



NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

I would like to thank you for your kind words, gifts and good wishes following the news of my retirement at the end of this term.

The decision has not been an easy one. The children and families of St Joseph's Park Hill School have been my focus for almost 18 years. I came here in the Autumn Term of 2001 as Year 2 teacher and KS1 Leader. I then took on the role of Deputy Head to Sister Joan and became Head in 2010.

I feel blessed to have worked with gifted and hard-working staff who are committed to the children in their care. The children, parents and extended families of St Joseph's Park Hill have always been kind, supportive and loyal and it has been a privilege to be a part of and to lead this wonderful school family.

I will leave with very happy memories and wish each and every one of you every best wish for the future.

However I am not going quite yet!

Next half term I will be very busy ensuring that everything is in order to pass on to Mrs Whitehead. I have every confidence that she will continue to ensure that every child flourishes and achieves and I know that she will have your full support.

I look forward to celebrating Advent with you and pray that my remaining few weeks will be happy and fruitful.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

The children's Christmas Cards have arrived. Your child's sample card will be sent home on the 5th November.

PLEASE NOTE: Your order forms AND payment must be returned **before Friday 9th November** as that is the last day that we can send in the school order. Any forms received after that date will not be sent and you will not get your cards.

UNIFORM

All children should be in full winter uniform when we come back on 5th November. Please check the website or contact Mrs Duncan if you are unsure about any items of uniform. All uniform should be clearly labelled with your child's name. Shoes should be polishable i.e.: no trainer type shoes. Winter coats should be school issue only from Grays. Please do not purchase skirts or any other bespoke items from other retailers. Gloves, hats and scarves should be school issue only and they are available from Mrs Kendall. Our uniform is a vital part of who we are. Children are expected to look smart and neat at all times. Many thanks for your support.

REMEMBRANCE ASSEMBLY 2.30pm

Y6 will lead our Remembrance Service on Friday 9th November. Please note the earlier time of **2.30pm**. We will be joined by the Mayor and Mayoress of Padiham and the gentlemen from the Royal British Legion. This is always a very moving service. Please join us if you can.



POPPIES

As part of our Remembrance celebrations, our Y6 pupils have been making poppies and on our return they will be "planting" them on the grassy verge by the school car park. They have made 100 poppies to commemorate the 100 years since the end of WW1.

Please look out for them and encourage your children to spend time looking at them and to respect them as they come and go to school.

PUPIL PROGRESS EVENINGS

A reminder of the dates for pupil Progress Evenings:

Monday 12th November 3.40pm – 6.00pm

Tuesday 13th November 6.00pm – 8.00pm

Mrs Kendall will have the appointment sheets from Monday 5th. Please come in and sign up to see your child's teacher.

PARENT GOVERNOR

From January there will be a vacancy for a Parent Governor on the Governing Body.

A Parent Governor is **not** on the Governing Body to promote the interests of their own child but must have an interest in improving the futures of **all** pupils. A Parent Governor is not a representative or delegate of the parent body and is elected by other parents to offer support to the Headteacher and along with the other Governors help decide priorities for school improvement. If you are interested in becoming a Parent Governor please come in and express your interest and we can discuss the role further.

OPEN DAY Our Open Day is on Tuesday 6th November from 9.30am – 3.00pm. Please spread the word about our wonderful school!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DATE	EVENT	TIME
Tuesday 6 th November	Open Day	9.30am – 3.00pm
Monday 12 th November	Pupil Progress Evening	3.40pm – 6.00pm
Tuesday 13 th November	Pupil Progress Evening	6.00pm – 8.00pm
Friday 23 rd November	PTA Quiz Night	Details to follow
Tuesday 4 th December	Carol Singing (Boundary Mill)	6.30pm – 7.30pm
Friday 14 th December	Christmas Disco	6.00pm – 7.30pm
Monday 17 th December	Infant Nativity	2.00pm
Tuesday 18 th December	Infant Nativity	6.00pm
Thursday 20 th December	Junior Carol Service	7.00pm
Friday 21 st December	END OF TERM	12.00pm

Thankyou for your Harvest Donations. I am, as always, touched by your generosity. The Women's Refuge will be most grateful.

Enjoy the half term holiday.

Please limit your child's screen time and encourage them to get out as much as they can. We are so lucky to have beautiful, easily accessible green spaces so close to us. A brisk walk in the fresh air is good for body and soul.