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Park Hill Infants' School

All different, All equal, All achieving

Friday 10th July 2020

Dear Parents,

We are writing to thank you all for your support and positivity throughout what has been an unprecedented and challenging year.

These have been difficult times for everybody, for a range of different reasons. However, it has been heart-warming to see our whole school community pulling together and supporting each other. Once again, we thank our incredible staff, who have worked tirelessly to ensure your child is supported and able to continue to learn, albeit in different circumstances. We know that the staff are looking forward to a well-earned rest during the summer holidays, as many staff have worked through the Easter holidays and through the May half term to support key worker and vulnerable children.

Summer catch up

We know that you have been working hard to support your child with their home learning since the end of March. We are providing an OPTIONAL Summer learning pack that you can work on with your child if you so wish. This is by no means compulsory as we know you may want to enjoy the summer holidays with your child as we begin to get back to some kind of normality. This pack will consolidate learning for the Summer term and will contain examples of end of year expectations. There will be no new learning involved, just consolidation.

We will email the Summer packs to you on Monday. These packs will replace the home learning pack for week beginning 13th July and will be the last pack that you receive.

There will also be an opportunity for all families to pick up a hard copy from their class teacher on Wednesday 15th July at the following times:

- Reception between 9.30am and 10.30am.
- Year One between 11am and 12pm.
- Year Two between 2pm and 3pm. If your child is attending school for a leaver session week beginning 13th July, they will be given a hard copy of the summer pack to take home with them, therefore you do not need to collect on Wednesday.

These collections will also give your child the opportunity to say goodbye to their teacher. Please make sure you arrive in your allotted time and ensure social distancing when queuing.

When you come to collect your pack please could you also return any school reading books to the drop box outside the main gate.

September 2020

The Government has released guidance for the return to school for all pupils in September. Please click on the link below to read it:

Guidance for full opening of Schools.

All children are expected to attend school in September, unless they are complying with clinical or public health advice. Normal attendance rules will apply for all other children. Children should wear their full uniform and bring their book bag to school with them. If you choose to provide your child with a packed lunch, all containers should be disposable and brought to school in a plastic bag; all items will be thrown away at school. Please provide your child with a named water bottle which can be refilled throughout the day.

The school is in the process of incorporating this guidance into our planning/risk assessments. Initially, we are planning for Year group bubbles – with the intention to keep year groups separate as much as possible. Guidance states that siblings can now be in different bubbles.

For each year group bubble, there will be separate lunchtimes, playtimes and assemblies. There will also be separate entrances and exits for different year groups. Reception will use the car park gate, Year One will use the top playground gate and Year Two will use the main office gate. Arrival time will be between 9am and 9.15am and pick up time will be between 3.15pm, and 3.30pm. In the morning a member of the headship team will be on the gate to receive your child. At the end of the day, the teacher/teaching assistant will bring your child to your allocated year group gate.

Sadly, we need to minimise parental involvement, at least for the first term. Parents will not be allowed onto site without prior arrangement until further notice. Only essential visitors will be admitted. Guidelines permitting, we will be able to resume Terrific Tuesdays, Wonderful Wednesdays and Thrilling Thursdays from January 2021. We will also aim to resume parent workshops, Headteacher awards assemblies, family curriculum workshops and other parental events after Christmas. We will keep you updated if timescales/ guidance changes.

Some of you may have heard in the news about the Government 'catch up' funding which we have been told will be available in the next academic year to ensure extra catch up/ intervention for pupils where necessary. We are making plans for this already and have a comprehensive 'recovery' plan in place to ensure all children can catch up quickly with any learning missed. Our recovery curriculum will consolidate any gaps identified from baseline assessments in the first few weeks of September. There will be also be a heavy emphasis on wellbeing and promoting positive mental health and recovery.

Working together feedback

Thank you for all the positive feedback we have received during the last five months. We appreciate all the positive comments and any feedback that will help us to improve further. Some feedback from families has included:

"Thank you for the creative, innovative learning packs each week"

"The Maths video really helped, I didn't know how to show my child that' (halving and doubling)

"I loved searching for all the different materials in my house. I found plastic, metal and fabric!" (Year One child)

"I would like to say thank you for all the support you are giving to my son and also for calling him every week."

"We have made a little thank you video to applaud the amazing work you guys are doing."

"Thank you for everything you and all of the staff at Park Hill Infants are doing during these uncertain times."

"We look forward to your call each week, my daughter loves speaking with their teacher!"

"I don't know what we would have done without you. Everyone has been amazing and I think you all deserve a well-earned rest'

Goodbye to Year Two

We wish all of our Year Two pupils the very best when they move on to Year 3 at their new schools in September. It has been a pleasure teaching you over the past 3 years - remember to always use your learning Super Skills, your growth mindset approach and remember your values for life. We know the last few months may have been difficult for you and not what any of us expected, but remember how proud we are of you and don't forget the great times you had at Park Hill Infant School.

We are so looking forward to seeing all of our new Year One and Two pupils back in school on 7th September 2020.

Have a safe and happy summer; take care of yourselves and each other.

Best Wishes

The (immensely proud) Headship team

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