

Park Hill News - Autumn Term 2

Welcome to our Park Hill Newsletter.

What a busy half term it has been. We have had REACH assemblies, Year 3's assembly, Christmas productions, choir events, the Christmas Fayre, Church and EYFS family sessions to mention a few. Thank you for all your support as usual. Park Hill families are the best!

We come to the end of our first REACH value: 'Respect' and children have worked hard to show respectful behaviour. Our next REACH value, which we will be working on is 'Empathy.'

Have a lovely Christmas and New Year. See you in 2025!

Mrs Logan and Mrs Boardman



Our next REACH Value is
Empathy.

“Empathy is thinking about the feeling of others and imagining what it might be like in their shoes”



Thank you for your support with our Christmas Fayre. You gave lots of donations and spent lots of money. We raised over £1200 for the school, which will help to buy new playground and new breakfast club equipment for the children to play with, amongst other things.

Thank you to our staff, Mrs Hickman and Mrs Whitney, who worked so hard to get the fayre organised and sorted.

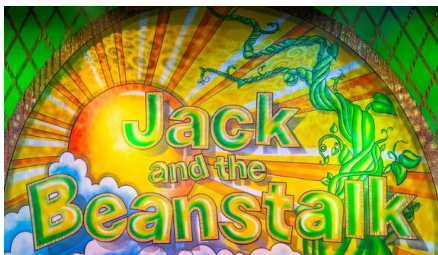
Children in Need

Thank you to four of our Year 6 girls who raised money by selling sweets. They did so well and raised £100. Go girls!



Year 1 and 2 Panto

We had a brilliant trip to Lichfield with Year 1 and 2 to see Jack and the Beanstalk. They loved it and did us proud.



It was amazing
at the theatre

Joseph from Year 2

EYFS Santa Safari



Early Years had a great trip to the Safari Park to see Santa. It was a great day for all!



New Library

Our new library opened in September this year. We are very proud that the Park Hill family raised money to fund the refurbishment. Thanks to Mrs Boardman for organising it: the children are loving it!



Book Quiz at Albert Pritchard

Four of our superb children from Year 2 took part in the annual Book Quiz for Key Stage 1. They did very well and answered questions about books they had read. Well done - a really good try!



Pets as Therapy at Park Hill

Florence the reading dog continues to come to school and listen to the children read. The children are reading well. Thanks to Helen for volunteering with Florence. 🐶



Message from our Governors

Our Governing Board would like to thank the children for their improved behaviour around school. Serious behaviour incidents are fewer and we have very polite and respectful children. Our attendance is improving which is a credit to our families.

It is so lovely to welcome you into school to share Christmas productions, class assemblies and workshops.

School continues to work on our school improvement targets:

Attainment and Progress

Improve outcomes at the end of Key Stage 2, particularly in Writing and Maths.

Vulnerable Groups

Narrow the attainment gap for children in vulnerable groups, particularly the Pupil Premium Group.

Our Wider Offer

Ensure that our wider curriculum is sufficiently challenging, engaging and enables children to build on their knowledge and retain key facts. The

Our Governing Board wish you a very merry and restful Christmas and a very happy 2025.



Office News



School Messages



Please make sure you are reading the messages that come through.

You will get a notification on the school app if you have a text.

If you are not getting messages, please come into the office and we will help you set your phone up.

Attendance Matters

Our attendance is really improving at school. Thank you!

We understand that children are poorly and ill but thank you for getting your children into school when they are well. Our whole school attendance has improved and is now at **95.26%** overall attendance, compared with 92.98% for last autumn term.

Lateness





We are still having children arriving late, which means that your child misses valuable time and lessons in school. It also counts as an unauthorised absence if children arrive after 9.30am. Please ensure that your children are in school by 8.55am. Any problems, please pop in.

Leave of Absence

Please collect a purple Leave of Absence form from the school office for any trips. If these are not completed, we still have to contact you and return a "Leave Already Taken" form to the Local Authority. Thank you.

Concerns During the Holidays

If you need anything out of school hours, please email

 office@parkhillprimary.co.uk  and someone will get back to you. If you are worried about a child out of school hours, please email NSPCC on  help@NSPCC.org.uk 



Dates for your Diary

06.01.25 – INSET Day

07.01.25 – Children return. PE for
EYFS and Key Stage 1

07.01.25 – Craft Club, Chillout Club, Sports Club and Computer Animation
Club starts – selected children

08.01.25 – Chemistry Club starts – selected children

08.01.25 – SATs Revision Club starts – Year 6

09.01.25 – Drawing Club starts and Forest School for Key Stage 2

20.01.25 – Multiplication Tables Check meeting – Year 4 parents/carers

21.01.25 – SATs meeting – Year 6 parents/carers

23.01.25 – Phonics Check meeting – Year 1 parents/carers

14.02.25 – Break up for half-term

24.02.25 – Back to School

12.03.25 to 14.03.25 – Residential for Y2/Y3

19.03.25 – Public Speaking Competition

04.04.25 – Parliament Trip to London – Year 5 (further information to follow)

08.04.25 – Spring Rocksteady Concert

11.04.25 – Break up for Easter

Important Dates



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PE and Forest School Days

Please ensure your child is wearing suitable footwear for PE and has removed earrings. They cannot take part in PE in crocs or any pumps that have a platform due to health and safety risks. School pumps or plain trainers are needed. Thank you.

PE

- Monday am – Year 1 and Year 2
- Monday pm – Nursery and Reception
- Tuesday am – Year 3 and Year 5
- Tuesday pm – Year 4 and Year 6

Forest School

- Monday am – Nursery and Reception
- Monday pm – Year 1 and Year 2
- Year 4 and Year 6 – Thursday am – Year 4 and Year 6
- Thursday pm – Year 3 and Year 5

PE

