



NEWSLETTER

Headteacher: Mrs Maria Whitehead

Friday 9th October 2020



Dear Parents,

Autumn has definitely arrived! The school grounds are a riot of beautiful colours and we are making the most of every opportunity to get outside when the sun is shining. We are so very lucky to have such a wonderful environment to learn in.

The month of October is the month of the Holy Rosary. Our virtual assemblies are taking the children through the different mysteries of the Rosary and they are hearing important stories of Jesus' life from the Bible. Our Faith Ambassadors then lead our prayers – we pray the Our Father, Hail Mary and the Glory Be when praying the Rosary.



HARVEST Collection

Normally we would be looking forward to a lovely assembly led by one of our classes to celebrate the Harvest. It is a time of year when we think of others who are far less fortunate than ourselves. And we will be talking to the children about this in class. We would still like to have a collection to donate to charity and this year we have decided to support the Burnley Food Bank. So many families in Burnley are struggling to feed themselves and this pandemic has sadly made the situation worse. We are asking for your generosity and are collecting food items such as:- Tinned meat, tinned tuna, tinned pies, tinned vegetables and pasta sauce. They also requested Nappies and wipes and items for treats such as:- Chocolate biscuits, funsize packets of chocolate and Haribos etc. These can be sent into school with your child at any time over the next week. We will then take our collection to the food bank on 16th October. We thank you for your help.

PTA

If you are interested in joining the 100 Club, please contact Mrs Duncan in school. It is a simple monthly draw which benefits school and helps us to buy new resources for the children to use.

We are selling school desks and chairs at a bargain price of £5 and all proceeds will go into our PTA funds. Desks which have been ordered will be available for collection from school on Friday 16th October. Please email Mrs Duncan if you are interested to bursar@parkhillschool.co.uk



Mental Health and Wellbeing

Tomorrow is World Mental Health day, and mental health and wellbeing has been thrown into the spotlight in recent months due to the pandemic and the psychological impact it has had on people. As part of our PSHE curriculum, we help the children understand how they can deal with any worries or anxieties they may have. They know they can talk to any adult in school and if they share a worry in the 'Worry Box', then Miss Grillo, our Pastoral Lead, talks to them about what is on their mind. Sometimes her support takes the form of group work or sometimes individual help. Either way, please be reassured that we know your children very well and support them with all their needs in school.



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Winter Uniform

Half term begins on Friday 16th October. We return to school on Monday 2 November and the children should return wearing full winter uniform please.

All uniform is back in stock now, with the exception of jumpers which will be available in November. It can be purchased from Grays in Clitheroe or online.

Reading is Magic Festival

The Reading is Magic Festival was a success last week. All children took part in virtual workshops and we even got to ask some questions to famous author and Children's Laureate, Cressida Cowell. We are feeling more inspired than ever to pick a book. Carry on looking out for our, 'Ask me what I'm reading' badges and keep the conversation going.



COVID Safety Measures

A polite request that when you collect your children from school at the end of the school day, that you keep them with you at all times and supervise them on the school grounds. We are having instances where parents are standing chatting and the children are running around unsupervised and then mixing with children from other bubbles. There is no point in us taking great pains in school to maintain class bubbles for the safety of children and staff, for the children to then mix across bubbles at home time. A reminder too that adults must maintain a social-distance of 2 metres whilst on the school grounds. Thank you for your cooperation.

Book Bags

A special mention to the parents of Ali-Hussain and Ali-Hamza, of Burnley Carpets, for their generous donation of new, robust wipe clean book bags for all our classes in school. These are strong and easily sanitised and should hopefully keep us going until we can return to normal and use our school bags again. Many thanks to them.



EYFS enjoying their outdoor play area

