

Parkhill Infants' School

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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to another term at Parkhill Infants' School. I would like to extend a particular welcome to all parents who have children at our school for the first time; I hope our association with your family will be a happy and successful one.

We have admitted children to our reception year. They have settled quickly and happily in their classes and are enjoying their new learning experiences. Children will join our Nursery class during the next few weeks and the nursery staff will do their best to ensure they experience a smooth transition from home to school.

Our Year 1 and Year 2 children are working hard and enthusiastically after their summer break.

A list of holiday dates for this academic year is attached for your information.

I give below the dates of school events for the first half of this term. Further details of all these events will be available nearer the date.

Friday 26 September	Drama Workshops – Year 2, Year 1 and Reception
2,3, 6 & 9 October	'Eid' talks – Year 2, Year 1 and Reception
Tuesday 7/Wednesday 8 October	Year 1 visit to Ilford Library for Victorian homelife sessions
Thursday 16 October	Drama Workshop – Great Fire of London – Year 2
Monday 20 October	School Photographer (Individual and family photographs)
Friday 24 October	INSET DAY – this will be an Assessment for Learning Day (Parent/teacher consultations)
Monday 27 October – Friday 31 October (inclusive)	Half Term holiday – school closed.

I am pleased to tell you that the school has a new web site – <http://www.parkhillinfants.org.uk>. I will be writing to you all shortly to find out your ideas as to how we can make the website a useful resource for parents.

May I take this opportunity to remind you that children should not bring toys to school. The children are allowed to play with foam balls and skipping ropes in the playground. In the interest of safety, no jewellery (including watches) should be worn at school and children should not ride scooters/bicycles in the playground.



To enable our children to have easy and regular access to water, we would encourage each child to bring a small bottle of water (not glass) to school each day, to keep in the classroom (all bottles should be clearly marked with the child's name).

We know that the children like to bring "birthday sweets" to share with their friends. However, with an increasing number of children in school with allergies we would ask you to ensure that sweets sent do not contain nuts. It is advisable to send 30 of the same product (to avoid unnecessary arguments!). For safety reasons, please do not send lollipops.

Please ensure that all children are in the playground by 9.05 am each morning accompanied by an adult. School begins at 9.10 am. All children should line up when the bell rings and walk into school with their class and teacher. This enables teachers to settle their classes quickly and make a calm and prompt start to the day.

Parents/Carers wishing to speak to their child's class teacher should make every effort to do so before or after school. Often classroom assistants can answer routine queries and I am always available to talk to parents who have concerns about their children.

Please do not hesitate to contact me, or my deputy Mrs H Swile, should you have any concerns or questions.

Yours sincerely

Miss M Mersh
Headteacher

PS. Please remember to Park Safely around our school and **NEVER** on the yellow zig-zags.



SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES

2008/2009

AUTUMN TERM 2008

Term Monday 1 September – Friday 24 October
Half Term Monday 27 October – Friday 31 October
Term Monday 3 November – Friday 19 December

SPRING TERM 2009

Term Monday 5 January – Friday 13 February
Half Term Monday 16 February – Friday 20 February
Term Monday 23 February – Friday 3 April

SUMMER TERM 2009

Term Monday 20 April – Friday 22 May
Half Term Monday 25 May (Bank Holiday) – Friday 29 May
Term Monday 1 June – Friday 17 July

INSET DAYS (school closed for Staff Training)

Monday 1 September 2008
Tuesday 2 September 2008
Friday 24 October 2008
Monday 20 April 2009
Friday 19 June 2009

NB : Other school closure dates
4 May 2009 - Bank Holiday
4 June 2009 - European Elections