



Park Hill Thorns Federation

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 Newsletter Thursday 18th July 2019



Dear Parents,

Thank you for all of your support for Park Hill and for Thorns over the course of this school year. As usual it has been a really busy and packed year with moments of fun, adventure and high drama along the way and lots of learning.

The children and staff are all ready for the summer break and I hope that you are able to enjoy some rest and relaxation with family and friends over the coming weeks.

Several staff are leaving us at the end of this year - we say farewell to Miss Williams and Mrs Saunders at Thorns and to Mrs Watt at Park Hill; whilst Mrs Culley, Mrs Boulton, Miss Clarke and Mrs Dhaliwal will move from one school to another. We also say farewell to our Year 2 and Year 6 children as well as Tommy in Year 1 who are all off to pastures new. We wish each and every one of them the very best in their new schools.

School re-opens on Tuesday 3rd September and I look forward to seeing you all again in the autumn term. Happy holidays everyone. *Mrs Bradbury*

Events for week beginning Monday 2nd September

	during the school day	after school
Monday	Teacher Training Day - school closed to children	
Tuesday	Maple class swim	
Wednesday		
Thursday	Oak class swim	
Friday	Well done assembly 9.05am Celebration assembly 10.20am Year 1 visit to Herbert Art Gallery and Motor Museum Year 3 Trip to the Think Tank	PTA Fruit and vegetable sale - bring in any unwanted produce from your garden and allotment and we will have a pop up market stall

Focus on Learning: Well done Year 6!





K'Nex Finals

Congratulations to the Year 5 children who represented us at the K'Nex regional finals this week and produced two excellent working models of a fairground ride.



Kitchen Award



Congratulations to our kitchen staff who have been awarded a 5 star rating in their recent hygiene inspection and impressed the inspectors so much that they took away some new ideas to share with other school kitchens.

Circus

We were so please to see lots of people enjoying our circus on Sunday. This was a new event for us but it was a lovely day and raised nearly £2,500 which is incredible! Thank you to the wonderful PTA for their hard work yet again!



Buckingham Cup

Congratulations to Sasha, Andriana and Poppy who were the winners of this year's Buckingham Cup music competition. We had so many fabulous entries this year and it was a difficult decision for our judges - but it was great to have so many keen musicians in school.

Goodbye Year 6!



We are always somewhat sad to say goodbye to our Year 6 children but what a way to leave us after three fabulous productions of Mary Poppins. We felt we had really taken on a challenge this year with a professional production which required precise timing and lots of strong singing but our children have amazed us. A huge well done to them all and to Miss Leatherland who has both the vision and



skill to produce such a high quality show!



Marvellous Year 2

Year 2 provided family and friends with a memorable start to the day on Wednesday when they performed a leavers assembly which showcased their love of Roald Dahl stories. Through dance and drama they showcased their own fantastic talents as well as Dahl's imagination.

PTA Dates and icecreams

We all enjoyed a delcous ice crea on Wedndsdays afternoon when the PTA provided our very own ice cream van on the school playground! Our industrious PTA already have some dates in the calendar for next term so please pop them on your calendar now so that you don't miss out.

6th September: Homegrown fruit/veg for sale after school

Any families who will have some excess home grown produce that they are happy to donate can bring it in for the stall. All proceeds will go to the PTA. People to get growing over the summer!

15th September: PTA Autumn Picnic

Chance for new Reception families to get to know each other in a relaxed environment, chance for Year 1 and 2 families to reconnect after the summer break. Free bouncy castle and other activities for the kids, welcome pack and info for Reception families along with a treat for the children. Simply bring along your picnic and enjoy!

29th September: Treasure Hunt

Look for clues and find the answers as a family.

19th October: Comedy Night

Adults only evening of entertainment. New this year!

Watch this space for more information on the last two events.

Potato Growing Competiton

The children have been busy groing the potatoes purchased ealrier this year by Mrs Rawlings and this week we harested our crop and came togetehr in the hall to find out who was the ebst gardener. With two wins - for the largest potato and the most potatoes the award goes to Reception children. Year 2 grew the heaviest crop - better luck next time Year 1.