



## Newsletter 11 - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2019

News this week	Things to remember this week
<p><b>Reading</b></p> <p>One of the homework tasks asked of <b>all</b> children in our schools is to read at least three times each week. Research shows that children with a good vocabulary do well in school, not only in reading but also in science, history and the arts. One important way to build a rich vocabulary is through reading high quality texts. A small vocabulary can limit your understanding and clog up working memory.</p> <p>Children who read for 10 minutes each day, for 5 times a week will read approximately <b>1 million words in a year</b>. Those children who do not read regularly at home will read approximately ten thousand words.</p> <p>Parents and families can make a significant difference to children's learning by talking at home and by reading and sharing books. I do hope that you will join us on a shared mission and read with and read to your child, whether they are four or eleven or any age between.</p> <p><b>Head lice</b></p> <p>As we have an ongoing issue at both Thorns and Park Hill we have booked one of the school nurses to come in on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November at 3.15pm to talk to parents about Head lice! The talk will last for approximately 15 minutes in the school hall. Staff are available to care for any children during the talk and parents from both schools are invited to attend. An additional leaflet from the health team has been attached to the newsletter email with further information on dealing with these unwanted visitors.</p>	<div data-bbox="855 376 1198 965" style="border: 2px solid yellow; padding: 5px;"><p><b>Park Hill Clubs</b></p><p>Due to the lack of daylight, next week is the final week for outdoor sports clubs. Both Yr 3 / 4 outdoor clubs have finished this week and Girls' football club will have a match on Tuesday and then no club on Wednesday.</p></div> <div data-bbox="1209 376 1497 965" style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 5px;"><p><b>Parent Governor Vacancy</b></p><p>Closing date for nominations is Wednesday 27 November</p><p>Please see email attachments for more info</p></div> <div data-bbox="863 987 1497 1290" style="border: 2px solid blue; padding: 5px;"><p><b>Advice on Eradicating Head Lice</b></p><p>Thursday 28 November at 3.15pm at Park Hill</p></div> <div data-bbox="863 1317 1497 1671" style="border: 2px solid magenta; padding: 5px;"><p><b>Wellies Needed</b></p><p>Do you have any wellies that your children have outgrown? Reception children are looking for some wellies to wear in their muddy digging area if you have any to spare.</p></div>

**Remember to park sensibly when you drop your children at school.**



**Please use our unofficial one way system to ease traffic flow.**

Blackthorn Road from Farmer Ward to Ashfield.

Ilam Park from Leyes Lane to Jacox Crescent.

**Year 1**

## Year 1 visit to the Hindu Temple

On Wednesday Year 1 went to the Shree Krishna Mandir Hindu temple in Leamington Spa. We learnt the names of many of the Hindu gods such as Rama, Sita, Hanuman, Krishna, Lakshmi and Shiva. We were amazed when the curtains opened and we saw lots of dazzling, jewelled statues of the gods. They made us feel very welcome and offered us some fruit.



**All parents**

## Parent Governor Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for one parent governor and are seeking nominations for an enthusiastic and committed parent or carer to join the governing board. There are no particular qualifications required for the role but, following an analysis of the results of our skills audit, we have skills gaps in the areas of grant application, finance and property management and would be particularly keen to receive nominations from someone with experience in any of these areas. You can learn more from the information sent out with this newsletter or online at <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/governors>. The closing date for nominations is Wednesday 11 December.

**Year 6**



## Netball

Our Year 6 netball team had a great time last week visiting Wasps and training at the Ricoh Arena. Children were able to meet some of the Wasps Stars and try out lots of different netball activities.



**Children in Need**



Thank you to Mrs Wilson, the House Captains and our families for your support for our Children in Need bring and buy sale. This raised over £200 for an excellent cause and seemed a lovely eco-



friendly way to do it!

## Fight for Sight

**Year 6**

Three of our Year 6 children led an assembly on Monday to explain to children about Fight for Sight – a charity which is very important to them. In order to raise awareness as to sight difficulties, Year 6 children have the opportunity to “dine in the dark” on Friday lunchtime. This will involve children wearing a blindfold whilst eating their dinner and will be very enjoyable if a bit messy! Children will eat their usual lunch and can make a donation to the charity as part of this. Thank you to Matilda, Poppy and Ava for organising this!

# Dates for your diary

Events for week beginning Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> November		
	during the school day	after school
Monday	French Club Year 1 Forest School – bring wellies/trainers	3-4pm Football, spaghetti maths
Tuesday	Recorder club	3-4pm GoGO Makers 3.15-4.15pm Netball Club; Glee (all year groups) NO Year 3 and Year 4 football 4.15 Girls' Football match
Wednesday	Year 6 child measurement program Closing date for parent governor nominations	No Girls Football Club
Thursday	Year 6 Athletics finals	3.15pm at Park Hill: Advice on Head lice 3.15-4.15pm Bayleaf Cookery; Imagineering; 2-4.30pm visit Thorns Christmas Tree at St Nicholas Festival
Friday	10-8pm visit Thorns Christmas Tree at St Nicholas Festival 9am Well Done Assembly 10.20am Celebration Assembly	3-4pm cooker club 3.15-4.15pm Year 5 and Year 6 boys football 3.15-4.45pm Ricky's Dance Club; NO Year 3 and 4 Running Club
Saturday	Cross Country at Priory Park 10-4.30pm visit Thorns Christmas Tree at St Nicholas Festival	
	events at Thorns	events at Park Hill      events at both schools

<b>Monday 2 December</b>	<b>Christmas Shoebox collection at Park Hill</b>
<b>Tuesday 3 December</b>	<b>Panto visit to Thorns</b>
<b>Tuesday 3 December 8pm at The Tiltyard</b>	<b>Thorns PTA Meeting</b>
<b>Friday 6 December 5.30-7.30pm</b>	<b>Park Hill PTA Christmas Fair</b>
<b>Tuesday 10 December</b>	<b>Year 1 visit to St John's Church</b>
<b>Tuesday 10 December at 10.45am</b>	<b>Year 2 visit to Park Hill to watch Christmas performance dress rehearsal</b>
<b>Wednesday 11 December at 2pm and 6pm</b>	<b>Park Hill Christmas Performance involving all Year 3 and Year 4</b>
<b>Friday 13 December at 10.45am</b>	<b>Year 3 visit to Thorns to watch Christmas performance dress rehearsal</b>