



# Park Hill Thorns Federation

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 Newsletter Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2019



Dear Parents,

The Spring term always seems like a really focussed, productive and industrious term and this one has been no exception. As the winter became spring the children have learnt a great deal about too many things to mention. We have enjoyed trips out and visitors into school; PTA events and sporting competitions; performances and partnership meetings; all finished off with reports home and Open Evening. It was lovely to welcome so many of you to school last night to talk with staff and take a look at the children's work - and it was really lovely to see the Thorns children proudly showing off their school. Many thanks to all those parents who have already returned the comment page enclosed with the report; if you have not already done so we would be very pleased to receive these next week.

The children and staff are all ready for a well-deserved Easter break and I hope that you are able to enjoy some time with family and friends over the next two weeks. See you for the summer term, Mrs Bradbury

### Events for week beginning Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April

	during the school day	after school
Monday	Lunchtime French club	Go-Go Makers, Spaghetti Maths 3.00-4.00pm 3.15 - 4.15 Yr 3 / 4 Athletics and Girls' Football (Yr 5/6) clubs pm Wasps Netball coaching for Netball club Parent Partnership Meeting for Year 2 SATs, 7pm
Tuesday	Yr 4 Cricket coaching Yr 5 Bikeability - group 1 Eliot Class Lunchtime recorder club	Go-Go Makers, Rattle and Roll Dance Club, 3.00-4.00pm 3.15- 4.15 Netball Club, Gardening Club No Glee Club
Wednesday	Yr 5 Bikeability - group 1 Eliot Class Yr 6 Tag Rugby festival	Football Club 3.00-4.00pm NO Marathon Kids running Club -starts next week 6.30pm Kingswood Residential meeting for Year 4 parents
Thursday	Yr 5 Bikeability - group 2 Eliot Class Reception visit to Umberslade Farm	Mad Science, Athletics Club 3.00- 4.00pm 3.15-4.15 Bayleaf Cookery Club and Spaghetti Maths Club NO Imagineering club
Friday	Well Done Assembly 9.05am 10.20 Celebration Assembly Yr 5 Bikeability - group 2 Eliot Class Yr 3 trip to Stratford Butterfly Farm	Bayleaf Cookery Club 3.00-4.00pm 3.15 - 4.15 Ricky's Dance club and and Yr 5 / 6 Rounders club

### Park Hill Clubs for the Summer term

Day	What	Who for	Run by	Cost	How to sign up
Monday	Athletics	Year 3 and 4	Educ8	free	letter home
Monday	Origami	Year 3 and 4	Mr Williams	free	letter to come soon
Monday	Girls' football	Year 5 and 6	Miss Leatherland and Mrs Morris	free	this club is continuing
Tuesday	Glee	Everyone	Miss Leatherland and Mrs Peterson	free	this club is continuing
Tuesday	Sewing	Year 5 and 6	Mrs Smith	£5 charge for material	letter to come soon
Tuesday	Cricket	Year 5 and 6	Mr Pigeon	free	letter to come soon
Tuesday	Gardening	Year 3	Mrs Culley	free	letter home
Thursday	Cookery	Everyone	Bayleaf	charge	sign up via company
Thursday	Imagineering	Year 6	Imagineering Co	charge	continuing
Thursday	Maths	Everyone	Spaghetti Maths	charge	sign up via company
Friday	Dance	Everyone	Ricky	charge	letter home
Friday	Rounders	Year 5 and 6	Mr Keell	free	letter home

[Congratulations to the winners of our Easter hat parade and Rainbow Hamper raffle](#)

We were very impressed with this year’s hat competition which contained lots of well-constructed hats and some excellent catwalks! Congratulations to the winning hat makers! Children also really enjoyed the Rainbow raffle with some wonderful prizes being won. Thank you to everyone who contributed and helped us raise over £400.



[Well done Year 5](#)

Year 5 have entertained us with some choral speaking, singing, dancing and acting as they created a show around the Highwayman poem. This was a lovely performance and even made me enjoy hearing their version of “Everything I do” which I had not thought possible after its many weeks at number 1!

[Thank you to Amelie and Lily](#)

Amelie and Lily held the school spellbound and silent as they led an assembly to help us understand more about Autism during National Autism month.



[Year 4 trip](#)

Our Year 4 children had a brilliant day out on Monday when they visited Leicester University Botanic gardens as part of their learning on the Rainforest. Children made fruit kebabs; explored the grounds and consolidated all of their learning from this half term.



There are a lot of events on the first week back so please check the dates section!  
Have a lovely break everyone!  
Miss Biggs



[Chicken Licken Assembly](#)

We were so very proud of our talented children in Reception who performed their play, Chicken Licken on Tuesday morning. The children looked fantastic in their costumes and sang and acted really well. This was for many the first time that they had been brave enough to stand and speak in front of a large audience. It was made even better with a fantastic turn-out from parents and grandparents.



[PTA Easter Egg Hunt](#)

Many thanks to everyone who organised and joined us for the PTA Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday. Congratulations to our winners of the raffle prizes and the egg decorating competition - Finley, Alex, Jackson and Sophie; well done too to Andrew who estimated the number of eggs and was very almost spot on. The money raised from the egg hunt raised will go to fund a home for our new chickens. I am pleased to say that this will be installed next week and the hens should arrive over the holiday.

[Library Helpers](#)

Library Helpers Needed Please! We are low on helper numbers to support our Year 1 and 2 children in their Friday afternoon library visits. If you can help please contact the school office. Thank you!

[Easter Holiday Birthdays](#)

All birthdays that fall between 8<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> April will be celebrated in Well Done Assembly tomorrow.

[Year 2 SATS Parent Partnership Meeting, Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm](#)

On the Monday we return to school we are holding a meeting to share information with Year 2 parents about the arrangements for the Key Stage 1 SATs which will take place during May. This meeting is designed for adults rather than Year 2 children and we will cover: what is assessed; how the assessments are carried out; the way in which the outcome is reported to parents; what happens with the results. I do hope you will be able to join us.



## Park Hill Dates for your Diary

29<sup>th</sup> April - Term Starts

30<sup>th</sup> April - 9<sup>th</sup> May - Year 5 Bikeability

1<sup>st</sup> May - Yr 6 Tag Rugby Festival

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

3<sup>rd</sup> May Yr 3 Trip to Stratford Butterfly Farm

6<sup>th</sup> May - Bank holiday

7<sup>th</sup> May - Cross Country tournament at Abbey Fields

**NEW 9<sup>th</sup> May PTA meeting (8pm Tiltyard)**

10<sup>th</sup> May Yr 3 taking part in Coventry University Dance Festival

13<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> May SATs week

17<sup>th</sup> May - Ricky's dance day for the whole school

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

22<sup>nd</sup> May PTA Disco

24<sup>th</sup> May - Yr 6 Leavers photos

27<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> May - Half Term

3<sup>rd</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> June - Year 6 residential to Devon

**NEW 12<sup>th</sup> June PTA Bingo for children**

14<sup>th</sup> June - Sports day (9:15 - 11:45 am)

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

18<sup>th</sup> June - Glee Club performance at Kenilworth Manor

20<sup>th</sup> June - Sing Up picnic at Thorns

27<sup>th</sup> June - Transition day to new classes / schools

28<sup>th</sup> June - Reserve sports day

3<sup>rd</sup> July - Central Area athletics finals

**New 5<sup>th</sup> July Non-uniform day for Circus**

10<sup>th</sup> July - Yr 6 Rounders festival

**NEW 14<sup>th</sup> July PTA Circus!**

16<sup>th</sup> July - Yr 6 performance to parents

17<sup>th</sup> July - Yr 6 Leaver's party

18<sup>th</sup> July - Buckingham Cup

19<sup>th</sup> July - Leaver's assembly

## Thorns Dates for your Diary 2018-2019

**NEW 29<sup>th</sup> April Parent Partnership Meeting at 7pm - Year 2 SATS**

2<sup>nd</sup> May- Reception visit to Umberslade Farm Park

**NEW 3<sup>rd</sup> May Year 2 PTA Cake and Snack Sale - fundraiser for end of year leavers party**

**6<sup>th</sup> May - Bank Holiday**

**NEW 15<sup>th</sup> May PTA Meeting The Tiltyard, 8pm**

17<sup>th</sup> May Year 2 PTA Cake and Snack Sale

18<sup>th</sup> May PTA Disco

24<sup>th</sup> May - Whole school dance workshops with Ricky Brown

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May- Half Term**

4<sup>th</sup> June - Punch and Judy show for Year 2

7<sup>th</sup> June Year 1 PTA Cake and Snack Sale

8<sup>th</sup> June -PTA Stall at Lions Show

8<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> June -PTA Scarecrow Trail

10<sup>th</sup> June - Parent partnership meeting for new Reception intake 2019

13<sup>th</sup> June PTA Fathers' Day Gift Shop

14<sup>th</sup> June - Sports Day 1.15-3.00pm

**20<sup>th</sup> June -Federation Sing up and picnic**

21<sup>st</sup> June non-uniform day- donations of chocolate and bottle for the Summer Fair tombola please

**23<sup>rd</sup> June- PTA Summer Fair**

**27<sup>th</sup> June - Warwickshire Transition Day**

28<sup>th</sup> June -Reserve Sports Day 1.15-3.00pm

4<sup>th</sup> July - Parent consultation meetings 4.00-6.30 pm

5<sup>th</sup> July Reception PTA Cake and Snack Sale

8<sup>th</sup> July - Parent Consultation meetings 4.00 - 6.30pm

15<sup>th</sup> July - Volunteers Strawberry Tea 2.15pm

17<sup>th</sup> July - Leavers' Assembly 9.15am

18<sup>th</sup> July - Leavers' Party pm