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NEWSLETTER

Park Hill Junior School



Learning Update

It is a great privilege to introduce myself as the new headteacher of Park Hill Junior School. It has been a wonderful few weeks, and I've been so impressed by the warm welcome from everyone in the school community.

The new school year is off to a fantastic start, and I'm delighted to see how well the children have settled in. The classrooms are full of energy and enthusiasm, and it's clear they are ready for a year of learning and growth.

I have been especially impressed with the exemplary behaviour and the way the children are already embracing our school values. It is a testament to their character and the strong foundation you've all provided at home.

I look forward to a successful and collaborative year ahead. Thank you for your continued support.

Warm regards,
Miss Arli
Headteacher, Park Hill Junior School

Clubs

All clubs have started this week, if you have missed out on a spot this time - you will be allocated priority for next half term. All club details can be found on our [website](#).

Medicines

We will no longer be able to accept Calpol for each child, instead we will keep a school bottle and parents need to sign a form to give permission for this to be administered.



Congratulation to Mrs Griffin

We have welcomed back Mrs Griffin to the new school year after getting married over the summer - so fear not - Miss Waxer is here!

Diary Dates

Wed 24 th Sept	Year 3 Parent Welcome & Class Visits 2-3pm
Thur 25 th Sept	Park Hill Cross Country - all children to bring PE kits
Fri 26 th Sept	Inset Day - School Closed
Mon 29 th Sept	Year 4 Parent Welcome & Class Visits 2-3pm
Mon 29 th Sept- Fri 3 rd Oct	Book Fair
Tues 30 th Sept	Year 5 & 6 Parent Welcome & Class Visits 2-3pm
Thur 2 nd Oct	Neurodiverse Community Coffee Morning 9.10-10.15am
Wed 22 nd & Thur 23 rd Oct	Parent Consultation Meeting
Mon 27 th Oct - Tues 5 th Nov	Half Term Holiday - School Closed
Wed 6 th Nov	Autumn 2 starts - All children back to school

Spotlight: Year 3

Year 3 have had a very busy start to the term! In Geography, the children have been comparing the physical geography of India and the UK. They explored landscapes such as rivers, mountains and deserts, and learned how the climates of the two countries are very different. In English, the children have used this knowledge to write comparison paragraphs, learning how to use the conjunction however to contrast ideas, before editing their work to make it even stronger. In Maths, they have been developing their understanding of place value, using practical resources and retrieval to support their learning. The children have also really enjoyed starting French lessons, where they are beginning to build their confidence with new words and phrases.



We are so proud of how well Year 3 have all settled into junior school life and the fantastic effort they are putting into their learning. A big thank you to parents for your continued support in helping the children make such a positive start.



Reading

We believe that reading is one of the most important skills a child can develop. It opens up a world of imagination, curiosity, and learning, laying the foundation for academic success and personal growth. Encouraging a love for reading at an early age helps children not only improve their literacy but also enhances their critical thinking, communication skills, and overall confidence. We encourage all children to read everyday and to complete their planner. Please encourage your child(ren) to read and select a variety of books.



Music Lessons

Piano

If you would like your child to attend piano lessons please contact Mr Pratt directly either via phone **07958 311008** or email **dechampstudio@icloud.com**.

Guitar

If you would like your child to attend guitar lessons please contact Mr Gibbard directly on **jimgibbard99@googlemail.com**.



Parking

We kindly ask all parents and carers to be considerate when parking near the school during drop-off and pick-up times.

Please avoid blocking driveways, parking on double yellow lines, or stopping in front of the school gates, as this can create safety risks for our children and inconvenience local residents.

We understand that mornings can be busy, but a few extra moments to park safely can make a big difference in keeping our school community safe and respectful.

Let's work together to ensure our school remains a safe, welcoming environment for all.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Attendance

At Park Hill Junior School, we believe that every day counts. Good attendance is essential for your child's learning, progress and wellbeing. When children attend school regularly, they build friendships, develop routines, and gain the full benefit of the exciting curriculum and experiences we offer. We encourage all families to aim for 100% attendance each term.

Class	Attendance so far %
3D	95.7
3S	98.9
3U	95.7
4E	96.5
4H	97.4
4F	97.9
5K	99.0
5I	96.3
5M	97.3
6A	83.0
6H	84.7
6M	90.2



E Safety

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At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one issue of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

BACK TO SCHOOL

Online Safety Tips for Children

Wow, it's September already! The month when autumn officially starts and ... oh yeah, the beginning of a new school year. Every cloud has a silver lining though! Another term means new friends to make, different stuff to learn, fresh online trends to jump on and exciting new games to play on your phone, computer or console. We've compiled a list of our top tips to ensure that – whether you're going online to chat, research things or just have fun – you can do it safely.

Be cautious with your profile

Be careful not to give out too much info on your social media or gaming profiles. Details like your full name, address or school's name could all help strangers to actually find you offline. A trusted adult can help you make your profiles private – so only your family and actual friends can contact you.

Lock your devices

Taking your phone or tablet to school? Turn password protection on. It keeps your private info safe and stops anyone accessing your device without permission. Passwords should be memorable to you – but difficult for anyone else to guess. Get a trusted adult to write it down in case you forget it!

Be smart with screen time

Too much screen time, especially just before bed, can affect your quality of sleep. Losing sleep, or not sleeping well enough, messes with your concentration and energy levels. Try muting notifications so you don't get pinged late at night; you'll feel fresher and more focused the next day.

Know how to deal with bullies

Sadly there are people online who enjoy picking on other users. If you ever feel like you're being bullied online – by anyone, not just someone from school – talk to a trusted adult about it. Together, you can discuss possible steps, such as blocking or reporting the person who's targeting you.

Manage online relationships wisely

Most people in a relationship chat to their partner online. Just be mindful that once you send a pic or message (even if it's private), you no longer control who else might see it. Messaging someone you've never actually met – and who might not be who they say – is definitely best avoided.

React well to inappropriate content

When you're researching something online, there's always a chance of finding content that makes you feel uncomfortable or upset. If this happens, you can report it as inappropriate and (hopefully) get it taken down. Tell a trusted adult what happened: they'll help you decide what to do next.

Report offensive in-game chat

If you game online with your mates, you'll know things can get competitive and heated on the in-game chat. Playing against people you don't know (especially if they're older) raises the risk of offensive comments and even threats. Our advice? Find out how to block or mute those bad losers.

Learn to spot fake news

If you're looking into a topic for homework or a project, be careful not to get taken in by fake news: content that's deliberately created to mislead people. Check the story with credible sources, like the BBC or Sky News. Trust your instincts, too – if it seems too unbelievable to be true, it's probably fake.

Keep it 'real' with online friends

Everyone enjoys adding friends and followers on social media. It's important, though, that the people you interact with online really are your friends. If they're just random people you've connected with to increase your contacts, you don't know if they could be trolls or bullies (or worse).