



Park Hill Thorns Federation
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Annual Survey

Each summer term the governors carry out an annual survey to support their school improvement work and better understand what is going well in our schools and what could be better. In response to last year's survey we have changed the sports day track markings; established a girls football team; reviewed communication and purchased an app to help with email messages from school; agreed to employ an additional member of staff from September to support swimming afternoons; changed the arrangements for lunches on school trips at Park Hill. The governors are keen to hear your views again and a link to the online survey is included in your email this week. The responses will be analysed by school leaders and governors before the end of this school year and the outcome and plans shared with you during this term. The survey should take no more than five or ten minutes to complete and I do hope that you will be able to find the time to share your views with us. Many thanks in advance!

Events for week beginning Monday 13th May

	during the school day	after school
Monday	8.20 Year 6 Breakfast club SATs Grammar test No Music lessons all week Lunchtime French club pm Wasps Netball club coaching	Go-Go Makers, Spaghetti Maths Club, 3.00-4.00pm 3.15 - 4.15 Athletics, Origami and Girls' football club Charity Cake sale
Tuesday	8.20 Year 6 Breakfast club SATs reading test Yr 4 Cricket Coaching Lunchtime recorder club	Go-Go Makers, Rattle and Roll Dance Club, 3.00-4.00pm 3.15 - 4.15 Gardening Club, Cricket club, Glee Club and Sewing club (Sewing club until 4.30)
Wednesday	8.20 Year 6 Breakfast club SATs Maths tests	Football Club 3.00-4.00pm; Marathon Kid 3-3.30pm 7pm PTA Yoga Night 8pm PTA meeting at The Tiltyard
Thursday	8.20 Year 6 Breakfast club SATS Maths test	Mad Science, Athletics Club 3.00- 4.00pm Country dancing 3-3.30pm 3.15-4.15 Bayleaf Cookery, Spaghetti Maths and Imagineering clubs
Friday	Well Done Assembly 9.05am Ricky's dance day! Yr 5 / 6 Girls' football tournament (No Celebration Assembly)	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
Saturday	PTA Disco	

Focus on Learning: Year 3 Represent Park Hill!

We often comment how brilliantly behaved our children are on school trips but it is easy for us to forget this so I was delighted to receive the following letter from Stratford Butterfly Farm after our Year 3 children visited last week:

We have had the pleasure on having your school with us this afternoon. I just wanted to say what a lovely, polite and intelligent group of young children you have.

This is an absolute credit to your teachers. We have many groups in and often we have very little help and support from the teachers (Not that we needed much with such well behave children). I just wanted to say that I very much enjoyed my morning with the children and staff, my colleague also commented on what a lovely group he had. I hope this doesn't sound patronising, I just thought I am sure we can all do with recognition when our jobs are done well.

Well done to everyone in Year 3!



Dear Parents,
SATS week

Next week is SATs week for our Year 6 children and we have been very pleased with the sensible and focused approach that they have consistently demonstrated. To ensure a positive start to each day, all Year 6 children are welcome to come to our breakfast club which will open at 8.20am each day. Toast, fruit and drinks will be available.

During SATs week there are no music lessons for any primary aged children across the county and additional lessons automatically take place at the end of term.

Visit from Will Maisey

Earlier on this year, we had a visit from Joe Roebuck, a Commonwealth games swimmer, who spoke to the children about his life and how he had succeeded in sport. One of our house captains enjoyed this and contacted one of his sporting heroes - the rugby player Will Maisey. Will came into school on Wednesday to talk about his experiences. This was particularly relevant for children as Will grew up in Kenilworth and attended Kenilworth Secondary school. He encouraged children to try as many sports as possible and to keep practicing to achieve their best.



Cross country and May Day runners

On Monday a team representing Park Hill finished third in the Kenilworth May Day races and then on Tuesday our teams took part in the Kenilworth schools' cross country race where our Girls' team finished first (with Beth winning the whole race and four other girls finishing in the top ten) and our Boys' team finished third with two boys in the top ten. Congratulations to all who took part.

Charity Cake Sale

Some of our Year 5 children have organised a charity cake sale which they will hold after school on Monday.

Miss Biggs



Punctuality

The school day begins at 9am when the register is taken and children's learning starts very promptly. If a child is late into the school they may have missed the beginning of a session or feel awkward entering their classroom. Please support us and your child be ensuring they arrive at school between 8.50 and 9am.

Absence from school through illness

If your child is too ill to attend school please contact the office before 9.30am on the first day of your child's absence. You can leave a message on the absence phone (01926 853875 option) or email the school office at admin2307@welearn365.com. Many thanks.

Library Helpers Needed

Extra helpers would be greatly appreciated for Friday afternoon library visits by Year 1 and Year 2. Year 1 on 17th May and Year 2 on 24th May. If you can spare some time please contact the school office, thank you.

Beech Class Swimming

Beech class will be swimming again on Tuesday afternoons from next week onwards. We are still looking for some more help, please chat to beech class or the office if you can offer some time.

The Chickens Have a Name

The children and staff voted last week and I am pleased to say that our chickens now all have a name. Each year group named one of the hens and the staff named the fourth. We are now the proud keepers of Chicken Licken, Speckledy, Midnight and Doris.

PTA

Our disco takes place next Saturday, 18th May and we have a committee meeting on Wednesday 14th May. You would be very welcome to join us at either event (or both).



Park Hill Dates for your Diary

- 20th May Yr 5 trip to Charlecote Park
- 22nd May- Parent Partnership Meeting for Year 6 Parents - The Devon Residential (7:15pm - drop your children at the disco and pop along to the meeting!)
- 22nd May PTA Disco
- 24th May - Yr 6 Leavers photos
- 27th - 31st May - Half Term

- 3rd - 7th June - Year 6 residential to Devon
- 5th May Year 2 and Year 5 buddy session
- 10th June - Play in a day for Leofric Class
- 11th June - Glee club singing at Kenilworth Manor
- 11th June - KDPSA Field Events competition
- 12th June PTA Bingo for children
- 13th June KDPSA Track Events
- 14th June - Sports day (9:15 - 11:45 am)
- 17th June - Yr 5 Cricket competition
- 17th June - Parent Partnership Meeting for new Year 3 parents (7pm)
- 18th June - Glee Club performance at Kenilworth Manor
- 19th June - Year 3 teachers meeting Year 2 classes
- 20th June - Sing Up picnic at Thorns
- 25th June - Country dancing at the Castle
- 27th June - Transition day to new classes / schools
- 28th June - Reserve sports day

- 3rd July - Central Area athletics finals
- 5th July Non-uniform day for Circus
- 10th July - Yr 6 Rounders festival
- 10th July - Yr 5 Cricket festival
- 10th July - Parents' Evening
- 11th July - Parents' Evening
- 14th July PTA Circus!
- 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

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

7th June Year R 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

13th June PTA Fathers' Day Gift Shop

14th June - Sports Day 1.15-3.00pm

20th June -Federation Sing up and picnic

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

5th July Year 2 PTA Cake and Snack Sale (leavers party fundraiser)

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