96.1 | 5 |
| 4P | 97.3 | 2 |
| 4G | 95.3 | 1 |
| 5I | 94.8 | 3 |
| 5F | 96.7 | 3 |
| 5K | 95.4 | 1 |
| 6E | 91.6 | 11 |
| 6H | 91.7 | 3 |
| 6A | 94.4 | 1 |

HOUSE CAPTAINS & SPORTS CAPTAINS

Our House Captains are chosen by the teachers and Sports Captains are voted in to their role by their peers.

| | House Captains | Sports Captains |
|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Coleridge-Taylor | Shania & Kevin | Hannah & Noah |
| Latham | Inba & Charley | Aidan & Rajvi |
| Flower | Mira & Ethan | Khadijah & Jaiden |
| Johnson | Tanya & Evangelos | Luke & Avner |

Junior Travel Ambassadors: Y3 – Vihaan, Siddharth, Mohammed Y4 – Riley, Shravan, Louis Y5 – Veeer, Aarnav, Zahid Y6 – Ishaan, Chante, Bhavana

Friendship Leaders: Y3 - Zunash, Michelle, Harry, Anaya, Elijah, Mahith Y4 - Yazhini, Emma, Jaelon, Aryav, Jamal, Samanvi Y5 - Gabi, Arya, Sekinha, Haadee, Eddy, Aaditri Y6 - Raiyn, Albina, Nilaksh, Mythili, Aaron, Leo

Eco-Leaders: Y3 – Yahia, Sophie, Luca, Samara, Mihika Y4 – Kaelynn, Vivan, Siddhi Vihaana Y5 – Sahana, Sreema, Aryav, Soham, Shahir, Soliana, Amelia Y6 – Mikhail, Aarna, Amy, Anu, Eden, Sampritha, Hanna

Lunchtime Leaders: Y3 – Amruta, Nefeli, Siona, Sami, Anvith, Aarohi Y4 – Mariam, William, Vamika Y5 – Vihaan, Nusaybah, Aarnav, Naumi, Kritika, Halel Y6 – Donovan, Charley, Livan

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

25th – 29th Oct - Half Term

4th Nov – British Values Day

5th Nov – Diwali Celebration

12th Nov – Grand re-opening for Parents

16th & 17th Nov – Parents Evenings 3.45-6.30pm

19th Nov – Trust Training Day – **School closed to pupils.** Play Day places available.

22nd Nov. Neurodiversity Workshop for Parents @5pm

26th Nov – Y2 Parents' Open Day @9.30am & 2.30pm

6th, 7th, 9th & 10th – Christmas Performances @ 1.45pm. You will be notified nearer the time which days your child will be performing.

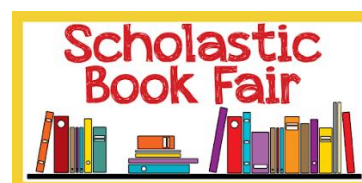
8th Dec – Children's Christmas Dinner

14th Dec – Christmas Disco 5.45 – 7pm

15th Dec – Last day of term

CONTACT DETAILS

For Safeguarding purposes, please ensure our school office have **three** up-to-date emergency contact numbers for your child.



Watch out for the scholastic Book Fair ...coming soon ...in November.

Reminder about Uniform

Thank you for sending your children in to school wearing the correct uniform.

However, we have noticed that a minority of children are coming into school without the school uniform. Please see the pictures below to confirm our uniform policy. **Remember trainers can only be worn with their PE Kit on PE days.**



Please speak to Paula if you have any problems with getting uniform for your child. Thank you.

Well Done, Aadhyaa! Raising money for charity.

Aadhyaa in 4P was so moved by the plight of children suffering from cancer that she took the brave step of donating her own hair to the Little Princess Trust, a charity which makes wigs for young cancer sufferers. So far, she has raised £370. Congratulations Aadhyaa!

If you would like to know more about this story visit:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/aadhyaa-ramesh>

Parent Zone Local

PZL offers a range of free live events that everyone is invited to. Full details can be found here: <https://www.pzlocal.org.uk/events> There will be many different events that parents and carers can register for from mid-October – exploring a range of topics including online safety, misinformation, screen time, gaming, and even a virtual family quiz event.

Bereavement

As a school we believe that working with our children and identifying their feelings at the start of the day enables us to deal with any barriers they may have to their learning. We are asking that you let us know if there is any bereavement in your family, including pets so we can work with the children to overcome their potential sadness.

We would like to share this year's school priorities as we work in partnership with you to ensure every child makes the expected progress they deserve to make. Kindly look through and for more details about where you can help with your children's learning, see our Year group curriculum maps on our website.

This Year's School Priorities

| Summary of our priorities for 2021-22 and why they were set | |
|---|---|
| The School Improvement Plan is drawn up to fully address areas raised by our section 8 inspection (January 2020), and by subsequent school self-evaluation, to ensure that the school makes rapid improvement in moving towards outstanding. The plan is underpinned by aspirational milestones for improvement through our curriculum model and intent, which will result in an upward trajectory in progress for all groups of pupils. Highly effective monitoring and evaluation will enable the school to judge the extent to which it is meeting these milestones. | |
| Priority | Rationale - Timescale for this will be at least a term |
| 1. Reading - To create a school where the love of literature ensures children acquire the key reading skills needed to access all subjects and so benefit from living successful lives in the future. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The love of reading needs to be promoted in all areas of school life and teaching resources should allow for enjoyment and links what children are familiar with. 2. Our Accelerated Reading Program has to effectively ensure pupils access appropriate books allowing for children to have access to a range of genres whilst understanding what they are reading. 3. Strong cross curricular links between core subjects and foundation subjects whilst being discreet about what pupils are studying in different subjects. |
| 2. Wellbeing of our School Community - To create a whole school ethos of listening and appreciation where staff and pupil voice is actioned so the wellbeing of all ensures that our learning community thrives. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All in our community will know where to seek help when needed due to strong line management and pastoral systems. 2. Staff and pupil wellbeing will be monitored and acted upon through strong pupil and staff voices. 3. Our systems will be adapted so everyone has a voice. |
| 3. Addressing Gaps - Address gaps which would have been created by the pandemic and other Adverse Childhood Experiences, to ensure holistic approaches and retrieval practices allow for increased pupil confidence so pupils become resilient learners which in turn will maximise progress for all groups. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Our catch up strategy & retrieval practices will effectively close gaps in all areas of pupils' learning and well being for all groups. 2. Timely, well planned and executed interventions will maximise pupil progress for all groups. 3. Gaps in basic skills will be addressed especially for children at the cusp. (just below the expected standard) 4. Use of Mighty Writers to develop children's sentence structure skills. 5. Embed digital literacy into everyday life, and building on what was learnt at home during the pandemic. |
| 4. Curriculum Enrichment - As a consequence of the pandemic and pupils accessing our curriculum mostly remotely from their homes for a considerable amount of time; we will need to ensure our curriculum is heavily weighted towards outdoor activities and team building to allow pupils to be curious and gain the knowledge and skills for their future. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Real life experiences will allow children to develop their curiosity about the world around them. 2. Lessons and learning sessions will be planned so pupils acquire knowledge, remember more and apply skills in and outside of school. 3. Our assessment systems will take cognisance of what pupils have learned as remote learners and the skills pupils excel in, thereby promoting the love of learning in the core and foundation subjects 4. Outside agencies, parents' skills and knowledge will be utilised to develop children's future skills. |

Parents Help Your Children Be Safe Online!

The new [ParentSafe](https://parentsafe.lgfl.net/) portal at <https://parentsafe.lgfl.net/> is a one-stop location offering parents support and advice on settings, apps, games, talking to children about life online, screen time and key topics from bullying and indecent images to extremism and gangs. You will also find a [Digital Family Agreement](#) there with example statements to help children agree on shared expectations on time spent on devices, appropriate behaviour etc.

Please Recycle Your Ink Cartridges!

If you have any empty ink cartridges at home now or in the future, please bring them into the office so that we can take part and raise money for our school.

Our Digital leaders

Year 3 - 3L- Halima, 3U- Abdulrahman, 3WK- Sid **Year 4** - 4G- Tanishqa, 4M- Alexander, 4P-Umar

Year 5 - 5F- Aishwarya, 5K- Janell, 5I- Raquel **Year 6** - 6E- Isabella, 6A- Ismaele, 6H- May

What do our Digital leaders do?

- Help staff get computing equipment ready and organised (charging laptops and iPads)
- Deliver and help teachers deliver online safety curriculum to their own and other classes in the school
- Help produce and deliver assemblies about online safety and acceptable use of equipment, devices and programs (games)
- Demonstrate how to use technology in the classroom
- Demonstrate how to use everyday programs to enhance teaching and learning (G-suite/different quiz software) and easy to use websites to other students and staff
- Organise and judge competitions
- Help organise safer internet day
- Interview and recruit new digital leaders

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HOLIDAY CLUB

Monday 25th October – Friday 29th October 2021

We are delighted to be able to run our upcoming Holiday club which will be held at the school between Monday 25th October – Friday 30th October. The Holiday club will run from 9-4pm
All children will need to bring a packed lunch and a water bottle with them.

The day is split into sessions as follows:

09.00 – 10.15: Registration, Basic Craft Activities, Free Play, Games Area.
10.15 – 10.30: Drinks & Biscuits.
10.30 – 12.30: Structured Arts & Crafts, Structured Sports, Free Play or Games Area.
12.30 – 14.00: Lunch.
14.00 – 16.00: Structured Arts & Crafts, Structured Sports, Free Play or Games Area.

Daily cost for the Holiday Club

9am – 4pm: £17.00 per child per day

We hope that by taking part in our Holiday club, your child will enjoy a range of activities.

They will also enjoy spending time with friends and play leaders enjoying a range of activities including: sports, arts and crafts, cookery, games, story time and much, much more!

Places are limited and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

If you would like your child to attend, please contact Helen McCarthy, either by email hmccarthy2.306@phjs.foliotrust.uk or phone for more information: 07960 610 393. If there is no answer, please leave a message and your call will be returned.

We look forward to welcoming as many children as possible during the October half term holidays.

Park Hill Schools' Association



Christmas Raffle

There are lots of exciting prizes to be won including a kindle, £30, a food hamper and many other things!

Raffle tickets will be sent out after half term for you to buy. The raffle will take on Friday 10th December



Upcoming Events

Oct-Christmas card artwork

Dec-Christmas Raffle

Jan-Bags2school clothes recycling

Fireworks Night

Sadly, we have decided to cancel this year's firework display but hope to be back next year for another fantastic evening of fireworks and fun.

BAGS2SCHOOL

Get sorting all of your clothes! Donate any unwanted items you have and fundraise at the same time! Bags will be given out in January and collected on **Thursday 27th January.**



Christmas Card Artwork

You should have received your form telling you all about how you can have your child's artwork professionally printed on a range of cards, wrapping paper or gift cards. The designs need to be returned to school by Thursday 21st October. Items can be paid for, online, directly to Cauliflower Cards. Don't forget that the PHSA receive a percentage of all items bought!

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You shop. Amazon gives.

Amazon Smile

Don't forget to add us to your Amazon Smile account! Raise important funds for the school while you shop!

You can now find us on Facebook and Twitter so you can keep up to date with all the events that are taking place.

Please find us at:

Twitter



Can you help?

We are always looking for help and support for our different fundraising events. If you can help in any way please let us know!

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Recycle  Charity

Your Ink Cartridges Could Help Us Raise Funds!



Recycle Yours Here!