

Parkhill Junior School September 2024 Welcome Back Newsletter

Article 29: Education must develop every child's personality, talents and abilities to the full.

Dear Parents and Carers

A brief note to warmly welcome back, you and our wonderful learners to Parkhill Junior School - a wonderland of learning! We had an energetic and joyful first day – a crucial day - and it has set us up, to enjoy, thoroughly, the high performance learning ahead. Hold tight and remember...we are *all* high performance learners!



The Parkhill Vision

At Parkhill Junior School, we passionately believe in the potential of our children, regardless of their starting point. They are at the heart of everything we do.

Everybody in our culturally diverse community is valued, celebrated and encouraged, in a positive, safe, happy and caring environment.

Through our rigorous, systematic and holistic approach, we aim to empower every child to recognise that there are no restrictions on learning and anything is possible. We constantly explore new approaches to teaching and learning, in order to encourage them to become global citizens.

Our goal is to ensure that children learn how to learn and barriers to success are overcome. Our vision is to equip each child with advanced cognitive skills and the essential values, attitudes and attributes that they will need for lifelong success. Every child can be a high performance learner.

We encourage everyone in the Parkhill community to make a positive contribution to our world class school.

Please read the important information and guidance below. It is intended to support you and your child throughout the year. Please note our policy on birthdays and nuts.

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 Officer	Ms N. Reeves School Business Lead

After School Clubs

Afterschool clubs begin on, Monday 23rd September 2024. Further information to follow next week, on how to register your child for a club, online. Breakfast club runs all year round.

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/sweets. All birthday food will not be distributed and will be returned to the parent/carer. We respectfully ask you not to distribute birthday food, in the playground.



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 our 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. **You can find our Communication Policy on our website. Please take a moment to read it.**

<https://parkhilljunior.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/Home-school-Communications-Policy.pdf>

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.

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.

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

DATE	LEARNING and CELEBRATION
4 th September 2024	Children return to school. Hurray!
12 th September 2024	Year 6 Curriculum Meeting for Parents (in the school hall at 3:45pm)
16 th September 2024	Year 3 Curriculum Meeting for Parents (in the school hall at 3:45pm)
17 th September 2024	Year 4 Curriculum Meeting for Parents (in the school hall at 3:45pm)
19 th September 2024	Year 5 Curriculum Meeting for Parents (in the school hall at 3:45pm)
20 th September 2024	Jeans for Genes Day 
23 rd September 2024	After School Clubs Begin This Week
1 st October 2024	Black History Month Begins
17 th October 2024	Pupil Voice Fayre (in the school hall from 3:30pm) More details to follow.
23 rd October 2024	Parents Evening (1)
25 th October 2024	Day Glow Day (dress-up day)
28 th October to 1 st November 2024	Half Term Holiday
6 th November 2024	Parents Evening (2)
11 th November 2024	Anti-bullying Week Begins
13 th November 2024	First Aid Training for Children – Day 1 
13 th November 2024	Odd Sock Day 
14 th November 2024	First Aid Training for Children – Day 2 
15 th November 2024	Children in Need Day 
23 rd December 2024 to 3 rd January 2025	Christmas Holiday
6 th January 2025	Professionals' Training Day 3 – School closed to children
7 th January 2025	Professionals' Training Day 4 – School closed to children
8 th January 2025	Children return to school. Hurray!
17 th to 21 st February 2025	Half Term Holiday
7 th to 21 st April 2025	Easter Holiday
22 nd April 2024	Children return to school. Hurray!
5 th May 2025	Bank Holiday
26 th to 30 th May 2025	Half Term Holiday
2 nd June 2025	Professionals' Training Day 5 – School closed to children
3 rd June 2025	Children return to school. Hurray!
22 nd July 2025	Last day of term