



Park Hill Thorns Federation

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 Newsletter Thursday 4th April 2019



Reports home today

Children in all year groups should arrive home on Friday with their report - if you do not receive an envelope please get in touch with the school office.

Open Evening at Thorns and Park Hill on Wednesday 10 April

School will be open on **Wednesday 10 April, from 5.00-7.00pm** for our Open Evenings. Open Evening is also an opportunity to view your child's books and take a look around school, children are very welcome to come with you and share their learning. If you wish you may have an informal discussion with class teachers about the report which will be sent home to you on Friday 5th April, however if there are any matters which you would like to discuss in confidence or in detail then please contact school to arrange an appointment time with your child's class teacher.

Events for week beginning Monday 8th April

	during the school day	after school
Monday	Yr 4 visit to the Botanic Gardens	Go-Go Makers 3.00-4.00pm 3.15 - 4.15 Mad Science, Yr 3 /4 Sports and Girls' Football (Yr 5/6) clubs
Tuesday	9.15am Spring Assembly led by Reception, cedar and beech families welcome to join us pm Swimming Gala	Go-Go Makers 3.00-4.00pm NO Dance Club 3.15- 4.15 Netball Club, 3.15 - 4.30 Sewing Club No Glee Club PTA Meeting 8pm at The Tiltyard
Wednesday	Easter Hat Parade and Hamper Raffle Lunchtime Rattle and Roll Recorder Club	Football Club 3.00-4.00pm Marathon Kids running Club 3.00-3.30pm Open Evening at both schools 5-7pm
Thursday		Multi Sports Club 3.00- 4.00pm 3.15-4.15 Bayleaf Cookery Club NO Imagineering club
Friday	Well Done Assembly 9.05am NO VIOLIN 10.20 Celebration Assembly	Bayleaf Cookery Club 3.00-4.00pm 3.15 - 4.15 Ricky's Dance club and Yr 5 /6 Basketball club

Focus On Learning... Year 4's Salsa Street



Year 4 have been learning about the rainforests and how crucial they are for our environment this term and this week they have been making food using some of the amazing ingredients we can find in rainforests. The children worked in teams to design and create salsa which the rest of the school then enjoyed tasting and judging. Congratulations to the winning teams...





Cross Country Champions

Congratulations to Beth, Bella, Elsie, Amelia and Noah who were all selected to represent Mid-Warwickshire at the recent Warwickshire Cross Country tournament and who all ran particularly well to help Mid-Warwickshire win the overall competition. A fantastic achievement!



Dodgeball Success

Last week, Mr Farrington and the House Captains ran our first inter-house competition with a Year 3 Dodgeball tournament. Congratulations to the Decagon Boys' team and Hexagon Girls' team who won!



Easter Hat Parade

Next Wednesday morning sees one of my favourite Park Hill traditions: The Easter Hat Parade. Children will all make a hat in school and then parade it down the catwalk with the most outstanding designs winning an egg. School will provide paper, card, pens and glue for this but children may want to bring in some additional miniature chicks / bunnies or perhaps a cap or bonnet to use in their design. On the same morning we will also draw the raffle for the rainbow hampers so please make sure that any tickets and items have been sent in by Tuesday.

Digital Leaders

Last Thursday our Online Safety committee had a fantastic day at St Nicholas school working with all of the other schools in town to explore new ideas and resources to help us learn about staying safe online. They also gave a presentation to talk about their hard work in school.



30 Years of Service

This week we said congratulations and thank you to Mrs Essam our school cook who has now been serving dinners at Park Hill for 30 years. By our calculations this means that she has served over 1.8 million dinners which is quite amazing!

Miss Biggs



A Busy week for Reception

This week in Reception they have been very busy getting ready for their Spring Assembly. The children have been rehearsing and learning to use a microphone. They have also been making the back drop to one of the character's home. They mixed the paints and organised themselves, whilst breaking into songs from their performance. In addition, they have written their own invitations to parents. As a Reception team we could not be more proud of them.



A Dragon arrives in Year 1

But at least he had left by Monday morning! The Year 1 children arrived at school to find that their classrooms had been left topsy turvey. There were some clues about what had happened and then they received a message from an American Dragonologist who reported that a dragon was visiting Kenilworth. The children have agreed to help the professor of dragons and are developing their dragon knowledge and skills in order to qualify as dragonologists on Friday.



Mad Science Assembly

The children were able to take part in an exciting, interactive assembly delivered by Mad Science this week. The children thoroughly enjoyed it especially the 'loo' rolling experiment. There was lots of laughter and it just demonstrated how much fun science really is. Children in Year 1 and Year 2 can sign up for the Mad Science Club starting after the Easter Holiday.

Park Hill Dates for your Diary

15th-26th April - Easter Holiday

29th April - Year 3 trip to the Butterfly Farm

30th April - 9th May - Year 5 Bikeability

1st May - Yr 6 Tag Rugby Festival

1st May- Parent Partnership Meeting for Year 4 parents - The Kingswood Residential (6.30pm)

3rd May Yr 3 Trip to Stratford Butterfly Farm

6th May - Bank holiday

7th May - Cross Country tournament at Abbey Fields

8th May - Quad Kids competition

NEW 10th May Yr 3 taking part in Coventry University Dance Festival

13th - 16th May SATs week

17th May - Ricky's dance day for the whole school

22nd May- Parent Partnership Meeting for Year 6 Parents - The Devon Residential (7pm)

22nd May PTA Disco

24th May - Yr 6 Leavers photos

27th - 31st May - Half Term

3rd - 7th June - Year 6 residential to Devon

14th June - Sports day (9:15 - 11:45 am)

17th June - Parent Partnership Meeting for new Year 3 parents (7pm)

18th June - Glee Club performance at Kenilworth Manor

20th June - Sing Up picnic at Thorns

27th June - Transition day to new classes / schools

28th June - Reserve sports day

3rd July - Central Area athletics finals

10th July - Yr 6 Rounders festival

16th July - Yr 6 performance to parents

17th July - Yr 6 Leaver's party

18th July - Buckingham Cup

19th July - Leaver's assembly

Thorns Dates for your Diary 2018-2019

9th April - Spring Assembly led by Reception children

NEW 9TH April PTA Meeting 8pm at The Tiltyard

10th April Open Evening 5.00-7.00pm

Monday 15th April to Friday 26th April - Easter Holiday

2nd May- Reception visit to Umberlade Farm Park

6th May - Bank Holiday

NEW 17TH May Year 2 PTA Cake and Snack Sale

NEW 18TH May PTA Disco

24th May - Whole school dance workshops with Ricky Brown

Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May- Half Term

4th June - Punch and Judy show for Year 2

NEW 7TH June Year 1 PTA Cake and Snack Sale

8th June -PTA Stall at Lions Show

8th-16th June -PTA Scarecrow Trail

10th June - Parent partnership meeting for new Reception intake 2019

NEW 13th June PTA Fathers' Day Gift Shop

14th June - Sports Day 1.15-3.00pm

20th June -Federation Sing up and picnic

NEW 21ST June non-uniform day- donations of chocolate and bottle for the Summer Fair tombola please

23rd June- PTA Summer Fair

27th June - Warwickshire Transition Day

28th June -Reserve Sports Day 1.15-3.00pm

4th July - Parent consultation meetings 4.00-6.30 pm

NEW 5TH July Reception PTA Cake and Snack Sale

8th July - Parent Consultation meetings 4.00 - 6.30pm

15th July - Volunteers Strawberry Tea 2.15pm

17th July - Leavers' Assembly 9.15am

18th July - Leavers' Party pm