

# Parkhill Newsletter 8

## April 2022

### Welcome Back!

#### Dear Parents, Carers and Children

A hearty and warm welcome back to Parkhill Junior School and the summer term, 2022! With no time to waste, our learners have hit the ground running and are fully immersed in their new areas of study across the curriculum. For fuller detail, please read carefully the curriculum letters sent to you by your child's teacher.

Parkhill's Pupil Voice is louder and prouder than ever before! And always Rights Respecting. Thanks to the **P.A.s to the HT** and the **L.Q.T**, our Year 6 children now have their own dedicated quiet area where they can relax and socialise during lunchtime. *Thanks* to those same Pupil Voice groups, the entire school now has a protected outdoor reading, art and table top games area to enjoy also! The extended outdoor gymnasium will soon see table tennis added, as it becomes a fabulous hub of activity, promoting fitness, exercise and wellbeing. A huge *thank you* to the **Sports ambassadors** for seeing this project through, from start to finish.

The main playground remains a *free for all* area, with sheltered zones, the climbing frame and basketball facilities. It will always host benched 'conversation corners' to allow our children to observe, reflect on and enjoy, the Parkhill world around them.

**Parkhill Parliament** have served their school spectacularly well...yet again. The Parkhill Prime Minister and Deputy Prime Minister were instrumental in procuring Virtual Reality headsets to enhance the learning experiences for all! Cutting edge technology matched only by sharp thinking and robust interviewing, by Parkhill's Prime Minister and Deputy Prime Minister. The future is safe in their hands.

Given the above and moving through this term, we must all remain mindful of the power of **talk**. Our Pupil Voice groups came into existence, because of the essential and critical need to equip our learners with confidence, courage and an understanding of the importance of **talk**. Children expressing their views, worries, ideas and *all else in between*...matters. The future belongs to them and, together, we encourage them to shape that future.

Parkhill Junior School looks forward to working with you this term and thanks you, in advance, for your continued vital support and cooperation.

**Enjoy Learning**  
**Mrs D. Hughes-Mulhall**  
**Headteacher**

## **Water bottles**

A water bottle is a necessary item for your child's school bag. Please ensure that your child brings a water bottle to school, daily. It can be refilled at school. All water fountains have been decommissioned due to the pandemic and the risk of passing on infections.

## **School uniform**

Our pupils wear their uniform proudly. When wearing it, they represent Parkhill Junior and reflect the excellent reputation of our school. Please ensure that your child wears the correct uniform at all times. Footwear should be black, sensible and safe for all school activities – shoes, trainers and sensible sandals are acceptable. If headdress is worn, it should be white, grey, black or deep blue/navy in keeping with the school colours. The same applies to woollen tights and socks.

## **Year 6 Gate on Stradbroke Grove**

This temporary entrance is for Year 6 children and parents only. Please respect this and use the correct entrance for your child to both enter and exit the school grounds.



## **Platinum Jubilee**

Parkhill Junior School looks forward to celebrating the Queen's platinum jubilee on 26<sup>th</sup> May 2022. Details of activities that will be held at school will follow soon. You can be sure that dressing up will be a certainty!

## **Polling Day – 5<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

Online learning, via Google Meet, will be scheduled for the morning. Further details will follow, for each individual year group.

## **Birthday celebrations**

We all love birthdays and want to share the joy of this special day with friends at school! Should you wish your child to give a gift to their class, please ensure that it is not food.



*We have many children with severe nut allergies. Please ensure that any snacks and packed lunches do not contain nuts or nut products.*

### **Attendance and Punctuality**

With your support, we work hard to ensure that our young pupils hold high, the value and importance of both. Core values instilled at this stage of their education, remain with them as they grow into citizens of the world and of the future.

**‘A day away from Parkhill, is a day lost.’  
Miss education... and you miss out!**

**‘A minute late for Parkhill, is a minute wasted!’  
Every second counts!**

### **Safety and Safeguarding**

We encourage all our children to walk, scoot or cycle to school. Minimising the volume of traffic around the school is our ongoing challenge. We need your continued support with this. Please do not park on the yellow zig zag lines or across the driveways of local residents.

**At the top of our list of priorities, is the safety of our children.**

Pollution outside the school is increased by the number of vehicles bringing children to school. We receive daily notices, on behalf of the Mayor of London, reporting pollution levels in the area. This is a serious problem. Equally, speeding cars have put children’s lives at risk too often. Thank you to all who do walk to school. **You make a difference.**

### **Communication with our Learning Community**

It is crucial that we have your up-to-date contact details i.e. mobile number and email address. All letters and messages are sent via email. You risk missing important information if School has not been given accurate details.

## **Appointments**

It is timely to point out that dental appointments, optician appointments and GP appointments must be booked, outside school hours. **Appointments booked during school time will be unauthorised.** Hospital appointments, with supporting evidence, are routinely authorised.

## **Thinking of Employing a Private Tutor?**

Please visit the website below for more information and guidance.

<https://www.redbridgescp.org.uk/parents-carers-and-the-public/private-tuition/>

## **Online Safety**

**PLEASE GO TO OUR WEBSITE TO SEE THE SUPPORT MECHANISMS AVAILABLE TO YOU, FOR THE ONLINE SAFETY OF YOUR CHILD**

Our Website – [www.parkhilljunior.com](http://www.parkhilljunior.com)

*Important dates, information and so much more can be found on our website. Please pay regular visits. Updates are frequent and feature aspects of our school curriculum and daily school life.*

## **Absences before or after a school holiday**

If your child is absent before or after a school holiday, you must provide evidence explaining the absence. This may be medical evidence if your child is unwell or evidence of flight delays or circumstances beyond your control. **Without this evidence, you risk being issued with a penalty notice.**

**Calendar of Events**  
**2021-22**

<b>4<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> April 2022</b>	<b>Easter Holiday</b>
<b>25<sup>th</sup> April 2022</b>	After school clubs resume
<b>5<sup>th</sup> May 2022</b>	<b>Polling Day (school closed)</b> <b>Remote learning</b> a.m. – GoogleMeet – direct teaching p.m – autonomous activities
<b>9<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> May</b>	National SATs Week (Year 6)
<b>26<sup>th</sup> May 2022</b>	Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Celebration Day at Parkhill
<b>27<sup>th</sup> May 2022</b>	Bank Holiday for the Queen’s Jubilee- school closed
<b>30<sup>th</sup> May – 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022</b>	Summer Half Term
<b>6<sup>th</sup> June 2022</b>	Staff Training Day – School closed
<b>20<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> June 2022</b>	Active Week
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> June 2022</b>	Sports Day
<b>1<sup>st</sup> July 2022</b>	Summer Fayre
<b>15<sup>th</sup> July 2022</b> 	Summer Day (non uniform day)
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022</b>	Last Day of the Summer Term 3:30pm finish
<b>1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2022</b>	Staff Training Days – School closed
<b>5<sup>th</sup> September 2022</b>	Children Return to School – Hurray!
<b>24<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> October 2022</b>	Autumn Half Term