



# NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

A Happy New Year to you all...although I have to say that we have been so industrious in the past two weeks that the Christmas holidays and New Year celebrations feel like a distant memory!

I am thrilled to say that we have welcomed many lovely new children to our school last week and they have quickly and happily settled in to our school family. Charlie has joined our lively year 6 class. William has brought his talents to year 4. Brothers Abu-Bakr and Ziyaad have joined year 3 and our Reception classes; and Elliot, brother of Harris in year 5, has very cheerfully joined year 2. It has been wonderful to see them growing in confidence and friendships each day. We are delighted to have them.

Pre-School has also seen new little faces: Theo, Natasha and Toby who seem to have already had lots of fun playing with new friends.

We have also welcomed Mrs Whittaker back from her maternity leave and can you believe it that Harriet is nearly one and has taken her first steps? How time flies! We are very happy to have her back in year 5.

Our community is growing further with the addition of baby Oakley to the Schofield family, a brother for Luke, Harvey, Daniel and Ashton. Mum, Dad and Oakley came in to see us on Monday and looked fantastic. Eva in Pre-School has a new baby sister, Teddi who was born just after Christmas. Many congratulations to both families.

So we have had a wonderfully positive start to 2019 here in school and are looking forward to all this year will bring.

*Mrs Whitehead*

## **Growth Mindset – New Year, New Mindset!**

Last week Year 4 led the Friday assembly which was all about adopting a Growth Mindset. The children encouraged us all to be more like 'Growth Mindset Grace' who is positive, tries again and again without giving up and who learns from her mistakes. Grace loves challenges and knows that it takes lots of hard work to achieve any goal. We will be encouraging the children to have a growth mindset over the coming months and hopefully they will come home and chat to you about it. Watch this space!

## **Mrs Robinson's Retirement**

Mrs Robinson has asked us to send a huge thank you to all you parents for your generosity, kindness and good wishes on her retirement. She was overwhelmed and humbled by the many gifts, cards and kind words which she received as she finished here. She also sends you all her very best wishes for 2019.

## **Facebook**

As you know, we try to keep you up to date with exciting activities that the children have participated in, both on the school website and via Facebook. Please can you help us market our wonderful school by liking our posts and sharing them so we can reach a wider audience and encourage others that Park Hill could be the school for them. We would really appreciate your help and support with this. If you like us, tell others why.

## **Stars of the Week**

**Pre-school** - Charlie ,**Reception** - Luke , **Year 1** - Blue  
**Year 2** – Khushleen, **Year 3** -Abu – Bakr, **Year 4** -William  
**Year 5** – Feehan, **Year 6** - Prashil

## **School reading scheme books**

We have recently seen a rise in the number of school reading books being damaged or lost. We cannot afford to keep carrying the cost of replacing these, so going forward, school will have to charge parents for the cost of a new book to replace any lost. Please encourage your child to look after their books.



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## Fundraising

We are delighted to tell you that we raised £630 from our Christmas Raffle, £440 from our school Christmas Disco, and £92.96 cash donation along with all the rucksacks of supplies for our Christmas Charity Mary's Meals. Many, many thanks for your generosity and support. These are brilliant totals we can be proud of!

## PTA

The next meeting of the PTA will be on Weds 30<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm in school. We hope to plan events for this term. All parents are very welcome and we would value your input.

## Mile-a-Day

We feel a healthy start to the New Year is vital so we have had a big push on doing our Mile-a-Day in school over the last two weeks. The children complete the mile long circuit in our grounds each morning after playtime. We are trialling it as a whole school and it has been lovely to see the older children running alongside the infants to help and support them. In just two weeks we can definitely see the improvement as the children become fitter and find the challenge easier.

## Bad Weather

As Headteacher, my priority must be for the safety of children and staff travelling to and from school in what may be dangerous conditions. In the event of overnight snow, a decision on whether or not school should be closed will be made after consideration of the state of the roads around school and the areas from which staff and pupils will need to travel. We will also have to consider the likelihood of further snowfall during the day.

If the school is to be closed parents will be informed by :

- Text message
- Website
- If possible a message will be left on the school phone
- Radio Lancashire and 2BR will also have information about school closures

If snow falls during the day please contact school for information. If you are unable to collect your child yourself, please make sure that you inform school, giving details of the person who is authorised to collect them for you.

## Sports News

### Basketball

The from KS2 Basketball team enjoyed success at the Blessed Trinity cluster competition on Tuesday. They competed against many other Burnley Schools and in each game they demonstrated great teamwork and determination, resulting in them winning all their matches!



*Well done Team!*

### This Half Term's Learning

Pre-School and Reception Class – In EYFS we have been learning about keeping our bodies healthy by doing exercise and getting our hearts beating faster.

KS1 – In Key Stage 1 we are focussing on fundamental Movement Skills. The children are enjoying participating in lots of team activities and games.

KS2 – In Key Stage 2 the children are making use of the apparatus in gymnastics and perfecting their performances in invasion games such as Tag Rugby, Basketball and Handball.

### Forthcoming Events

We have some exciting friendlies and competitions coming up this half term so remember to try your best during your PE and games lessons.

- Year 5&6 Football friendly Vs St Mary Magdalene's
- Year 3&4 Gymnastics competition
- Year 5&6 Handball friendly Vs Wellfield
- Year 3&4 Basketball competition
- Year 5&6 Tag Rugby competition
- KS1 Multi-Skills festival
- KS2 Dance Festival competition
- Year 5&6 Hartley Cup Quarter Finals football match

A Whole School Games Day will take place this half term. It will be organised run by our Year 6 Sports Crew.