

Parkhill Junior School

February 2023

Newsletter 6

This brief newsletter serves as a reminder of upcoming events and important messages

Article 12: Every child has the right to have say in all matters affecting them.

French Phrase: Il fait chaud – it is warm.

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back, to the second half of the spring term. We look forward to working with you, during this short half term. A very short half term, indeed! All the more reason to ensure that your child is in school every day, to enjoy learning, to contribute to school life, in preparation for the magnificent life that lies ahead of them! Equally, to enjoy every moment of every day. This is an entitlement for our young learners and a shared responsibility, between home and school, to provide this.

Enjoy Learning!

**Mrs D. Hughes-Mulhall
Headteacher**

High Performance Learning (HPL)

Parkhill Junior School has embarked on its HPL journey and looks forward to sharing information on our progress with you, later in the term. The journey will lead us to being recognised as a school with limitless learning opportunities. The crucial and rewarding element is the journey; the icing on the cake element, is the award. It is all about self-belief, the language of learning, ambition and aspiration and becoming an autonomous learner.

“We passionately believe that every single child can achieve academic success and live a life full of opportunity and fulfilment regardless of their starting point. Learning is a science, and following many years of research into how people think and learn, we now know that what was always perceived as impossible is now possible: there are no restrictions on learning.” Deborah Eyre (High Performance Learning Founder)

Safeguarding

If you have any concerns about a child’s safety or wellbeing, please act on it. School is here to help and support. We all share the responsibility of safeguarding children.

Safeguarding Lead	Mrs D. Hughes-Mulhall Headteacher
Safeguarding Deputy	Ms G. Uppal Deputy Headteacher
Safeguarding Deputy	Mrs N. Tanner Deputy Headteacher
Safeguarding Deputy	Ms N. Sprenger Learning Community Lead

Birthday and all other 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 any type of 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!**

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Remember that the reward for the classes with the best attendance and punctuality, is a *Super Play* session in April 2023!

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.**

Health and Safety

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

On more than one occasion, it has come to our attention that, without their parents' knowledge, children are using chatrooms social media platforms and other forums to communicate. We cannot emphasise enough, the danger of this or any unsupervised online activity. We send you a monthly online safety newsletter to advise you about the risks and dangers that our children face. Please ensure that you know what your child is doing at all times, when they are online. **Additional online safety workshops are scheduled for May 2023.** See Calendar of Events for details.

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

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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(Additional dates are regularly added)

22 nd February 2023	Parents Evening 2
27 th February 2023	Book Week
2 nd March 2023	Planned Strike Day – further detail closer to the time.
3 rd March 2023	World Book Day (Dress-up as a Book Character Day)
17 th March 2023	Red Nose Day – Dress in Red Day
20 th March 2023	Last Week of Clubs for Spring Term
3 rd April to 14 th April 2023	Easter Holidays
17 th April 2023	Children return to School. Hurray!
24 th April 2023	After School Clubs Resume this week
3 rd May 2023	Year 3 and 4 Online Safety Workshop for Parents and Carers – in the hall – 9:00am to 9:45am
4 th May 2023	Year 5 and 6 Online Safety Workshop for Parents and Carers – in the hall – 9:00am to 9:45am
8 th May 2023	 Additional Bank Holiday (King's Coronation)
9 th to 11 th May 2023	<i>End-of Key Stage 2 SATs Week</i>
26 th May 2023	Professionals Training Day – School closed
29 th May 2023	Bank Holiday
30 th May to 2 nd June 2023	Summer Half Term Holiday
5 th to 9 th June 2023	Arts Week
12 th to 16 th June 2023	My Money Week
16 th June 2023	Number Day (Dress-up Day)
19 th to 23 rd June 2023	Active and Healthy Eating Week
21 st June 2023	Sports Day (23 rd June 2023 will be our contingency date for Sports Day)
10 th July 2023	Last Week of Clubs for Summer Term
24 th July 2023	Summer Holiday begins