

HEADTEACHER

Welcome Back

Newsletter 8

April 2023

Article 12: Every child has the right to have say in all matters affecting them.
French Phrase: Bienvenue! Welcome!

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to the summer term, at Parkhill Junior School. We hope you had a peaceful holiday and we know that you are pleased to see your children (our learners) back at base! We are certainly delighted to see our young learning community return to their *wonderland of learning*.

Please take a moment, to read through our *Calendar of Learning and Celebration*, at the end of this brief newsletter. Add dates to your e-diary and avoid missing out on those important events. Bear in mind, there are more dates to come and will be added, to every newsletter. We look forward to working with you, in the action-packed weeks that lie ahead.

Enjoy Learning!

Mrs D. Hughes-Mulhall
Headteacher

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/SENCO
Safeguarding Officer	Ms N. Sprenger Learning Community Lead
Safeguarding Officer	Ms N. Reeves School Business 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. (Always check the label)

Attendance and Punctuality

With your support, we work hard to ensure that our young learners 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!**



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 LEARNING AND CELEBRATION

17th April 2023	Children return to School. Hurray!
24th April 2023	After School Clubs Resume this Week
1st May 2023	Bank Holiday
3rd May 2023	Year 3 and 4 Online Safety Workshop for Parents and Carers – in the hall – 9:00am to 9:45am 
4th May 2023	Year 5 and 6 Online Safety Workshop for Parents and Carers – in the hall – 9:00am to 9:45am 
5th May 2023	An afternoon of Celebrating the Coronation (details to follow, closer to the time)
8th May 2023	 Additional Bank Holiday (King's Coronation)
9th to 11th May 2023	End-of Key Stage 2 SATs Week for Year 6
26th May 2023	Professionals Training Day School closed to children
29th May 2023	Bank Holiday
30th May to 2nd June 2023	Summer Half Term Holiday
5th to 9th June 2023	Arts Week
12th to 16th June 2023	My Money Week
16th June 2023	Number Day (Dress-up Day)
19th to 23rd June 2023	Active and Healthy Eating Week
21st June 2023	Sports Day (If the weather is not on our side, 23rd June 2023 will be our contingency date, for Sports Day)
7th July 2023	Culture Day (non-uniform day) Summer Fayre
10th July 2023	Last Week of Clubs for Summer Term
14th July 2023	Summer Day – staying safe in the sun (Non uniform day)
24th July 2023	Summer Holiday Begins... ... and not a day sooner!

(Additional dates are routinely added)