



Park Hill Thorns Federation

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 Newsletter Thursday 20 June 2019



Arts Week

Children at both Park Hill and Thorns have had a fabulous week this week and enjoyed being really creative in lots of different ways including alongside professional artists and creators. Many thanks for your support with the various arts week events this week.

Transition and New Classes

Staff in Years 1, 3, 4 and 5 have been working hard to organise class lists for next year, in consultation with children. Letters will be sent home to parents next week informing you of your child's teacher for next year - Thorns letters on Monday and Park Hill letters on Wednesday.

Sports Days

We are hoping to hold the postponed sports days on Friday - keep your fingers crossed for dry weather and reasonable ground conditions. If we do need to change our plans we will send out an email. Children at Thorns will need their usual PE kit (including trainers or pumps). Children at Park Hill will need PE kit and may wear a t-shirt in the colour that matches their house team if they wish or their usual PE t-shirt if they prefer.

Events for week beginning Monday 24 June

	during the school day	after school
Monday	Lunchtime French Club pm School Nursing service delivering transition sessions to Year 6	Spaghetti Maths, GoGo Makers 3-4pm 3.15 - 4.15 Athletics, Origami Clubs and Girls' football club
Tuesday	Yr 5 Cricket Coaching Yr 5 Cricket Coaching Kenilworth School Maths teachers visit Yr 6 Lunchtime recorder club Marathon Kids to running festival at Edmonscoote	Rattle and Roll Dance Club, GoGo makers 3-4pm 3.15 - 4.15 Cricket club, Glee Club and Sewing club (Sewing club until 4.30) Country Dancing at the Castle
Wednesday		Football Club 3-4pm 3.15 - 4.15 Spanish Club
Thursday	Transition Day - all children to new classes or schools (Y2 children non-uniform) SEND Coffee Morning	Athletics, Mad Science 3-4pm 3.15-4.15 Bayleaf Cookery, Spaghetti Maths, Imagineering clubs
Friday	9.05am Well Done Assembly 9.15-11.45am sports day 1.15-2.55pm sports day	Bayleaf Cookery Club 3-4pm Tennis 3-3.45pm 3.15 - 4.15 Ricky's Dance club and Yr 5 /6 Rounders club

Focus On Learning... Reception off on the train

Last week in Reception the children travelled to Leamington on a train. They paid attention to road and railway safety. They visited the library and found out about the Summer reading challenge and got to take library books home. Cedar class were lucky with the weather on Wednesday as they enjoyed having lunch at the park and visiting the Leamington Spa Art Gallery and Museum. They discovered how Leamington was different in the past as it had elephants!



Mrs Gill says - *The children were amazing from keeping safe, being kind to each other. I even got a 'thank you for taking me on the trip.'* They worked out the time they had to wait as the train was delayed (maths mastery - greater depth), to reading at the library, noticing how Leamington had changed at the museum. They are a real credit to Thorns.

Dear Parents,
Athletics

Congratulations to the children who represented our school at the Kenilworth field events competition. In particular, I was so impressed by our Year 5 and 6 long jump competitors who carried on through pretty much pouring rain (and I was also impressed by their parents who gave such good support despite the weather!) A huge well done to Jack Pigeon who won his competition and will represent Kenilworth at the Warwickshire competition.

Arts Week

Many of you will now see our wonderful artwork on the playground and I know that everyone enjoyed their graffiti sessions in school alongside lots of other great art activities which celebrated male and female artists from around the world. Thank you to Mrs Price for organising this lovely week.



Buckingham Cup

Entry forms for our annual music competition are now available from the school office. This competition is open to any child or small group of children who wish to perform on an instrument or in singing. Children are welcome to bring in backing tracks if they wish.

Transition Day

Next Thursday is the Warwickshire transition day and we look forward to welcoming Year 2 children who are joining us. On this day, all children should go straight to their new class with current Year 2 and 3 children entering through the double playground doors and current Year 4 and 5 children entering through their new classroom external door. Current Year 3 and 5 children can use their own pegs and Year 2 and 4 children can use any spare peg on the day. Children will also leave from the same doors at the end of the day.

Sports Day

We will be trying again to hold our sports day next Friday and hope to see lots of parents to support us. We will be starting at 9.15am and should then be finished by lunchtime. Children are welcome to wear a t-shirt in the colour for their house team should they wish. Miss Biggs



Arts Week

We really enjoyed our arts week with the theme of *Our Environment*. The children enjoyed working with willow weaving artist Spencer Jenkins and you may noticed the rather wonderful willow dome on the front field. Children mixed together in different learning groups to explore the art of Andy Warhol, Henri Matisse, Andy Goldsworthy and others. We welcomed many parents and grandparents into the hall yesterday afternoon and after a very creative session we now have a shoal of fish swimming through the entrance hall. Thank you to Miss Pearl for organising this enjoyable week for children and staff.



Sing Up Picnic

On Thursday Thorns children joined with the children from Park Hill for our annual Sing Up morning and picnic at Thorns. Children had learnt a range of songs from the musicals and performed for each other and together before joining siblings and friends on the field for lunch. The weather just about held out and it was really lovely to watch all the children playing together on the school field.

Year 2 - transition day to Park Hill

A reminder that this day is a non-uniform day for Year 2 children (and only Year 2). Children should be dropped off at Park Hill between 8.40 and 8.50am and collected from the playground at 3.15pm. We have been able to organise a minibus to take children from Brambles in the morning (leaving at 8.30am) and return them to Brambles and after school clubs at 3.20pm.

Reception and Year 1 transition day

Children should go their usual classroom at the start of the day and will leave from their usual classroom at the end of the day. Children should wear school uniform and staff will accompany them to their new class.



Park Hill Dates for your Diary

NEW 2nd July - Year 3 walk around Kenilworth

3rd July - Central Area athletics finals

NEW 8th July - Ukulele Concert by Year 3 for parents and families

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

4th July - Parent consultation meetings 4.00-6.30 pm

NEW 5th July - Year 1 library book changing day

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

8th July - Parent Consultation meetings 4.00 - 6.30pm

NEW 8th July - please return all school library books

15th July - Volunteers Strawberry Tea 2.15pm

17th July - Leavers' Assembly 9.15am

18th July - Leavers' Party pm