



This week

Dear Parents,

Yesterday we had our first positive coronavirus case in school when a member of a Year 6 class tested positive. I would like to start by thanking all parents, including those of the child who tested positive, for following the government guidelines and taking children for a test. These actions help to keep our school community and the wider community of Kenilworth safe. As this was our first class I think the news came as a bit of a shock to us all, and it's disappointing that they are the first class but someone always has to go first and I don't expect that they will be the last.

All children and staff who need to isolate were informed through the day yesterday and we look forward to welcoming everyone back to school in due course. The children who are isolating will now be learning at home and will be supported by their class teacher whilst they are absent from school. I will publish details of our remote learning plans to all parents in the next few weeks once they are finalised.

The measures we have put in place in school, which include keeping children working and playing in class groups, made it relatively straightforward to identify anyone who needed to isolate and we have been able to keep numbers to a minimum.

This has certainly been an eventful start of the school year for Park Hill, as usual the team pulled together and we have learnt some useful lessons from responding to this case which will help us should we be in the same situation with another class.

This week we have enjoyed seeing all of our Reception children in school together and staying for lunch. It feels like we now have our whole family at Thorns. The Reception children will all be here full time from Monday and we ask that parents in Year 2 and Reception are careful about social distancing on the front playground at Thorns as there will be more families present at the same time.

Warwickshire County Council have used social media to encourage parents to wear face masks when on the school site at the start and end of the day. We are fortunate in that our school sites have plenty of space and the staggered start and end times have helped with social distancing. I am content to leave it to parent's to decide for themselves on face coverings at this point. It would be helpful if families could do their best not to arrive too early and not to stay too long so that we have the maximum space possible for those collecting at any one time.

On another note, Thorns PTA have a voucher for a bouncy castle available after our Easter event had to be cancelled. They have decided to raffle the voucher as a prize and thanks to a generous parent we are able to offer a second prize of a microlight flight. Please take a look at the flyer attached to our newsletter email for more information.

Best wishes, Mrs Liz Bradbury

All children	<p>What if my child tests positive for coronavirus?</p> <p>Please let school know as soon as possible if your child tests positive for coronavirus. We will also need to know: the day when your child first had coronavirus symptoms; any children at school who are not in the same class but have had close contact e.g. walking home together, playdates. 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: admin2307@welearn365.com</p> <p>Park Hill: admin2309@welearn365.com</p>
Reception	<p>Next week</p> <p>We look forward to welcoming children in Reception full time next week.</p> <p>Beech class should arrive between 8.50 and 9.00am and will leave at 3.00pm Cedar class should arrive between 9.00 and 9.10am and will leave at 3.10pm.</p> <p>Reception class teachers will hold an online parent partnership meeting on Wednesday 30th September. Beech class at 7.00pm and cedar class at 8.00pm. A link to the meeting will be emailed to parents next week.</p>
Support for Families	<p>Family Information Service</p> <p>The Family Information Service is a free service available to all families in Warwickshire. They provide information, advice and one-to-one support for families with children and young people aged 0 to 25 across Warwickshire on issues including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • family relationships • finance • housing • parenting support • special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) • childcare • health and wellbeing <p>You can learn more at https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/children-families</p>

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

- 30th September: Reception parents meeting online 7pm or 8pm
- 7th October: Park Hill PTA AGM at 8pm
- 10th October: Open Mornings at Thorns and Park Hill for prospective parents 9.30-11.30am
- 12th October: Thorns PTA AGM at 7.30pm
- 13th October: Park Hill school photo day
- 12th-16th October: Park Hill parents evenings – more info to follow
- 19th-23rd October: Thorns parents evenings – more info to follow
- 7th November: Open Mornings at Thorns and Park Hill for prospective parents 9.30-11.30am
- 10th November: Thorns school photo day
- 16th December: autumn term learning progress updates sent home to parents

Spring Term

- 26th March: reports out to all parents
- 30th March: open evening at Park Hill 5-7pm
- 31st March: open evening at Thorns 5-7pm

Summer Term

- 11-14th May: Year 6 SATs
- 24-28th May: Year 6 residential visit to Devon
- 18th June: sports day at both schools (Park Hill in the morning and Thorns in the afternoon)
- 2nd July: reserve sports day
- 6th July: Thorns parents evening 4-6.30pm
- 7th July: Warwickshire transition day and children move to new schools or classes
- 7th July: Thorns parents evening 4-6.30pm
- 8th July: Park Hill parents evening 4-7pm
- 13th July: Park Hill parents evening 4-6.30pm
- 15th July: Year 6 leavers performances at 2pm and 6pm
- 16th July: volunteers coffee morning 10.30am
- 20th July Year 2 leavers assembly at 9.15am (parents invited)
- 20th July: Year 2 Leavers' Party in the afternoon
- 20th July: Year 6 Leavers' Party 6.30pm
- 21st July: Year 6 leavers assembly 2.15pm (parents invited)