



PARK HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Welcome back to Park Hill Primary School

Dear Parents and Carers,

A warm welcome and return to school for you all! I hope that you and your families have all had a relaxing and memorable summer break. I am delighted to be back at school and I have enjoyed listening to the children's stories about what they have been up to over the summer break.

Uniform

I must say that I thought that the children looked fabulous in their uniforms – very smart for the new year ahead. I recognise that the summer is an expensive time for families and purchasing new uniform is additional too. I am always amazed at the mass of unclaimed uniform found across the school over the course of the year and therefore can I encourage you all to ensure that all items of clothing (even school shoes) have your child's name on please.

Staffing

It has been very quiet in school over the summer holidays. Our School Caretaker (SFO), **Mr Howkins**, had an operation at the start of the summer break which means that he will be on leave from work until towards the end of year. We have not been successful appointing a replacement for Mr. Howkins so currently other staff at the school are supporting by sharing his roles and responsibilities. Please bear with us as we become familiar with his daily duties (we will try not to be late opening the gates at the beginning and end of the school day!)

In other staff news, I am delighted to be able to share with you that Miss Holloway was married over the summer holiday. She is now known as Mrs Allen – this year Mrs Allen shares class responsibility with Mr Hammond in class 3AH.

Baby News

I am also delighted to share with you that Mrs Willacy, Year 6 Class Teacher and Upper Key Stage 2 leader, is expecting her first baby. I was really pleased to share the news with the children this morning at assembly – I had no choice really, considering it is fairly obvious to all that Mrs Willacy is expecting. I would like to reassure our Year 6 parents that there is a plan in place for when she begins her maternity leave and very soon I will share this them.

Children's Classrooms

I would like to take an opportunity to share with you how fabulous all of the children's classrooms are and just how much time and energy has gone into these over the 6 weeks Summer Holiday. Contrary to some belief, School Staff give a good proportion of their time over the holidays to ensuring that the children return in September to a bright, organised and vibrant room. I would like to thank them for their work.

Safeguarding

I would like to take an opportunity to remind parents and carers that entrance to the school is through the School Office. If you would like an opportunity to speak with staff, please arrange this via the School Office. As part of recent whole school training, I have reminded the staff of their professional duties around safeguarding of the children at Park Hill. Parents and carers are not permitted into school unless they have prior arrangement to do so or are attending one of our many planned events that take place over the year.

As always, can I reiterate if you have any concerns or worries, however small, please feel free to speak to your child's class teacher or myself. We are committed to working in partnership with you to ensure that your child receives the best possible education and enjoys coming to school.

Paul Griffin

Head Teacher