

Parkhill Junior School April 2025 Welcome Back Newsletter 8

Article 4: Governments must do all they can to make sure that every child can enjoy their rights.
French word: Bienvenue – welcome back.

Dear Parents and Carers

A warm *Welcome Back*, to Parkhill Junior School.

Our summer term is always full of promise, potential and, put simply, is like no other term, with its endless high performance learning activities! (It does help when the sun shines!) Our Calendar of Learning and Celebration details many of those activities ...but not all. Therefore, it is important that you read all school letters and emails and stay informed. Remember that the website is another accessible way, of keeping abreast of school events. We look forward to working with you this term and to making sure that all our learners attend school, every single day.

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	Mrs N. Tanner Deputy Headteacher and SENCO
Safeguarding Officer	Ms N. Reeves School Business Lead



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.

Reminder

Clubs will resume from **Monday 28th April 2025**.

Birthdays and all other Celebrations

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



**‘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!**

Appointments

Dental appointments, optician appointments and GP appointments must be booked, outside school hours. **Appointments booked during school time will be unauthorised.** N.H.S. and 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.**

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>

School Uniform – compulsory.

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. Please follow the link below, to read our School Uniform Policy.

<https://parkhilljunior.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/Parkhill-Junior-School-Uniform-Policy-2024-25.pdf>

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.**

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
28 th April 2025	After school clubs resume this week
5 th May 2025	Bank Holiday
12 th May 2025	Year 6 SATs Week (Monday to Thursday) <i>Free breakfast in the school hall for all Year 6 children.</i>
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!
3 rd to 6 th June 2025	Arts Week
9 th to 13 th June 2025	My Money Week
13 th June 2025	Enterprise Day
16 th to 20 th June	Healthy Eating and Active Week
18 th June 2025	Sports Day
4 th July 2025	Summer Fair
8 th July 2025	Create Day
8 th to 11 th July 2025	Parent Evenings – details to follow.
18 th July 2025	Summer Day (non uniform day)
22 nd July 2025	Last day of term <u>and not a day sooner!</u>
22 nd July 2025	<i>Big Breakfast for Parents and Carers</i>
Summer Holidays 23 rd July to 29 th August 2025	
	
1 st and 2 nd September 2025	Professionals' Training Day 1 and 2 – School closed to children
3 rd September 2025	Hurray! Children return to school today...and not a day later.



<https://parkhilljunior.com/hpl-high-performance-learning>

