



# NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

The weeks are flying by and school has been a hive of activity. Rehearsals for our Christmas Performances have begun this week and we really do have a packed calendar for the next four weeks. Please keep this newsletter as a reminder of the dates for your diary, as there's lots to remember!

### Head of Juniors

We are delighted to announce that the Governing Body has appointed Mrs Haasbroek as Head of Juniors. As a former pupil of our school, Mrs Haasbroek was thrilled to return here as a teacher and now will work with Mrs Whitehead and all the staff to ensure Park Hill continues to be the wonderful school that it is. We wish her much luck in her new role.



### Quiz Night and PJ Film Night

This event was a great success, raising £587.83 for PTA funds. Many thanks to all who came, and a special thank you to Mr Juriansz for devising the quiz and being a brilliant Quiz Master.



### Assemblies

There will be an Advent assembly on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November at 2.45pm and our Faith Ambassador team will lead our reflections and prayers to mark the beginning of this very special time of year. All are welcome at the assembly. There will be no Friday afternoon assemblies on the 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> December. We are going to use these afternoons to practise for the Nativity and Carol Service with Mrs Goffee.

### Pendleside Hospice

Penny the squirrel came along last Friday to accept a cheque for £202.55 which we raised with our cake sale in October. The Faith Ambassador Team suggested we donate the money to Pendleside Hospice and they were very grateful to receive it.



### Open Day

We held a school Open Day on Tuesday and were very pleased to welcome lots of families to look around our school. A special thank you and well-done to Year 6 for chaperoning the visitors around school and informing of them of all the great things we do here.

### Christmas Raffle

We hope to hold our usual marvellous Christmas Raffle in December and are asking for donations of Raffle prizes so that we can make it as successful as possible. The children can take part in Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December and we request that they bring in a raffle donation that day (or before). Thank you in advance!

### NSPCC Parent Online Safety Workshop

We wrote to you a while ago to gauge interest in this and 18 parents responded, so we asked the NSPCC to come along and deliver a parent workshop on Online Safety. Unfortunately only 6 parents attended, which is a huge shame, as it was extremely informative about how to keep your children safe in the increasingly dangerous online world. The children also benefitted from NSPCC workshops in the afternoon which encouraged them to Speak Out, Stay Safe. We would like to thank Miss Fidoe for organising it all for us and the NSPCC staff for coming to school.

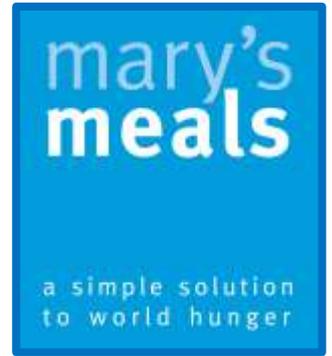
### Winter Uniform

We have had some frosty mornings and the heating has been cranked up in school! Hats, scarves and gloves are available to purchase in school. Just ask Mrs Kendall. All Coats (except Pre-school) should be our school coat available from Grays, please.

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**Advent Charity**

We have chosen "Mary's Meals" as our Advent Charity once again. The children love supporting this worthy charity with their "Backpack Appeal" and the Faith Ambassador Team are strong advocates. As previously they are looking for rucksacks and items for children to use in school such as paper, pencils, pens etc. A small hand towel, toothbrush, toothpaste and soap are useful. And any unwanted t-shirts to fit a child. None of these items need to be brand new (except the toothbrush!) - so get recycling unwanted items from your drawers and cupboards. Any donations we receive from our Carol Singing and at our Christmas Performances will also go to this charity.



**Easy Fundraising**

If you are online shopping for Christmas please register for Easyfundraising. The link is: [www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/parkhillschool](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/parkhillschool) Once you have registered, school will receive a small percentage of your spending.

**LIFEBUS**

Our annual visit from Coram Education takes place on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> and Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November. All children will have PSHE lessons onboard. Parents are invited to the early morning session 8.40am - 8.55am on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November. Please come along and see what it's all about.

**Nativity and Carol Service**

Tickets will be available for these events from Monday from Mrs Kendall. We have decided to charge £2 per adult and £1 per child and this money will go to our Advent Charity "Mary's Meals."

**Spanish**

Feel free to come and have a look at our Spanish display which is situated outside Mrs Hannah's classroom.



**DATES FOR THE DIARY**

Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> / Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Life Education Bus at school
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	Saturday Childcare Day 8am - 4pm
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December - 6.30pm	Carol Singing (Choir, staff and any parents volunteers) at Boundary Mill, Colne
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Extra - Curricular Clubs finish
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Drama Showcase 4.30 - 5.30pm All classes with Miss Alice from BASICS (excluding Pre-school)
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Dinner
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Disco & Parents' Room - Tombola, Mince Pies, Tea, Coffee and Mulled Wine
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December - 2pm	Infant Nativity (Afternoon Performance)
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December - 6pm	Infant Nativity (Evening Performance)
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Pantomime in school by Artyfact Theatre
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December - 7pm	Carol Service (All Juniors to attend)
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 12 NOON	School Closes for Christmas Holidays

**SPORTS NEWS**



**Football**

A huge congratulations to our football team who won the 'plate' at Westholme football tournament last Friday.