



NEWSLETTER

Headteacher: Mrs Maria Whitehead

Thursday 17th October 2024



Dear Parents,

We are at the end of our first half-term and it seems to have flown!

The half-term has been packed with wonderful experiences for our pupils.

We enjoyed a theatre visit when *Alice in Wonderland* came to Park Hill; we have had a book fair; Y6 spent 3 fun filled days at Robinwood; Reception parents had a stay and play morning; Y5 spent the day at Blessed Trinity experiencing secondary school; juniors had a sleepover in the hall; juniors and Reception class walked to St Mary Magdalene's to take part in the Seeds and Gardeners mass; we have had a Harvest collection for Burnley Community Grocery; Y5 were Victorians for the day; and there have been many sports events and successes. This has been on top of a packed curriculum and all the opportunities the children have to enjoy an extra-curricular club.

I think it is time for a well-deserved rest!

So, may I wish you all wonderful half-term holidays and we look forward to welcoming back our refreshed and recharged children on Monday 4th November. **Winter uniform should be worn on their return.**

Best wishes,

Mrs Whitehead

We need your HELP please

We have spaces this academic year in our Pre-school.

If you know anybody with a 3 year old (or nearly 3 year old), please could you recommend our Pre-school to them. All our enquiries come from word of mouth and so we need you to sing our praises to your friends and acquaintances.

We accept 15/30 hour childcare funding.



Parking and Supervision of children before/after school

Please can we respectfully remind parents NOT to park on either the slope at the end of the car park or on the slip road leading to the playground. These spaces are for staff parking. Staff have been asked not to park on the main car park to free up more space for parents. Can we ask that parents do not then park in or block the small areas we have set aside for staff cars.

Please supervise children closely on school grounds. Do not leave your child unsupervised on the playground before school opens at 8.25am and please watch what they are doing after collection at 3.30pm. Please do not allow them to climb trees or run on the Convent or Care Home gardens. Please also do not permit them to throw stones or sticks.

Young Voices

As in previous years, our school has signed up to participate in the huge choral event - Young Voices. It is an exhilarating experience singing and performing with thousands of other school children in a musical celebration. Young Voices is being held this year at the Coop Arena Manchester. We still have places available for our juniors to take part and can we ask that you encourage your child to do this. It is a truly wonderful experience which should not be missed. Please contact Mrs Duncan for details.

Dates for your diary

We are holding an **Open Morning for prospective pupils for Reception class September 2025** on **Thursday 14th November 9-11.30am**. Please encourage friends and family with little ones to book a private tour with Mrs Whitehead.

Pupil Progress Evening will take place on **Monday 18th November from 3.45 onwards**. We will send out an electronic booking form after half-term for you to book a 15-minute slot with your child's class teacher.

Christmas Nativity - we are doing this differently this year and combining the Nativity with the Carol service. **ALL** pupils from Reception to Year 6 are expected to attend. There will be 2 performances **2pm and 6pm on Tuesday 17th December**. Please diarise this date now.

PTA news

The recent sleepover in the hall raised £750. This has already been spent on some new classroom equipment - standing desks. Thank you to all the staff who enabled this fundraiser to happen.




100 Club - How It Works

The prize money each month will be exactly 50% of the monies paid in by its members. 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 and 2nd Prize - £100

As you can see, the more people who join the 100 Club, the greater the prize money and therefore the greater the amount raised to enable the PTA to support all the pupils in the school. Please email Mrs Kendall (office@parkhillschool.co.uk) if you would like join.

Easyfundraising.org.uk

When you shop online the retailer will give our school a free donation as a thank you for shopping with them. It's as simple as that. No matter what you buy, from food shops to holidays and everything in between - it's a free and easy way to support our school. Just simply scan this QR code to start to support us. 



Harvest Collection

An enormous THANK YOU to everyone for donating food and other goods for our Harvest collection. Year 1 led a lovely assembly about why we help others at Harvest time. Mrs Whittaker took the School Council to Burnley Community Grocery on Wednesday to deliver all the food we collected. They were very grateful. The charity we are supporting next half term - Pendleside Hospice.



Active School

Following our June success winning the Burnley Active Primary School of the year award, we have been invited to go forward to the county finals representing Burnley at the Lancashire Awards. We are very excited about this and the sports team will attend an awards evening in November. Wish us luck!

Miss Grillo has been busy buying new playground equipment to keep our pupils active. The children have enjoyed new playground boxes full of exciting equipment to play with. We have also invested in some larger equipment such as outdoor building blocks, crates and planks. The Y6 Sports Crew are doing a super job encouraging the younger children to be active at playtimes.



Tag Rugby

Year 4 attended a Tag Rugby competition at Unity College, they won some fantastic action-packed matches and played brilliantly together as a team. Well done to all involved.



Football

Year 5 and 6 Boys football team played two matches in the Johnson Cup. The team played their hearts out and scored some fantastic goals but after a tense 40 minutes each game we unfortunately lost.

We are proud of our team and the determination they showed throughout. Thankyou to Mr Chesworth for his amazing coaching skills.



ISA Gala Macclesfield

Miss Grillo took some swimmers to compete in an ISA North Gala last week. Well done to all the children who competed. Ethan goes forward to the national finals in November.