



NEWSLETTER

Headteacher: Mrs Maria Whitehead

Friday 14th February 2020



Dear Parents,

We have arrived at the blustery end of the first half of spring term and it has flown by so quickly. The staff and children have worked hard and are now ready for some rest and relaxation. As well as some much deserved time to play, please encourage your child to read for pleasure over the break and keep them off games consoles!

Have a great week and we return to school at 8.30am on Monday 24th February, still in winter uniform please. We change over to summer uniform after the Easter holidays.

Lent begins on Wednesday 26th February and the children will be walking down to St Mary Magdalene's church for mass with St Mary Magdalene's school. Mass is at 1.30pm and all parents/grandparents are very welcome to attend.

Our Lenten charity is St Joseph's Penny and as in past years the children will bring home a box for the 6 weeks of Lent to collect money for Caritas, who work tirelessly to help disadvantaged people in Lancashire and Greater Manchester. Our target is to beat last year's total of £379.



Online Safety week

This week has been National Online Safety week and the children have been learning about how to stay safe online in their computing lessons with Mr Bailey. Please do limit the time your child spends online and have parental controls in place to prevent them accessing unsuitable content. You should have received an information leaflet from your child on Wednesday which details age restrictions and offers advice to parents on how to ensure your child is safe online. We very strongly believe that spending extended periods of time gaming, on social media or surfing the internet can have damaging effects on your child's development socially, behaviourally and academically. All primary aged children are too young to legally access social media sites.

Cake sale for Caitlin

Thank you so much for your support this week. The children (and staff!) have loved buying a cake in the mornings and we have managed to raise £230.00 plus a £40 donation for this very worthwhile cause.



Uniform, book and toy sale

These sales have been going very well and we will keep the stalls open during the school disco on Friday evening. We will let you know how much we have raised from these stalls after the half-term break. Parents have been giving positive feedback about the uniform sale, in particular, so we will hold a uniform sale each term. All monies raised go into our PTA funds to improve the school for our children.



Disco reminder

Our spring disco is tonight – Friday 14th 6-7.30pm. Tickets are £5 and include a disco with DJ Grillo, drinks and a biscuit. There are sweets and small toys on sale for the children to buy, and there is a parents' room for a brew, biscuit and a chat.

As it is Valentine's Day, the theme is pink, red or hearts. See you at 6pm!



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Sing Together Concert

Our next choral performance is Thursday 5th March when Mrs Goffee will take the choir to King George's Hall, Blackburn to collaborate with other schools in the Sing Together concert. Should anyone wish to go along to watch and listen, then tickets are available from www.kinggeorghall.com. priced £6.50 per adult and £1.50 per child.

The children had a practice session with a conductor from the Blackburn Cathedral Music Outreach team on Thursday, and they are beginning to sound wonderful.



EYFS News

Reception Class have enjoyed being outdoors earlier this week in the little bit of sunshine that we have had. We have been busy climbing and making mud pies in the outdoor kitchen.

We are looking forward to some more sunshine, so we can make more happy outdoor memories.



Sports News

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We've had a very busy half-term sports wise with lots of competitions and tournaments and some great results. We have a lot more fixtures coming up next half-term including football, tag-rugby, netball, cross country and many more!!!



Get caught running

Over the February half – term holidays we are going to run our 'get caught running' event send your photos to office@parkhillschool.co.uk and we will present you with a get caught running keyring during Friday's assembly soooo.... 'Get caught running.'

