



## Park Hill Junior & Infant School

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### **Dates for your Diary**

9am Tuesday 14th November 2G class assembly  
Friday 17th November is Children in Need  
9am Wednesday 6th December 2T class assembly  
9am Wednesday 13th December 5B Class assembly  
9am Wednesday 20th December Nursery and Reception assembly

Reminder to return nasal flu vaccine forms and school dietary requirement forms.



Reminder nuts and nut products are not allowed in school.

**Reminder: school breaks up for Christmas on Friday 22nd December. If you are going away for Christmas please be aware that this must not be during term time. Thank you.**

### **Update from the Governors**

My name is Kerrie Holland and I am one of the Parent Governors here at Park Hill. We want to keep you up to date with the work of the Governing Body, so here are some headlines from this half term you might be interested in.

Following the OFSTED inspection, the school leadership developed a Raising Attainment Plan (RAP) to address the areas we need to improve, and the Governors review this regularly. A huge amount of work has been done so far. One example is where OFSTED questioned how we assess children's levels when they join our school – in the last week of half term we had Birmingham Nursery School Teaching Alliance review how this happens. We were pleased that they agreed that our assessments were accurate so we can be confident these are carried out correctly

We have also had an external review of our governance and have made a number of changes to improve the way we govern the school. There are link governors who will focus on key areas:

- Safeguarding – Chris Lawrence-Pietroni
- Attendance - Terry Glasspool
- Pupil Premium - Azhar Qayum
- Early Years Foundation Stage - Sylvia Williams
- Special Educational Needs and Disabilities - Mike Midgely
- Key Stage 1 – Kerrie Holland
- Maths & cross-curricular links - Suado Jabrel
- English & cross-curricular links – Razwan Ali

The link governors will visit the school regularly to monitor their area in particular.

We looked at assessment data and questioned any areas which suggested children were not achieving as they should, to ensure the school is taking appropriate action. An example of this were some indications that boys were not doing as well in literacy in Early Years and KS1 – the school has identified that some are struggling with their writing so are doing extra practice and fine motor skills to help them improve. We also talked about how the school tries to work with families to encourage boys in particular to read at home – your ideas are welcome!

OFSTED wanted us to be more clear about how we spend our Pupil Premium money to support disadvantaged pupils, and we have had an external review and developed a Pupil Premium Strategy which is available on the school website for you to look at. We spend this money on a wide range of initiatives including learning mentors, subsidised trips and breakfast clubs, but we needed to be clearer about the impact that these activities have. This will now be monitored through the year by the Achievement & Attainment Committee, chaired by Azhar, our Pupil Premium Link Governor.

We also reviewed attendance which is currently very slightly under national average – we know this always needs to be a focus for the school and we are very grateful to all the families and children who work with us on this

Finally, we did not receive any interest in the current Parent Governor vacancy so we will also look externally. We are particularly keen to hear from anyone with experience in governance, education, HR or legal settings. If you are interested (or you know someone who might be) please contact Mrs Khan for an informal chat. Being a Park Hill governor is challenging, interesting and an opportunity to be part of a group who care deeply about the children and Park Hill school and to really make a difference. I would recommend it!

### **Safeguarding**

- If someone different is collecting your child from school, you MUST phone school to let us know, this will stop any confusion and children getting upset when we have to phone home to check who is collecting them.
- Mobile phones are NOT permitted in school for more information please see Mobile Phone Policy on school website.

### Inspire Workshops for Autumn Term

These will be connected with maths this term and we do hope that as many parents as possible will attend. **Please note that, for Years 2, 3, 5 and 6, these workshops will be held in maths groups, not in the children's usual classes.** The dates of the workshops are as follows:

#### Year 3

9.00am on Thursday 9th November—maths classes 3R and 3BM  
2.00pm on Thursday 9th November—maths class 3P

#### Year 1

9.00am on Tuesday 21st November—class 1G  
9.00am on Wednesday 22nd November—classes 1BM and 1W

#### Year 5

9.00am on Monday 27th November for all Year 5 classes

#### Year 6

9.00am on Monday 4th December for all year 6 classes

#### Reception

9.00am on Thursday 7th December—classes RL and RLa

#### Year 2

9.00am on Thursday 14th December—classes 2T and 2H  
2.00pm on Thursday 14th December—class 2G

#### Nursery

9.00am on Wednesday 17th January for parents of morning

Special congratulations to the following children who have managed to make 20 comments in their reading diaries (10 comments for Foundation and KS1) These children are simply reading for 30 minutes every night and recording in their reading diary at the same time.

Year 3 Books = Aqib, Mehboob, Abdul Wahhaab

Year 3 Prizes, David, Fareeha, Yuzi, Zain, Abdullah, Isa, Aaliyah, Mustafa, Abihannor, Melissa, Reem, Faizaan, Abdul Wahhaab

Year 4 Prizes = Bashir, Hyde, Modal, Shah, Yahya, Kotryna, Adam, Karina, Aisha, Myiesha

Year 4 Books = Humayya, Aatikah, Cassandra, Juwayriah, Zain, Joash, Mehdiya, Aayushi, Alishba, Amyma, Saaliha, Yashraj, Ayas, Tayvia, Haleema, Damian, Yahya, Sirah, Zaakira, Ilana, Kotryna, Hafsah, Adam, Adrian, Karina, Hooriya, Adam, Dilraj, Aisha, Hafsah, Hafsah, Myiesha, Sajidah, Habiba

Year 5 Prize = Haysiyah, Brooke, Adnaan, Samia, Muhammed, Adil, Aamarah, Tyne, Yousha, Halima, Alina, Aleezah, Memphis, Raaniyah, Nattiq, Caleb, Saalih, Ajiha, Jenifer, Zahra, Zara

Year 5 Books = Aleezah, Zakkiyah, Caleb

Year 6 Prizes = Yusuf, Owais, Ahmad, Aima, Guste, Zakir, Erin, Ilyas, Louie, Mobessan, Myiesha, Renee, Shenayah, Subhaan, Zakariya, Areej, Dilan, Huzafah, Isaac, Zara

Year 6 Books = Draydynn, Eshay, Huzaifa, Safah, Aaminah, Hamaad, Iman, Isaah, Kamal, Mikail, Mohamed, Ridwan, Saliha, Andre, Cristina, Fatima, Alina, Alina Fiaz, Areej, Kamal, Mysha, Ummhania

**Dress up in spots on Friday 17th November and pay £1**  
In aid of

Would you like a Selfie photo?  
with printout £1  
On Friday 17th November



**BBC**

**Children  
in Need**

**Cake raffle tickets**

**available on Monday**

**from your classroom**

**tickets cost 50p each**



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### **Article 31 (leisure, play and culture)**

**Every child has the right to relax, play and take part in a wide range of cultural and artistic activities.**

## Attendance % and number of lates for 20th October – 2nd November

RL	Attendance	Lates	RLa	Attendance	Lates	1BM	Attendance	Lates	1G	Attendance	Lates
	95.33%	1		96.55%	7		98.41%	7		96.54%	4
1W	Attendance	Lates	2G	Attendance	Lates	2H	Attendance	Lates	2T	Attendance	Lates
	91.43%	2		96.27%	0		95.56%	2		93.93%	3
3BM	Attendance	Lates	3P	Attendance	Lates	3R	Attendance	Lates	4B	Attendance	Lates
	88.64%	3		96.54%	3		96.52%	1		98.23%	4
4E	Attendance	Lates	4S	Attendance	Lates	5B	Attendance	Lates	5G	Attendance	Lates
	93.57%	3		97.79%	1		99.23%	6		93.51%	4
5M	Attendance	Lates	6B	Attendance	Lates	6K	Attendance	Lates	6R	Attendance	Lates
	95.38%	3		97.27%	1		89.09%	0		92.61%	3
6S	Attendance	Lates									
	92.38%	4									

Overall attendance for last week was **94.81%** excluding Reception and **94.93%** including Reception, both figures of which were below the national expectation. The total number of lates last week was **62** excluding Reception and **59** including Reception. Congratulations to 5B for being the highest attending class in school with 99.23% and to 2G and 6K for not having any lates at all.



### Talk Homework

This week for Talk Homework, please talk about your favourite characters from books you have read. Can you think of any characters from different books that you'd like to meet each other?

### Fund Raising for Birmingham Children's Hospital

Year 4 raised £42.00 for the Children's hospital. Well done to Stephanie (4B) and Alameen (4B) on winning the prize hampers for the hula hoop competition and name the puppet competition.

### Attendance Spotlight Campaign and Penalty Fines for Unauthorised Leave in Term Time

In accordance with advice given to us by Edwina Langlely, the Attendance Lead for Birmingham, would like to remind you that, **if your child's attendance drops below 92%, we cannot authorise any more absences unless we have medical proof or you come and discuss with us what is happening.** Obviously, if a child is seriously ill, we would not expect them to attend school but, as stated above, please keep us informed. We would also urge you to make medical appointments outside school times whenever you can and arrange that children are only out of school for the duration of the appointment.

Also in accordance with guidance issued to us by the local authority, if you now take your child out of school during term time for unauthorised leave, you may become liable for a penalty fine of £60 per parent, per child. Several of our families have, unfortunately, already had this fine levied on them by the Local Authority.

**As always, we would like to thank the large majority of parents who ensure their children attend school every day and on time.**

WE ARE RE-LAUNCHING FRIENDS OF PARK HILL

ARE YOU COMMITTED AND PASSIONATE ABOUT YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATION?

DO YOU HAVE THE SKILLS TO DRIVE A GROUP OF PARENTS FORWARD WITH FUND-RAISING EVENTS?

WOULD YOU LIKE TO RAISE MONEY FOR YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL? IF SO, PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT TO READ AND GIVE US YOUR INPUT.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR PARENTS WHO ARE PREPARED TO GO THE EXTRA MILE AND HELP THE SCHOOL RAISE ADDITIONAL FUNDS AND HELP CHARITIES.



Over the past years, the former group have organised a number of fund raising events which have included: cake sales, Easter competitions and a summer fayre, to name a few.

As a parent of a child at Park Hill, your opinion is important to us, so please take a moment of your time to let us know what you, as a parent, could contribute to this group.

If you were able to attend meetings, what day would suite you best?

If you were able to attend, what skills could you bring to the group?

Do you have any ideas for fundraising?

Any other comments:

Please return completed form to the school office.

## Charter for Friends of Park Hill

Our work and our meetings are based on mutual respect and what is best for all of the children at Park Hill.

We want to enjoy meeting each other.

We need to use respectful language with each other.

Personal matters should not be discussed in the group meetings.

Phones should only be used in an emergency and calls taken outside of the room.

Technology (such as whatsapp) needs to be used safely and respectfully.

We must respect the views and opinions of others and give everyone a chance to talk. Friends must ensure that their views do not cause offence.

If an event is organised, we must agree our availability and share contact details with the appropriate Friends.

We want to find out about the skills and talents of our parents/carers and use these for the benefit of the children.

A member of school staff must be present when fund raising takes place to ensure money is collected securely.

Any funds collected and finances must be recorded accurately.

Meeting notes need to be taken each week and actions recorded.

A Chair and Finance posts must be agreed democratically.

The work of the Friends is in support of the school, the children and staff.

All Friends of Park Hill must agree to the Charter and sign to accept it.