



Dear Parents,

We have had some lovely assemblies and meetings in school this week, all online!

This morning began with our celebration assembly at Park Hill and our well done assembly at Thorns. We share information about great behaviour in school through our house points and smiley face book and chat about the super learners which class teachers have selected from their class. If your child has been chosen as a super learner we will send an email to you. Children have been given headteacher stickers if their name is in the *Thorns Smiley Face* book or have house points recorded in their planners at Park Hill. We hope that you can celebrate great learning outcomes and attitudes at home with your child as we are unable to invite visitors into assembly at school.

On Thursday Park Hill children joined the big anti-bullying assembly and heard about ways in which they can help to prevent bullying and keep everyone in our schools safe – nobody should be bullied. The children are keen to join the anti-bullying ambassadors scheme and we will be investigating this in the next few weeks.

This week



This week we marked national poetry day with a poetry session from Andy Tooze. Andy visited our schools last year and this week he shared some of his latest poems with us. The children remembered Andy from his last visit and enjoyed the online session. The theme for this year's event is *vision* and you can enjoy a poem at <https://nationalpoetryday.co.uk/poems/poems/> Park Hill children have been invited to participate in a poetry competition and it is not too late to enter - the closing date is Monday 5 October.



Earlier in the week the chestnut class children really enjoyed the fun of autumn at lunchtime and were busy covering their friends in fallen leaves – it was great fun.

We are holding two open mornings on a Saturday this year and invite prospective parents to visit Park Hill and/or Thorns. Numbers are restricted and bookings must be made online. Booking is already open for Thorns via the school website and bookings for Park Hill can be made via an email sent to Year 2 parents today.

Best wishes, Mrs Liz Bradbury

Next week


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Park Hill PTA meeting on 7 October at 8pm – online

Park Hill and Thorns Open Morning on Saturday 10 October 9.30am – 11.30am for prospective parents in Year 2 and pre-school parents – **places must be booked online**

World Mental Health Day – wear something yellow if you wish on Friday

Music tuition restarts for some instruments

All children	<p>Finish Times for the School Day</p> <p>It is very helpful if parents could arrive at the allocated time to collect their children at the end of the school day. After a conversation on the playground this week I think there may be a little confusion about our finish times. Children in a class will all leave at the same time, not in a 10 minute window. The times are given below.</p> <p>3.00pm: beech (Mrs Bolt) and oak (Mrs Sheridan) and maple (Miss Pearl/Mrs Saad)</p> <p>3.10pm: cedar (Mrs Gill/Mrs Emmett) and ash (Miss Gabel) and chestnut (Mrs Culley)</p> <p>3.15pm: Year 3 and Year 5</p> <p>3.25pm: Year 4 and Year 6</p>
Park Hill	<p>Parent's Evening and Learning Review Meetings for the Autumn Term</p> <p>An email was sent out to parents yesterday with information about parent's evenings; meetings this term will take place online. A response to the email will enable parents to express a preference for when they would like to meet with their child's class teachers. Any parents who do not respond will be allocated a meeting time by the school office.</p> <p>Note: an email will be sent for Thorns parents' evenings at the start of next week</p>
All children	<p>World Mental Health Day</p> <p>To mark world Mental Health Day the school kitchens have created a special menu and we invite children to wear something yellow if they wish. During the day children will be learning about mental health and completing activities linked to wellbeing. Our work in school is supported by the Anna Freud Centre who also offer advice and support to parents and families https://www.annafreud.org/parents-and-carers/ .</p>
Music lessons	<p>Music Tuition</p>  <p>Some of the county music service teachers are returning to school next week and emails have been sent from the school office to relevant families. Unfortunately some of the music teachers are still having to work remotely.</p> <p>Woodwind lessons begin on Tuesday Drum lessons begin on Thursday Singing lessons being on Thursday</p>

All children	<p>After School Clubs</p> <p>We are making every effort and working with external partners to look at how we might bring back some of our after school activities and clubs. Unfortunately due to coronavirus restrictions some clubs are not viable and will not be able to run at present and others will need to be adapted.</p> <p>One of the first clubs making a return is Ricky's Dance Club. This will be open to Year 4 only in the first instance and we will look at offering the club to other year groups later in the coming months. Each Year 4 class will be kept in their separate bubbles at the club.</p> <p>In Year 2 and Year 3 we are offering cookery club through Bayleaf cookery. This club will run if we have twelve children from one class as we seek to keep the groups separate.</p>
Term Dates for 2020 -2021	<p>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.</p> <p>Autumn Term</p> <p>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</p> <p>Spring Term</p> <p>26th March: reports out to all parents 30th March: open evening at Park Hill 5-7pm 31st March: open evening at Thorns 5-7pm</p> <p>Summer Term</p> <p>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)</p>