

Headteacher's Newsletter 8 April 2024



Article 15: You have the right to meet with other children and to join groups and organisations, as long as this does not stop people from enjoying their rights.

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to the summer term of 2024! We hope you had a wonderful holiday and are ready for the exciting days ahead. Please find below our regular reminders, included in all newsletters, for the purpose of clarity and expectation. To help you plan and keep your diary updated, our Calendar of Learning and Celebration, includes more new dates. Further dates, Parent Evenings, end of school year reports etc... will be added, later this half term.

We look forward to seeing you again on Monday – 15th April! Remember, walk to school if you can and enjoy some quality talk time with your children.

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 SENCO
Safeguarding Deputy	Ms N. Reeves School Business Lead

After School Clubs

Parents/carers **do not** have to re-apply for clubs in, April 2024. Children simply continue to attend the club they attended in the spring term. Clubs resume from the week beginning, 22nd April 2024. Breakfast Club is open every day.

Birthdays 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 members of their class, **please ensure that it is not any type of food. All birthday food will not be distributed and will be returned to the parent/carer.**



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)

Petition for Safer Streets – We are not giving up!

In all our newsletters over a very long time, Parkhill has urged our community to walk to school and avoid driving. *Thank you*, to everyone who has supported the school on this. Together, both Parkhill Infants' and Junior Schools are on a mission, to make our streets safer during the school run, at the beginning and end of the day. **We will keep you updated on all developments.**

Lockdown

Please note that as well as our termly fire drills, we are resuming our termly lockdown. Teachers explain how this works to the children before it happens. This is part of our Security Policy.

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 and especially during the holiday season.

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

www.parkhilljunior.com

School Uniform

Our Parkhill uniform is worn proudly, by all of our learners. It is practical, distinctive and... was designed by our learners. We insist on comfort, safety and, adherence to the Parkhill school colours. Trainers are acceptable. They must be black. Jewellery: our learners are permitted to wear religious items of jewellery, only. Earrings must be studs, only.

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. Weekly attendance champions are rewarded with being the first class in the dining hall, for the following week!

Appointments

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.



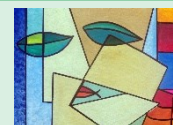
Absences before or after a school holiday

*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 LEARNING AND CELEBRATION

DATE	LEARNING and CELEBRATION
15 th April 2024	<i>Children return to school</i>
18 th April 2024	<i>Football Match against Oakdale Junior School</i>
18 th April 2024	<i>Classes 3C and 3B Educational Visit to Finchingfield Classes 5A and 5C Educational Visit to Barnardo's</i>
19 th April 2024	<i>Classes 3G and 3O Educational Visit to Finchingfield Classes 5P and 5R Educational Visit to Barnardo's</i>
22 nd April 2024	<i>Week 1 of 'Walk and Wheel' to School Fortnight</i>
22 nd April 2024	<i>Afterschool Clubs Resume.</i>
24 th April 2024	No Pens Wednesday
2 nd May 2024	School used as a polling station - closed to children
6 th May 2024	Bank Holiday
13 th May 2024	SATs Week for Year 6 (Monday to Thursday) Year 6 SATs Breakfast in the school hall – <u>all</u> week. (free) Further information to follow.
27 th to 31 st May 2024	Half Term Holiday
3 rd June 2024	Training Day 5 - School closed to children
4 th to 7 th June 2024	Arts Week
7 th June 2024	Geography Bee – Redbridge Interschool Competition
10 th to 14 th June 2024	My Money Week
17 th – 21 st June	Active Week
19 th June 2024	Sports Day
5 th July 2024	Summer Fayre
8 th July 2024	Last Week of Afterschool Clubs
19 th July 2024	Summer Day (non uniform day)
24 th July 2024	Summer Holidays begin – and not a day sooner!
2024-25	
2 nd September 2024	Training Day 1 – School closed to children
3 rd September 2024	Training Day 2 – School closed to children
4 th September 2024	Children return to school





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