



# NEWSLETTER

Headteacher: Mrs Maria Whitehead  
Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2023



## Pupil Progress Meetings

Please ensure you book a slot with your child's teacher next week. Mrs Maudsley, our SENDCo will also be available to discuss TLPs. If you cannot make it, do not worry, we will send home a copy of your child's report.

## Fun Film Night

We had a wonderful response to our Film Night at the end of last term and the children all seemed to have fun. Thank you to all the staff who stayed and helped. We made a whopping £372.64 for PTA funds.

## Pyjamarama

Thursday was another fun fundraising day in school. We all came dressed in our PJs to raise money for the charity Children with Cancer UK. The children enjoyed a bedtime story with homemade shortbread biscuits and milk to round off the day nicely. We raised £268.00 for this worthy cause. We raised £284.21 from the cake sale. This brings the total amount raised to £552.21. THANK YOU.



## Antibullying Week

Next week is national Antibullying Week with the theme - 'Make a noise about Bullying!' We will start the week with ODD SOCKS DAY on Monday (13<sup>th</sup>) when everyone should come to school wearing odd socks. We do this to teach the children that being different is okay and we should respect others' differences. There will be lessons all week with an antibullying theme.

## Seeds and Gardeners Assembly

This assembly by Year 6 and Reception class is always very popular and will take place on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November and not next week as it states on the assembly list. There will be no assembly next Friday (17<sup>th</sup>) so that we can prepare for the Nativity and Carol Service with Mrs Goffee.

## New staff members

This term we welcome Mr Luke Davies and Miss Jade Hirst to our Learning Support staff team. We also welcome Miss Steph McGough to our cleaning team. We are sure that you will welcome them into our little school community.

## PTA

The PTA fundraising we do is vital to the development of the school and we would like to thank you for your support. Over the past 2 years we raised funds to pay for the wildlife pond and outdoor classroom as well as buying resources for other areas in school. Our PTA funds paid for the summer fun day and water pistols gifts in the summer term. It also pays for gifts for the children at Christmas and prizes for various competitions throughout the year. The staff expend a lot of effort with fundraising events. We also receive funds from the 100 club and would be really grateful if more parents/ grandparents would join. Last year the PTA had the idea to ask for a £1 donation for the Extra-curricular clubs run by school staff and we have implemented this. All those £1 donations go straight into the PTA funds - they are not used for resources used in clubs nor do staff receive any remuneration for running the clubs - they do them because they care.

This year we would like to expand our growing Forest School area and build a polytunnel with potting benches and beds. We would also like to build an intervention room where small groups can work with a member of staff, where Mrs Maudsley can do her wonderful support work with children, and where Miss Grillo can do her invaluable wellbeing work with children. We have asked the Institute for a contribution to this, and this project may take us some time to complete.

So, again, thank you for your support with our fundraising for PTA funds. All the children in every class benefit from what we do.

## Term Dates - Holidays

The Term Dates can be found on our website or by clicking here:- [Term Dates Holidays](#)

## Assembly Dates

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### Trip to watch 'Bring on Tomorrow' by Basics Theatre School on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2pm

Basics Junior Theatre School are at Pendle Hippodrome on the 9<sup>th</sup> December presenting another dazzling show which their junior Shooting Stars cast will star in. It is a musical spectacular cabaret performance packed with songs, dances and scenes from shows.

We have reserved some tickets and staff are happy to supervise your child if they would like to watch the show. We recently watched The Addams Family by Senior Basics performers and it was better than a West End Musical. More than 30 staff and pupils went and had a wonderful afternoon.

If you would like your child to see the show on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December, ticket prices are £12 payable to school and you would need to drop your child off at Pendle Hippodrome at 1.30pm on the 9<sup>th</sup> December and collect them at 4.30pm. Mrs Whitehead and some members of staff will accompany them at the show. Please email Mrs Kendall at [office@parkhillschool.co.uk](mailto:office@parkhillschool.co.uk) to book tickets for your child.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 23 November 8.30-8.45 am Coram Education (Lifebus) are offering parents a 15 minute session before they run sessions in school on various PSHE topics.
- 6<sup>th</sup> December 4.30pm Carol Singing at Boundary Mill to raise money for Pendleside Hospice
- 14<sup>th</sup> December 6pm Infant Nativity
- 15<sup>th</sup> December 2pm Infant Nativity
- 18<sup>th</sup> December 6.30pm Junior Carol Service
- 19<sup>th</sup> December 1-3.30pm Christmas Disco and Talent Show, raffle, jumbly jars, chocolate tombola etc
- School closes on 19<sup>th</sup> December at 3.30pm. After School Club will be open until 5.30pm.

