



## Newsletter 13 - Thursday 5 December 2019

News this week	Things to remember this week
<p><b>Punctuality</b></p> <p>A reminder of the importance of getting to school on time. Arriving late can be disruptive to your child and to others in the class. Being punctual shows respect for others and creates positive first impressions – a great character trait to develop in your child. Children who arrive late have lost that part of the morning that enables them to get ready and settle down to learning. Lessons begin promptly in both schools and children are learning almost from the moment they arrive. So when they are late they have inevitably missed something important. This term children at Thorns have lost 260 minutes and at Park Hill 175 minutes lesson time has been lost. Please help your child and the rest of school by arriving on time.            Park Hill starts at 8.50am            Thorns begins at 9am.</p> <p><b>Online Safety and Christmas Presents</b></p> <p>If you are giving your child some <i>tech</i> this Christmas it is a good idea to prepare it before wrapping and set up the safety features before your child even gets their hands on the device.</p> <p>Internet Matters has good advice here:  <a href="https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/">https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/</a>  <a href="https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/tech-guide/smart-toys-and-wearable-gadgets/">https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/tech-guide/smart-toys-and-wearable-gadgets/</a></p>	<div data-bbox="855 376 1155 969" style="border: 2px solid yellow; padding: 10px;"> <p><b>Park Hill Instrument Lessons</b></p> <p>Music lessons have finished for the term apart from Woodwind and Keyboard where there are additional catch up lessons next week.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="1198 376 1489 969" style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 10px;"> <p><b>Year 1 Forest School</b></p> <p>The last session for this half term is next week.</p> <p>Please send in wellies etc. for Monday.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="863 992 1497 1290" style="border: 2px solid blue; padding: 10px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p><b>Thorns Non-uniform Day</b></p> <p><b>Thursday 12 December</b></p> <p>Please bring an item for the tombola            Thank you</p> </div> <div data-bbox="863 1317 1497 1675" style="border: 2px solid magenta; padding: 10px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p><b>Parent Governor Election</b></p> <p>Ballot papers were sent home with children last Friday and must be returned to school by</p> <p><b>5pm Wednesday 11 December</b></p> </div>

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



**Thorns Christmas Disco**

Saturday 14 December 2-4pm



## Shoebboxes

### Shoe boxes

Thank you so much to our ever-generous families who have donated shoeboxes for the International Aid Trust shoebox appeal. We are delighted to be sending 78 boxes off to brighten Christmases around the world.



## Park Hill Carols

### Park Hill Carol Service

#### 9am on Thursday 19 December at the Methodist Church

This year our Christmas Carol service will be held at the Methodist Church on Priory Road. This is on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December (the last Thursday of term). Children will need to come straight to the church in the morning anytime between 8.40 and 9am; please do not come to school. Children who are at Capellas will be brought from school to church. Parents and family are welcome to stay and join us in singing. We will then walk back to school ready for our Christmas lunch and would welcome adults to walk back with us. That Thursday is also Christmas jumper day so children are invited to wear a home-made or shop bought jumper instead of their school sweatshirt.

## Christmas

### Park Hill

Christmas has definitely started at Park Hill with Year 3 and 4 busy rehearsing for their performances of "Tinsel and Tea towels." The singing for this is sounding absolutely beautiful and parents are in for a real treat. The evening performance for this is sold out so please stick to your ticket allocations. There are a small number of afternoon tickets still available. Children have also been creatively making different decorations for our Christmas hoops and will bring these home at the end of term.

On Friday 13 December the Year 3 children will be visiting Thorns to watch the dress rehearsal of "Prickly Hay". If you are able to accompany the children and available from 10.15am until 12pm we would be very grateful to hear from you, please contact the school office.

### Thorns

Next week our Christmas post boxes will make be ready to receive cards. If your child wishes to send a card to someone in school there will be a post box located in the Reception entrance and one in the main entrance. Please include the recipient's name and class on the envelope so that our Year 2 posties can sort the delivery at lunchtime. Please note that the post boxes are for cards to the school community only.

I am pleased to tell you that Thorns children have again shown their creativity and our Christmas Tree was awarded first place at the St Nicholas festival last weekend. Thank you to all who voted for our tree. Many thanks also to Smith Nurseries, Baginton who have donated a tree to Thorns which is now decorated and on display in the school hall. They have also supplied the lovely tree at Park Hill.



# Dates for your diary

Events for week beginning Monday 9 December		
	during the school day	after school
Monday	Year 1 Forest School – bring wellies/trainers (last one until summer term)	3-4pm Football, spaghetti maths
Tuesday	Year 1 visit St John's Church Year 2, Year 5 and Year 6 to see Park Hill Christmas dress rehearsal Recorder club Additional Woodwind lessons	3-4pm GoGO Makers 3.15-4.15pm Glee Club 4pm Girls' football match 8pm PTA Meeting at the Tiltyard
Wednesday	2pm Year 3 and Year 4 Christmas play 12:45pm Leofric class trip to Talisman Additional Keyboard lessons	6pm Year 3 and Year 4 Christmas play
Thursday	Non Uniform Day – bring a tombola item 12:45pm Godiva class trip to Talisman	3.15-4.15pm FINAL Bayleaf Cookery; Imagineering;
Friday	9am Well Done Assembly Additional keyboard lessons 10.20am Celebration Assembly including a keyboard performance 10.45am Year 3 and Brambles to see Thorns Christmas dress rehearsal	3-4pm cookery club 3.15 – 4.45 Extended Ricky's Dance club
Saturday	Thorns Christmas Disco 2-4pm	

events at Thorns

events at Park Hill

events at both schools

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 to see Peter Pan
Wednesday 18 December at 9.15am	Thorns Christmas Performance
Wednesday 18 December	Park Hill PTA Disco Year 3 and 4 at 5.45pm Year 5 and 6 at 7.15pm
Thursday 19 December	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas dinner at both schools
Thursday 19 December at 9am	Park Hill Carol Service at Methodist Church