



Newsletter 12 - Friday 29 November 2019

News this week

Parent Governor Vacancy

I am very pleased to say that we have had two parents volunteer their time and energies to support our governing body. Unfortunately we only have one parent governor vacancy and so are now holding a ballot. Ballot papers and information will be sent home with children today, where there are siblings in school the oldest child will bring home the ballot papers. The paper includes a supporting statement about each nominee. Please return your vote to the school office in the envelope provided by 5pm on Wednesday 11 December.

Year 6 raise funds for charity

Children really enjoyed their “dine in the dark” experience last Friday where they found out more about the life experiences of people with sight difficulties (and made a lot of mess!). Well done to Matilda, Poppy and Ava who led this activity and helped raise over £50 for the Fight for Sight charity.



Things to remember this week

Park Hill Christmas Play

Year 3 and 4 Christmas play tickets are going fast – please return slips as soon as possible.

Please also note that due to fire regulations we can only accommodate two people (including children) from any family.

All children at Park Hill and children in Year 2 will see the play during school time.

Park Hill Non-uniform Day

Friday 6 December
 Please bring an item for the tombola

Park Hill Clubs

A reminder that all outdoor clubs have now finished due to lack of light! There is no Ricky’s dance club next Friday due to the Christmas Fair.

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



Park Hill Christmas Fair

Friday 6 December 5.30-7.30pm



Thorns	<p>Christmas Tree at St Nicholas Festival</p> <p>I am pleased to tell you that the Thorns tree has been delivered to St Nicholas Church ready for the festival over this weekend and the old town lights switch-on on Friday evening. You can go along to the church and take a look at all of the trees (and vote for your favourite) with the church open from 10-8pm on Friday and 10-4.30pm on Saturday. Every child has made a decoration for tree so it really is a team effort. This year our theme is pirates and the tree is decorated with pirates sewn by Year 2, boats from reception and compasses and treasure maps courtesy of Year 1. Many thanks to Miss Pearl for her vision and organisation and to Max and Annie Hatton's family who donated the tree to school.</p>
Year 2	<p>An invitation to Park Hill Christmas Play for Year 2</p> <p>Year 2 children are invited to join Park Hill school for the dress rehearsal of this year's Christmas production on Tuesday 10 December at 10.45am. We are seeking some volunteers to walk with us to Park Hill, stay and see the show and then walk back to Thorns. Volunteers are needed from 10.15 to 12pm, please let the school office know if you are able to help, many thanks.</p>
Sport	<p>Sports Teams at Park Hill</p> <p>Congratulations to our Girls' football team The Park Hill Panthers who won another football match on Tuesday evening with a fantastic score of 13-2. The girls' have one more match before Christmas. Congratulations also to our Year 5 boys team who played very well against St Augustine's last week and were unlucky to lose 4-3. Well done to our Year 6 Athletics team who competed in the Mid-Warwickshire finals in Indoor Athletics on Thursday.</p>
Park Hill PTA	<p>Park Hill PTA</p> <p>A huge thanks to our PTA who have been incredibly generous this term. We have been able to order a new bicycle shelter as an additional shelter as we have so many children cycling to school now. We have also been able to buy a number of new books for our school library with a focus on improving our non-fiction selection. The PTA have also let us purchase new bookcases for Year 5 and 6 which will help encourage children to choose books and make the most of our minimal space in these rooms. Further to this, the PTA have also funded improvements to the outdoor area behind Year 3 and 4; coaches to the theatre at the end of term. I hope that many of you can support the Christmas fair next Friday either by helping on a stall or attending the event as this is another crucial fundraising opportunity.</p>
Headlice	<p>Head lice</p> <p>As we have an ongoing issue at both Thorns and Park Hill arranged for a school nurse to come yesterday to talk to parents about Head lice, unfortunately nobody was able to attend. You can find more information online at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YXVYIDB7pAg</p>



Dates for your diary

Events for week beginning Monday 2 December		
	during the school day	after school
Monday	Christmas shoeboxes collected French Club Year 1 Forest School – bring wellies/trainers Year 4 Road Safety Sessions	3-4pm Football, spaghetti maths
Tuesday	Cinderella Panto visit to Thorns funded by the PTA Recorder club	3-4pm GoGO Makers 3.15-4.15pm Glee Club 8pm PTA Meeting at the Tiltyard
Wednesday		
Thursday		3.15pm at Park Hill: Advice on Head lice 3.15-4.15pm FINAL Bayleaf Cookery; Imagineering;
Friday	9am Well Done Assembly, including violin performance 10.20am Celebration Assembly Non Uniform Day – bring a tombola item	3pm Reception cake and snack sale 3-4pm cookery club 5.30 – 7.30pm PTA Christmas Fair

events at Thorns
events at Park Hill
events at both schools

Tuesday 10 December	Year 1 visit to St John's Church
Tuesday 10 December at 10.45am	Year 2 visit to Park Hill to watch Christmas performance dress rehearsal
Wednesday 11 December at 2pm and 6pm	Park Hill Christmas Performance involving all Year 3 and Year 4
Friday 13 December at 10.45am	Year 3 visit to Thorns to watch Christmas performance dress rehearsal
Saturday 14 December 2-4pm	Thorns PTA Christmas Fair
Monday 16 December at 1.45pm	Thorns Christmas Performance
Tuesday 17 December at 9.15am	Thorns Christmas Performance
Tuesday 17 December	Park Hill visit to Birmingham Rep Theatre
Wednesday 18 December at 9.15am	Thorns Christmas Performance