



NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

Welcome to the first Newsletter of this new school year.

The term has got off to an excellent start. Mr Bailey and Mrs Haasbroek have settled into life here at Park Hill and our children are working hard in their new classes.

EXAM PREP

Quite a number of Y6 pupils have taken or are preparing to take Grammar School Entrance Exams this month. We wish them all the best and remind them that there is still time to do a lot of revision!

EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS

All our clubs are now underway. There are places available in the Tag Rugby Club on Fridays. If your child is interested, please let Mrs Kendall know. Can I remind you to pick up your child on time from every club and to make sure that you sign them out on the register before you take them.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

We still have a number of children on packed lunches, particularly in Y2. Please encourage your child to try a school lunch, especially as winter approaches. A hot, healthy meal at lunchtime sets them up for the afternoon. If your child does bring a packed lunch, could you please make sure that they do not bring sweets. Children are allowed to bring fruit for their morning break.

LOCKDOWN POLICY

As part of our regulatory requirements, school is required to have a Lockdown Policy. This ensures that all staff and children know what to do if school goes into lockdown for any reason. I have recently finalised the policy and shared it with the staff. Within the next couple of weeks we will be having a drill in school. We will obviously discuss the drill with the children beforehand and be sensitive to the fact that it is a delicate matter and we will do everything possible to allay any fears the children may have. Once the drill has taken place and any amendments have been made as a result of the drill, I will share the policy with you.

UNIFORM

It has come to our attention that Moonline, the uniform suppliers on Colne Rd in Burnley, are supplying some of our uniform, namely the blazer and the girls' skirt. This is illegal as the logo belongs to us and cannot be used without our permission. Also the colour of the skirt is slightly different to ours, the materials they are using are inferior and they have not been in touch with us to let us know that they are doing this. This has been reported to Trading Standards. All our uniform is available from Grays in Clitheroe. Could I please remind you of the importance of labelling all your child's uniform. Thank you for your co-operation.

WORKSHOPS

GUIDED READING

Mrs Whitehead would like to hold **Guided Reading Workshops** for parents this half term. These will be very informative and will help you to support your child's reading and comprehension skills; a key skill for high attainment in all subjects.

The proposed dates are **Thursday 11th October for KS2** and **Thursday 18th October for KS1**. We have decided to hold the meetings at **6.00pm** to give more parents the opportunity to attend. Please put the date in your diaries. Letters will be sent home in due course with a reply slip to give us an indication of numbers. If we do not get many replies then the Workshops will not go ahead.

PHONICS

Miss Fidoe and Miss Grillo would like to put on a Phonics workshop for parents of children in the EYFS and Year 1. The date for this is **Thursday 11th October at 3.45**. (Children will be looked after free of charge in the After School Club) Again letters will be sent out in due course with a reply slip in order for us to gauge attendance

MERCY DAY

On Monday, the 24th September, we celebrate Mercy Day. This is a special day for us here in school when we remember Catherine McAuley, our Foundress, and the Sisters of Mercy, our Trustees and the wonderful work they do for our school and for the sick and the poor around the world. Please ask your children about Catherine; they should know all about her! She was an amazing woman with a wonderful vision and our lovely school is here because of her and the continuing work of the Sisters of Mercy. We will be celebrating on Monday with an extra playtime – weather permitting!

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