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We wish all our families a peaceful and happy Easter.

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 29th March - Easter Egg Competition

Friday 30th March to Friday 13th April - Easter Holidays

School reopens on Monday 16th April

Monday 23rd April **St. George's Day** - children can dress in red and white

Tuesday 1st May **4B** class assembly, starting at 9am

Wednesday 2nd May **Nursery Inspire** workshop

Thursday 3rd May School Closed for Elections

Friday 4th May **Festival of Culture** - staff and children can dress in their cultural clothing or colours of the flag

Monday 7th May school closed Bank Holiday

Wednesday 9th May **3BM** class assembly, starting at 9am

Tuesday 22nd May **5M** class assembly, starting at 9am



Appointment of new Deputy Head for Park Hill

As you will already know our Deputy Head, Liz Bakalou, is retiring at the end of the school year and over the past few months we have been actively engaged in recruiting her successor. We've had an exhaustive process which saw a number of strong candidates apply and visit Park Hill. Last week, I chaired an appointment panel made up of Governors, the Head and an external advisor (who was herself a very experienced Primary School Head teacher in Birmingham) and I'm delighted to be able to let you know that we unanimously and enthusiastically agreed to offer the position to our very own Rich Malcolm. We really put Rich through his paces - he was observed teaching, giving an assembly and meeting with pupils to get their views. He also had to complete some written tests, make a presentation and, of course, go through an interview. Through it all Rich's professionalism, competence and, above all, his passionate commitment to Park Hill shone through. We're delighted that Rich will be staying with us and look forward to the great contribution to Park Hill that we are confident he will make as our Deputy Head.

Chris-Lawrence-Pietroni

Chair, Park Hill School Governing Body

Dear Parents,

I would like to take this opportunity to express how absolutely thrilled and delighted I am to be continuing my long association with Park Hill in the new role of Deputy Head, working with our fantastic parents, governors, teachers and leaders to bring the best out of our amazing children.

Park Hill has been a very important part of my life for nearly twenty years and I consider it a great honour to become the Deputy Head of such a warm, friendly and richly diverse school.

I am looking forward to the new academic year when I take up the post.

Rich Malcolm

Dear Parents,

As the school's staff governor, it is my role to represent the staff in the decisions taken by the school's governing body and also to provide other governors with insight into how their decisions impact on life in the classroom. When we met as a full governing body last Tuesday, we were delighted to welcome three new parent governors on board; as a democratic body, it is important that parents are well represented among those making important decisions about the school. During the meeting, we listened to Ms Belshaw and Ms Stoiber talk about behaviour in school, and asked questions about what the school does to ensure behaviour around school is good. We also heard a report from Mrs Khan regarding important things that have happened in school since the last meeting. Especially significant is a regular update about what the school have been doing to keep children safe, which is always the governors' key priority. Finally, we had the great pleasure of confirming Mr Malcolm's appointment as the new deputy head teacher from September. If you want to read the minutes of our meetings, or see more information about the school governors, these can be found on the school website.

Thanks

Mr Roberts

World Book Week

Thank you to everyone who supported their children in dressing up for World Book Day. There were some amazing costumes and it was difficult to choose winners.

Overall winners were Ammarah Zainab in 6B who was dressed as the Grand High Witch and Antwone Brown in 4E who was dressed as the Stick Man.

Winning teachers were Mrs Lawton and Mrs Corfield who were dressed as Hefty Hugh and Lanky Len from 'What the Ladybird Heard' by Julia Donaldson.

We would like to thank our governor, Mike Midgley (or Mr McGregor as he was dressed up as on Friday), who not only gave up his time to come and help judge the costumes on Friday but also donated £5 gift vouchers to the winning children. The winning teachers also received some chocolates from Mr Midgley to share!

Many thanks too to everyone who brought in books to swap in our fantastic Book Swap, which was organised by our parents—thank you so much to them for giving up their time to do this. Likewise, thank you to the parents who decorated the quiet area for Book Week.

Parent feedback at the after school parents' event during book week:-

The atmosphere after school today was absolutely amazing. Seeing all the parents come together! We really appreciate everything Park Hill is doing for both parents and children! WE LOVE THE SCHOOL!!!

Great friendly staff. Lovely event.

Kids love coming to school. Staff are friendly and approachable

I will be able to give more time in September. Get more associated. Also come help with set up with FRIENDS OF PARK HILL. Thank you for a lovely afternoon.

Teachers are fab. Education is brill.

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Pupils, staff, parents and leadership are all fantastic!

The children were very excited about the book swap.

Very supportive staff. Children settled into school well and love it here. Thank you all.

Really enjoyed talking to staff and friends.

Son enjoys it here, great friends.

Thank you so much what you do for our children. Thank you. Love teachers

We loved the cake sale, we get lots of cakes which were yummy. Well done kids.

My son is thriving at school. He is happy to come in every morning.

Nice to see the funds raised for charity.

I like school and how they help people and they help charities.

My daughter is very happy here

Attendance % and number of lates for 9th–15th March

RL	Attendance	Lates	RLa	Attendance	Lates	1BM	Attendance	Lates	1G	Attendance	Lates
	97.48%	2		88.04%	3		94.81%	2		92.91%	0
1W	Attendance	Lates	2G	Attendance	Lates	2H	Attendance	Lates	2T	Attendance	Lates
	95.71%	2		97.64%	0		97.2%	2		94.81%	2
3BM	Attendance	Lates	3P	Attendance	Lates	3R	Attendance	Lates	4B	Attendance	Lates
	97.14%	6		93.25%	2		93.81%	0		98.57%	2
4E	Attendance	Lates	4S	Attendance	Lates	5B	Attendance	Lates	5G	Attendance	Lates
	97.28%	0		98.62%	5		97.76%	10		96.62%	1
5M	Attendance	Lates	6B	Attendance	Lates	6K	Attendance	Lates	6R	Attendance	Lates
	93.2%	2		97.27%	2		96.36%	2		96.96%	3
6S	Attendance	Lates									
	95.41%	5									

Overall attendance for last week was **96.12%** excluding Reception and **95.64** including Reception, both figures of which were ABOVE the national expectation. Well done, in particular, to 2G who achieved over 99%.

The total number of lates last week was **48** excluding Reception and **53** including Reception. Congratulations to 1G, 2G, 4E and 3R for not having any lates at all.

Nursery Attendance

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

Qusan Albelse, Quman Issa, Yusuf Khan, Mustafa Khan, Elena Morozova, Anayah Rehman, Raihan Hussain, Aleenah Khan, Eisa Khan, Lyba Irfan, Ruqaya Khan, Yasir Khan and Anayah Noor.

The highest attending groups in Nursery last week were: the morning Frogs with 95% and the afternoon Ladybirds with 90%.



RIGHTS
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Article 17 (access to information from the media)

Every child has the right to reliable information from a variety of sources, and governments should encourage the media to provide information that children can understand. Governments must help protect children from materials that could harm them

Parents & Friends of Park Hill

Thank you to everyone that was able to support the cake/samosa sale last Wednesday.

We are setting up the '**Parents & Friends of Park Hill**' association to unite families and support the school.

Our first annual general meeting (**AGM**) will be held **Wednesday 2nd May at 2pm in The Hub**.

We would love to see as many of you there as possible as we elect committee members, discuss future events & ways of enhancing our children's experiences at the school.

If you haven't yet completed our questionnaire, please do so at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/D2YNWM8>

Our committee needs to include a chairperson, secretary & treasurer. If you would like to volunteer as a committee member, or nominate someone else (with their permission!) please email me at:

j.tatlock@parkhill.bham.sch.uk

We hope to see you on the 2nd May, if not before

Talk Homework

This week please talk about your plans for the Easter holidays. When we return to school after the holidays, the children can tell their class what their favourite activities were during this time.

NURSERY PLACES

There are still a few places left for Nursery (starting September 2018). If you have a child born between September 2014 and August 2015, then your child is eligible for Nursery. Application forms are in the school office. Please bring a copy of your child's birth certificate as well.

Important - School lunches

All parents/carers must pay in advance for school meals by sending payment in an envelope with your child's name and class clearly marked.

We cannot allow dinner money debts to accumulate for more than two weeks. Please be aware that parents may be asked to provide their child with packed lunches if dinner money is not paid.

16-4-18 to 25-5-18 (6 weeks)

Dinner money is £11.25 per week or £63.00 for the half term.

If your child would like pizza on Fridays, this will be £13.40 for the term.

Milk money is £6.60 for the term.

FOPH— Easter Egg Competition - Decorate an egg competition

You can either draw and decorate a picture of an Easter egg or decorate your hard boiled eggs at home then bring them to school on 29th March. Best judged egg or picture from each class will win an Easter egg..



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.

Nursery Books: Elena,

Nursery Prizes: Jamaal, Anayah, Sehar

Year 2 Books: Aisha Bint, Frederick, Cathal, Raya, Dayyaan, Vladislava, Mohammed, Awais, Liabah, Michael, Lam.

Year 2 Prizes: Cathal, Hongze, Vladislava, Abaas, Muhammed

Year 5 Books: Zahra, Zainab, Valentin, Summer, Muhammed

Year 5 Prizes: Tyne

