



NEWSLETTER

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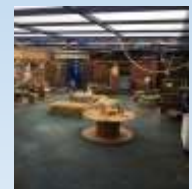


Friday 25th September 2020

Dear Parents,

Another two weeks have passed and this half term is flying by. We have had some glorious weather and the children have been able to really enjoy being outside in our lovely grounds. EYFS have particularly enjoyed their time outdoors and you can see lots of photos of them both on our website and on our Facebook page. The field area, the triangle and the top yard are all looking fabulous.

Autumn is creeping up on us though and the leaves are beginning to change colour and fall. Mr Whittaker and Mr Barnsley are being kept very busy in our grounds!



We celebrated Mercy Day in school yesterday, the 24th September with an assembly all about mercy and the foundress of the Sisters of Mercy, Catherine McAuley. Our Faith Ambassadors led the prayers, and the children were asked to be more like Catherine who was humble, selfless, kind, hardworking and dedicated. Our school would not be here without Catherine McAuley dedicating her life to the service of the poor, sick and uneducated. A chocolate treat was enjoyed by all to round off the day.



Enjoy your weekend

Mrs Whitehead

Reading is Magic Festival

Next week, children will be taking part in the virtual Reading is Magic Festival. Some of the best authors, illustrators and writers will be streamed live to our classrooms. Throughout the week, we will be hearing from Cressida Cowell, children's laureate and author of the 'How to train your dragon' series. Sue Hendra and Paul Linnet, authors of 'Supertato' and 'No-Bot' will also be appearing, along with many other fantastic speakers from the world of children's books. This event also coincides with National Poetry day on Thursday 1st October, when we will be enjoying poetry throughout the day.

Easy fundraising

If you are online shopping, please register for easy fundraising. The link is <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/parkhillschool/>

Once you have registered, our school will receive a small percentage of your spending at no cost to yourselves.

PTA - 100 club

As we have no other means of fundraising at the moment, due to the covid restrictions, it would be a great time to join the 100 Club. Please read the attached letter from the PTA.

The cost to enter is £5 a month, so for example, 100 members will generate £500 each month, this will provide £250 in prize money, 50 members will generate £125 in prizes. Each month there will be 2 prizes in the ratio 60%:40%. 100 members will generate a 1st Prize - £150, 2nd Prize - £100! I

The prize money each month will be exactly 50% of the monies paid in by its members. You have to be in it to win it! And by supporting us in this way, you are helping us invest in resources for your children. Last year fundraising enabled us to buy laptops and refurbish our EYFS areas – so it is really worthwhile.

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New additions to the Park Hill Family

Lily-Mae in Pre-school has a new baby brother – Noah. Congratulations to the family.
We welcome Liam in Year 3 who has joined our school after moving here from China.

Punctuality

A gentle reminder of the staggered start times for each class:

- Year 6: 8.15am
- Year 5: 8.20am
- Year 4: 8.15am
- Year 2/3 : 8.20am
- Year 1: 8.25am
- Reception: 8.30am
- Pre-school: 9.00am

Our school risk assessment relies on the children being kept safe in bubbles which do not mix. Therefore we ask that you try to be punctual so that year groups are not mixing in the morning because of children arriving late. When children arrive late, it is very difficult for us to manage. Thank you

Como se dice
"ojos" en inglés?



Eyes.
No! Ice es hielo.
No, yellow is amarillo!

Covid-19 Restrictions

You will have all heard the Prime Minister's address on Tuesday evening. It appears that restrictions will become tighter and more far-reaching through the winter months to avoid an overwhelmed NHS and unnecessary deaths. We continue to receive a daily update from the Department for Education, detailing any measures schools have to take to ensure the safety of staff and pupils. Please be assured that we will action this guidance promptly and inform you immediately.

If your child or anyone in your household displays any of the symptoms of covid-19 – raised temperature, persistent cough and loss/change of smell or taste- then please stay at home, self-isolate and book a test online. Please inform us of an absence by 9.15am on the day and we will ask you about the symptoms your child is displaying. We will also advise you on what steps need to be taken. Good communication will be key over the next 6 months.

Summer Reading Challenge

Gold Winners (book voucher)

Cora
Aisha
Zak
Florence
Aaminah

Silver

Joseph

Well done to these superstar readers!

Book Cover Club - Winners

Reception - Maysarah
Year 1- John
Year 2 - Luke
Year 3 - Abby
Year 4 – Harvey
Year 5 – George
Year 6 – Marla-Joni

Prize – Chocolate, Certificate and bookmark

October half term holidays: 16th October -1st November inc.

The autumn 1 half term ends on Thursday 15th October, with the 16th being a staff training day. Please consider any holidays abroad very carefully as most destinations require a period of 2 weeks quarantine on return to the UK. Too much learning time has already been lost this year, so losing 2 further weeks in quarantine is inadvisable. No requests for holidays in term time will be authorised for the same reason.

Staff are working at full capacity and unfortunately will not have time to provide work for children to do at home if they have to quarantine due to a trip abroad.

The well-being of staff and children is my main priority and being in school is vital to this. Thank you for your cooperation.