



Dear Parents,

Staffing Update

At the end of this term we will say farewell to Mrs Stella Saad when she retires (Mrs Saad would like it be known that this is early retirement!). During her seventeen years working at Thorns Mrs Saad has worked in all year groups; most recently she has taken a lead in the running of Thorns library, helping children to develop a love of reading. Mrs Saad also shared her interest and enthusiasm for mindfulness with staff and children, delivering sessions for children at both schools. I know that many members of our school community will miss her and will want to wish her some wonderful and happy adventures as she starts a new chapter in her life.



Next term we will welcome a new member of staff when Mr Andrew Davies joins the team as Assistant Headteacher based at Thorns. Mr Davies joins us from a school in Evesham where he is currently the curriculum lead as well as being a Reception class teacher. The arrival of Mr Davies will help to bring the school leadership team at Thorns back to full strength after Mrs Rawlings' retirement last year. I know that he is very much looking forward to getting to know everyone in our school community and meeting you in January.

PTA News

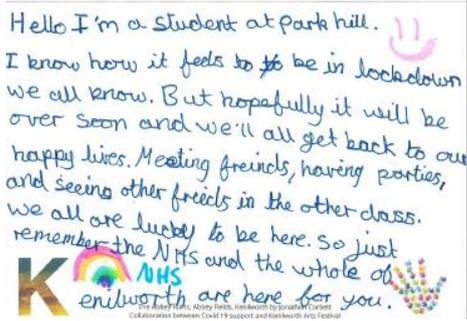
Thorns PTA elves are very busy baking and delivering cookie orders. In fact we have been so busy that a new web link has been created for orders. If you have already placed your order you do need to do anything; any orders placed after 8pm today should be made using the new link included on the flier sent today.

Thorns PTA invite children to come to school in non-uniform on 14th December and request a donation of £1 which will go towards commissioning a playground art work.



Park Hill PTA has booked showings of Carrot Productions' 2020 Snowman Tour for 14 December. The children will enjoy the Christmas tradition at school in their class bubbles. The day will be a non-uniform day. We are asking for a donation of £2 to participate in non-uniform day. Proceeds will go toward replacing art in the main hall that was damaged by smoke during the fire. Please text SNOWMAN to 70450 to donate £2. This will cost you £2 plus your standard rate message.

Best wishes, Mrs Liz Bradbury

<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">Next week</p>	<p>Next week</p> <p>Monday and Tuesday – School Christmas post boxes are open</p> <p>Thursday 10th December – flu vaccination nasal spray at Park Hill and Thorns for children where parents have given permission.</p>	
<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">Godiva Class</p>	<p>Year 6 support the Kenilworth Community</p> <p>A huge thank you to children in Godiva class who all gave up part of their lunchtime this week to write and illustrate postcards. These were then delivered to people around Kenilworth who are elderly and having to isolate due to COVID concerns. I was extremely touched by the sincere and thoughtful messages that children produced and we have already received some lovely messages of thanks from the recipients who told us how moved and grateful they have been.</p>	
<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">All children</p>	<p>Christmas Cards</p> <p>We appreciate that children want to send Christmas cards to their friends and we want this to happen whilst taking into account Covid precautions. Therefore, children can bring cards into school on Mondays and Tuesdays. Children are asked to put their cards into their class letter box and they will then be quarantined for 72 hours. We will sort the post and give out cards on a Friday so that children may take them home. The cards should be for people in our schools; can everyone please write the name and class of the person on the envelope. Last post Tuesday 15th December.</p> 	
<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">Year 6</p>	<p>Year 6 dance with a professional choreographer</p> <p>Year 6 children enjoyed an online Dance workshop this week led by a West End choreographer. This involved creating a routine to the music from the show Cats as children are currently learning about the history of theatre. Miss Leatherland and Miss Biggs were extremely impressed by the skills children showed during the session and some hidden talents were uncovered in a number of children!</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

14th December: non uniform day at Park Hill – PTA request a £2 donation; please text SNOWMAN to 70450 to donate £2. This will cost you £2 plus your standard rate message.

14th December: non uniform day at Thorns – PTA request £1 donation which will go towards some playground artwork.

16th December: autumn term learning progress updates sent home to parents

17th December: Christmas lunch at both schools and Christmas Jumper Day

Spring Term

13th January: Park Hill PTA meeting, online

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)