



**Park Hill Thorns Federation**  
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 Newsletter Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2019



Events for week beginning Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May		
	during the school day	after school
Monday	Bank Holiday - school closed	
Tuesday	Yr 4 Cricket Coaching Bikeability - Shakespeare class Lunchtime recorder club	Go-Go Makers, Rattle and Roll Dance Club, 3.00-4.00pm Gardening Club and Glee Club Cross Country competition at Abbey Fields
Wednesday	Bikeability - Shakespeare class	Football Club 3.00-4.00pm; Marathon Kid 3-3.30pm
Thursday	Bikeability - Shakespeare class	Mad Science, Athletics Club 3.00- 4.00pm Country dancing 3-3.30pm 3.15-4.15 Bayleaf Cookery, Spaghetti Maths and Imagineering clubs 8pm PTA Meeting at the Tilt Yard Country dancing
Friday	Well Done Assembly 9.05am 10.20 Celebration Assembly Bikeability - Shakespeare class Yr 3 Dance Festival	Bayleaf Cookery Club 3.00-4.00pm Tennis 3-3.45pm 3.15 - 4.15 Ricky's Dance club and Yr 5 /6 Rounders club tennis

**Focus on Learning: Year 3 Prepare for their dance festival**



Every year we feel very privileged to work with students from Coventry University in a series of dance workshops which culminate in a festival. Year 3 children have spent last term creating, refining and producing a dance following their topic theme of Guatemala and next week all of the children are off to perform their dances in a festival at the University. We have been particularly impressed



with children's precise use of movement this year and hope that they really enjoy their day. Thank you to the highly dedicated university students as well!

**Park Hill and Thorns Term Dates for 2019-2020**

<b>Autumn 2019</b>	teacher training day Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September school open Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September to Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October holiday Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> October to Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November teacher training day on Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November school open Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November to Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December
<b>Spring 2020</b>	teacher training day Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January school open Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January to Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February holiday Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> February to Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> February school open Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February to Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April
<b>Summer 2020</b>	teacher training day Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April school open Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> April to Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May holiday Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> May to Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May school open Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June to Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July teacher training day Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> July

Dear Parents,

Year 6 Tag Rugby competition

Congratulations to Year 6 who came second (out of ten teams) in the Kenilworth tag rugby competition and showed an excellent team spirit and made real improvements during the afternoon. Thank you Mr Farrington, Mrs Morris, Mr Keell and Mr Martins who gave up their time to accompany children and allow so many children to take part.

Bikeability

Year 5 have started their bikeability sessions which are always a logistical puzzle for parents and staff! This year we are trialling all children having two days of sessions in school which will cover the material previously taught in Year 5 and Year 6. This means that everyone gets to go out on the roads and experience the higher level road safety which we could previously only offer to a few children.



We hope that children have enjoyed and learnt from their sessions and encourage cycling to school now they are proficient! Thanks to Mrs Tyrer who has spent considerable time in organising and arranging this.

Cricket coaching

Year 4 have begun cricket coaching which is led by the Onside cricket company and leads up to all children taking part in a Kenilworth tournament in July. Children were having a great time on Tuesday and were showing a lovely competitive spirit on Tuesday so we have high hopes for the tournament!



Parking!!!!!!!

It took just three days of term before I had our first complaint from a neighbour about parent parking and I have to say I had to agree with his concerns. Please don't abuse our neighbours, particularly if you have parked in their driveway; please don't drive along the pavements and please try to put children's safety first. Thank you to the multitude of parents who walk, cycle, scoot or park thoughtfully every day.

Miss Biggs



A Newsletter in brief this week due to staff absence. Unfortunately Mrs Rawings is still not well and will not be in school next week. Please contact Mrs Bradbury with any concerns or queries whilst Mrs Rawlings is absent.

**A Warm Welcome to our New Chickens**

Our Chickens have taken up residence in their new home on the back playground and this week we have all been saying hello and getting to know each other. The children have been thinking of some possible names for our new hens and are voting today to choose their favourite. In a few weeks time we hope the hens will begin laying some delicious eggs. We will be selling the eggs to our school community to help cover the cost of feeding and keeping the hens; although with only 4 hens and 173 children we certainly will not have enough eggs for everyone!



**Do you have any spare wellie boots?**

We would be very grateful for any wellies, particularly in sizes 10, 11, 12, 13 and 1 for when the children are helping to care for our new chickens. If you can help, please drop any wellies into the school office, thank you.



## Park Hill Dates for your Diary

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

REARRANGED DATE 13<sup>th</sup> May Wasps Netball Coaching

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

NEW 17<sup>th</sup> May Yr 5 /6 Girls' football tournament

NEW 20<sup>th</sup> May Yr 5 trip to Charlecote Park

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 5<sup>th</sup> May Year 2 and Year 5 buddy session

NEW 10<sup>th</sup> June - Play in a day for Leofric Class

NEW 11<sup>th</sup> June - Glee club singing at Kenilworth Manor

NEW 11<sup>th</sup> June - KDPSA Field Events competition

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

NEW 13<sup>th</sup> June KDPSA Track Events

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

NEW 17<sup>th</sup> June - Yr 5 Cricket competition

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

NEW 19<sup>th</sup> June - Year 3 teachers meeting Year 2 classes

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

NEW 25<sup>th</sup> June - Country dancing at the Castle

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

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

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

NEW 10<sup>th</sup> July - Yr 5 Cricket festival

NEW 10<sup>th</sup> July - Parents' Evening

NEW 11<sup>th</sup> July - Parents' Evening

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

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

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