

Parkhill Junior School January 2025 Welcome Back Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back and a Happy New Year! We hope you enjoyed a peaceful holiday and are ready to get going again! We look forward to seeing all our high performance learners dancing through the Parkhill Junior School gates tomorrow – Wednesday 8th January 2025...and not a day later.

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



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.



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 resume from, Monday 20th January 2025.

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)



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.**

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	
<i>8th January 2025</i>	<i>Children return to school and <u>not a day later</u>. Hurray!</i>	
<i>20th January 2025</i>	<i>After School Clubs Resume this week</i>	
<i>29th January 2025</i>	<i>Chinese New Year – Chinese dance workshops in school</i>	
<i>3rd – 7th February 2025</i>	<i>National Storytelling Week</i>	
<i>3rd – 7th February 2025</i>	<i>Children’s Mental Health Week</i>	
<i>12th February 2025</i>	<i>Parents Evening (1)</i>	
<i>17th to 21st February 2025</i>	Half Term Holiday	
<i>26th February 2025</i>	<i>Parents Evening (2)</i>	
<i>3rd – 7th March 2025</i>	<i>Book Week</i>	
<i>3rd March 2025</i>	<i>Fairtrade Fortnight Begins</i>	
<i>7th March 2025</i>	<i>Fairtrade Fayre – Year 5 and 6</i>	
<i>10th – 14th March 2025</i>	<i>Science Week</i>	 
<i>14th March 2025</i>	<i>Red Nose Day (non uniform day)</i>	
<i>7th to 21st April 2025</i>	Easter Holiday	
<i>22nd April 2025</i>	<i>Children return to school. Hurray!</i>	
<i>5th May 2025</i>	Bank Holiday	
<i>12th May 2025</i>	<i>Year 6 SATs Week (Monday to Thursday)</i>	
<i>26th to 30th May 2025</i>	Half Term Holiday	
<i>2nd June 2025</i>	<i>Professionals’ Training Day 5 – School closed to children</i>	
<i>3rd June 2025</i>	<i>Children return to school. Hurray!</i>	
<i>22nd July 2025</i>	<i>Last day of term <u>and not a day earlier!</u></i>	
<i>22nd July 2025</i>	<i>Big Breakfast for Parents and Carers</i>	
	<i>Summer Holidays 23rd July to 3rd September 2025</i>	

New Year, New Challenge. Foster for Redbridge Council.

I will save more money. I will eat healthier foods. Why not make a new year's resolution which will change a life? Over 300 children are unable to stay with their families in Redbridge each year and need a secure, stable and nurturing foster home.

If you have a place in your heart and home and are considering fostering, please call 0208 708 6068 or visit <https://www.redbridge.gov.uk/fosteringschools> to book onto our next Virtual Information Session.

We can't wait to hear from you.

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Foster for Redbridge Council
020 8708 6068
www.redbridge.gov.uk/fostering