

Park Hill Junior & Infant School

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Collection for Imtisaal Sultan

Park Hill parents raised over £1,000 for this family. It's an amazing achievement and a great big thank you to all those who gave so generously. Sara Zaman, the parent who has been collecting donations, wishes to thank everyone for their generosity and kindness.

Dates for your Diary

9am Wednesday 6th December 2T class assembly

9am Wednesday 13th December 5B

Class assembly

9am Wednesday 20th December Nursery and Reception assembly

Friday 15th December is Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 21st December Christmas parties in the afternoon

School closes on 22 December and reopens on Monday 8 January 2018



Najma Khan the school nurse will be holding a drop in session on Monday 4th December from 10am—11am

Christmas lunch

The catering staff will be cooking Christmas lunch for the children on Wednesday 20th December. If your child normally has a packed lunch and you would like them to have Christmas lunch on this day, please send into school £2.25 by Wednesday 6th December. Money should be in a sealed envelope which is clearly marked with your child's name and class

**NO ORDERS WILL TAKEN
AFTER 6TH DECEMBER**



Parent Governor Elections

The closing date for nominations for the Parent Governor Election is Wednesday 6th December at 4pm, as stated in last week letter. If you are considering applying for this vacancy, you are welcome to speak to Mrs Khan.

A big well done to Class 6S where every single child in the class managed to bring their reading diary in last week yet again! Not only did everyone bring their reading diaries in but also every single child wrote **five entries** in them yet again. Congratulations, 6S! You are showing other classes that this is actually possible.

Christmas Disco in school



Each year, Friends of Park Hill organise a disco for each year group in the last week of the term. This year, they would like to encourage parents to contribute 20p to donate to the Birmingham Children's Hospital charity. Closer to the date, we will tell you when your child will have his/her disco, we would appreciate parent volunteers to help out at the disco.

Friends of Park Hill meeting (new group)

9am Wednesday 6th December

Please come along if you can spare some time to discuss how parents can support and work with the school.



Talk Homework

This week, for Talk Homework, please talk about words or phrases that you have recently come across in your reading. Which words or phrases have particularly interested you? Can you explain why?

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 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

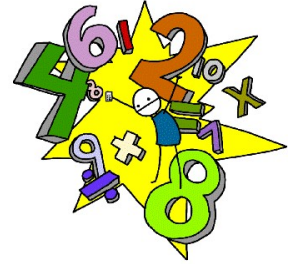
9.00am on Thursday 14th December—classes 2T and 2H

2.00pm on Thursday 14th December—class 2G

Nursery

9.00am on Wednesday 17th January for parents of morning children

2.00pm on Wednesday 17th January for parents of afternoon children



Year 1 held their maths Inspire workshops last week and here are some comments from parents who attended them:

- Thank you very much for holding these practical workshops. I can't explain how helpful it is for us when we help the children with homework at home!
- We had fun counting and comparing together.
- I found it very helpful.
- Great workshop and I enjoyed working with my daughter. These workshops must happen more often as they build strong confidence in the children.
- I loved working with my child. Very helpful information.
- It was very interesting to work with my son.
- Was good to see what the kids are learning. Very enjoyable.
- Absolutely amazing insight to the work that goes on in a classroom. Very valuable to find out what happens. Thoroughly enjoyed the workshop with the children today.
- I loved working with my daughter today.
- It was fun working with my son.
- My first time coming. I found the workshop very good, fun and interesting.

Library events

Did you know that from now until the 16th December, Balsall Heath library will be holding a range of art sessions based around the theme of 'Winter wonderland' every Saturday? These sessions will include fantastic activities like decorating the library Christmas tree, making calendars and Christmas decorations. Please note that this club is run subject to staff availability and for children aged 5-11 year olds. Please telephone the library for more information on 0121 464 1962.

Do you have a children of pre-school age? Did you know there are free storytelling and music sessions at Balsall Heath and Hall Green library?

Musical Babies at Hall Green Library every Tuesday 11am - 11.30am at Hall Green Library

Guidance: 0 - 1 year olds **Super Story Time at Balsall Heath Library** Every Monday, 11am-11.30am (term time only) at Balsall Heath Library Guidance: Babies and children under 5 and their parents and carers.



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.

Reception Books: Daryan, Elisha, Hardiyah, Faizaan, Tariq

Reception Prizes: Kevanyah, Saffyyah, Alesha, Nusaybah

Year 3 Book : Toringa, Huymayra, Angie

Year 3 Prizes: Chanya, Pari, Maryam Bint,

Year 4 Prizes: Roshaan, Zain, Jawayriah Tayvia, Ruqayyah, Aisha, Myiesha

Year 4 Books Antwone, Jade, Anisa , Yahya, Aayushi, Saaliha

Year 5 Prize: Muhammed, Zeenat, Samia, Aleezah

Year 5 Books: Sukaina, Anisah, Kelly, Eden



Attendance % and number of lates for 17th –23rd November

RL	Attendance	Lates	RLa	Attendance	Lates	1BM	Attendance	Lates	1G	Attendance	Lates
	92.92%	5		92.86%	9		99%	1		90.5%	31
1W	Attendance	Lates	2G	Attendance	Lates	2H	Attendance	Lates	2T	Attendance	Lates
	97.32%	2		93.52%	0		96.63%	5		92.59%	3
3BM	Attendance	Lates	3P	Attendance	Lates	3R	Attendance	Lates	4B	Attendance	Lates
	95.83%	4		99.04%	3		95.45%	0		97.35%	5
4E	Attendance	Lates	4S	Attendance	Lates	5B	Attendance	Lates	5G	Attendance	Lates
	98.66%	6		93.52%	3		90.87%	6		90.87%	4
5M	Attendance	Lates	6B	Attendance	Lates	6K	Attendance	Lates	6R	Attendance	Lates
	87.5%	3		97.73%	5		96.43%	4		98.91%	4
6S	Attendance	Lates									
	98.81%	3									

Overall attendance for last week was **94.47%** excluding Reception and **94.11%** including Reception, both figures of which were below the national expectation. The total number of lates last week was **64** excluding Reception and **78** including Reception. Congratulations to both 3P and 1BM for being the highest attending classes in the school with 99.04% and 99% respectively. Well done to 3R and 2G for not having any lates at all.

Nursery Attendance

Well done to the following children who achieved 100% last week in Nursery:

Qusai Albelse, Ahmed Khan, Ameera Hayat, Quman Issa, Enayah Khan, Mustafa Khan, Yusuf Khan, Elena Morozova, Rudolph Osbourne, Anayah Rehman, Nusaybah Zaman, Hazem Khalid, Lyba Irfan, Maryam Khan, Ruqaya Khan, Yasir Khan, Anayah Noor, Zunairah Osman and Yunis Saleh.

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

In accordance with advice given to us by Edwina Langley, 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.



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Article 8 (Protection and preservation of identity)

Every child has the right to an identity. Governments must respect and protect that right, and prevent the child's name, nationality or family relationships from being changed unlawfully