



<p><b>This week</b></p>	<p>Dear Parents,</p> <p>This week the Park Hill children have been wonderful again - they have shown maturity and responsibility in their response to our fire at school last week. The weather has been kind to us so all doors and windows have been open and whilst school does not quite smell <i>as fresh as a daisy</i> it's certainly getting there. I hope that you have managed to air your child's coat and bag so that they smell less like a camp fire. My thanks again to staff who worked hard to ensure that school was ready for children on Monday so that minimal learning time was lost.</p> <p>I have been chatting with the children this week about our current organisation and the social distancing of different groups. Whilst the children are disappointed that they are unable to play with some friends from other classes or year groups they were all content that they had someone they enjoyed playing with and many were philosophical about the current situation and need for these arrangements. The children and staff are working hard to ensure that we keep our groups separate from each other. This will mean that if we have a positive case of coronavirus in our school community only small numbers of children will need to self-isolate.</p> <p>We emailed parents earlier this week to request some information to help with our contingency planning so that in the event a group of children need to stay at home we can continue to support their learning remotely.</p> <p>To help us finalise the plans it would be helpful to know about any children who do not have ready access to the internet during the school day. Where children cannot access online materials we will adapt the curriculum provision; we do not have devices that we can offer to families.</p> <p><b>If your child will not be able to access materials online during the school day can you please let the Thorns office know at <a href="mailto:admin2307@welearn365.com">admin2307@welearn365.com</a> or the Park Hill office at <a href="mailto:admin2309@welearn365.com">admin2309@welearn365.com</a> .</b></p> <p>Best wishes, Mrs Liz Bradbury</p>
<p><b>All children</b></p>	<p><b>What if my child tests positive for coronavirus?</b></p> <p>Please let school know as soon as possible if your child tests positive for coronavirus. This will help us to put our contingency plans into action and contact any children who will need to self-isolate.</p> <p>Parents should use the school email address to contact us out of hours. Thank you.</p> <p>Thorns: <a href="mailto:admin2307@welearn365.com">admin2307@welearn365.com</a></p> <p>Park Hill: <a href="mailto:admin2309@welearn365.com">admin2309@welearn365.com</a></p>

## **Moving to Junior School in September 2021**

Parents should receive information from the Warwickshire admissions office about applying for a junior school place. The vast majority of children at Thorns move to Park Hill however this is not an automatic move and parents will need to complete an online application form before January 2021.

To help parents make a decision about school applications for Year 3 and junior school from October we will: share our school brochure with you; upload some short video clips to the Park Hill website; hold two open mornings.

The open mornings are planned for Saturday 10 October and Saturday 7 November both 9.30-11.30am. Parents will need to book for the open morning so that we can limit numbers and manage the mornings in a Covid safe way. Please add the date to your diary if it is of interest; more information will be shared shortly. The open mornings may have to be cancelled if government guidance changes.

## **Moving to Secondary School in September 2021**

Kenilworth School have informed us that unfortunately due to the ongoing pandemic situation they are not in a position to hold the onsite open evening or open mornings due to current government guidelines. As an alternative, they will be posting material and videos online for parents and students to view.

*We fully appreciate that this will not replace the feel of physically walking around the school site, seeing the different departments and talking to our students and staff, however, we hope the information that we publish will give you a feel of what Kenilworth School is like. Please keep an eye on our website [www.ksn.org.uk](http://www.ksn.org.uk) towards the end of September to view our virtual open evening material.*

*Mr Hayden Abbott, Kenilworth School Headteacher*

## **Joining Reception for September 2021**

Thorns will be holding two open mornings and providing information via the school website to help parents choose a school for Reception children 2021.

There are two open mornings planned for Saturday 10 October and Saturday 7 November both 9.30-11.30am. Parents will need to book for the open morning so that we can limit numbers and manage the mornings in a Covid safe way. Please add the date to your diary if it is of interest; information will be available on the school website shortly. The open mornings may have to be cancelled if government guidance changes.

For more information on applying for a school place for Reception, Year 3 or Year 7 visit: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/admissions>

## Term Dates for 2020 -2021

We have set some dates for this school year on the basis that we are likely to be working in our current way for the autumn and spring terms and hope to be back to business as usual in the summer term. Please see below for early notice of some key dates. Dates may be subject to change; as much notice as possible will be provided if this occurs.

### Autumn Term

23<sup>rd</sup> September: Year 3 meeting online 9.15am and 7pm

25<sup>th</sup> September: Park Hill school photo day

30<sup>th</sup> September: Reception parents meeting online 7pm or 8pm

7<sup>th</sup> October: Park Hill PTA AGM at 8pm

10<sup>th</sup> October: Open Mornings at Thorns and Park Hill for prospective parents 9.30-11.30am

12<sup>th</sup> October: Thorns PTA AGM at 7.30pm

12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> October: Park Hill parents evenings – more info to follow

19<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> October: Thorns parents evenings – more info to follow

7<sup>th</sup> November: Open Mornings at Thorns and Park Hill for prospective parents 9.30-11.30am

10<sup>th</sup> November: Thorns school photo day

16<sup>th</sup> December: autumn term learning progress updates sent home to parents

### Spring Term

26<sup>th</sup> March: reports out to all parents

30<sup>th</sup> March: open evening at Park Hill 5-7pm

31<sup>st</sup> March: open evening at Thorns 5-7pm

### Summer Term

11-14<sup>th</sup> May: Year 6 SATs

24-28<sup>th</sup> May: Year 6 residential visit to Devon

18<sup>th</sup> June: sports day at both schools (Park Hill in the morning and Thorns in the afternoon)

2<sup>nd</sup> July: reserve sports day

6<sup>th</sup> July: Thorns parents evening 4-6.30pm

7<sup>th</sup> July: Warwickshire transition day and children move to new schools or classes

7<sup>th</sup> July: Thorns parents evening 4-6.30pm

8<sup>th</sup> July: Park Hill parents evening 4-7pm

13<sup>th</sup> July: Park Hill parents evening 4-6.30pm

15<sup>th</sup> July: Year 6 leavers performances at 2pm and 6pm

16<sup>th</sup> July: volunteers coffee morning 10.30am

20<sup>th</sup> July Year 2 leavers assembly at 9.15am (parents invited)

20<sup>th</sup> July: Year 2 Leavers' Party in the afternoon

20<sup>th</sup> July: Year 6 Leavers' Party 6.30pm

21<sup>st</sup> July: Year 6 leavers assembly 2.15pm (parents invited)