





<b>This week</b>	<p>Dear Parents,</p> <p>This has been a very busy week in school. Children at Thorns and in Years 3 and 4 at Park Hill have been rehearsing and filming their Christmas film clips. We will be sharing the films with you next week and hope that they bring some Christmas magic to your family. We will write with more information next week.</p> <p>If you enjoy singing you may wish to join with the Kenilworth Lion's Carols in the Clouds, please see the flier attached to this newsletter email.</p> <p>Best wishes, Mrs Bradbury</p>	
<b>All children</b>	<p><b>Next week</b></p> <p><b>Monday and Tuesday</b> – School Christmas post boxes are open</p> <p><b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December</b> - Snowman performance for Park Hill children</p> <p><b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December</b> – non uniform day for all children; donations of £1 for the PTA requested at Thorns or £2 by text for the Park Hill PTA</p> <p><b>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December</b> – pupil progress updates sent home to parents in Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6.</p> <p><b>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December</b> – Christmas Jumpers and Christmas dinners at both schools.</p> <p><b>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December</b> – Thorns PTA raffle drawn</p>	
<b>All children</b>	<p><b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December</b></p> <p><b>Park Hill and Thorns will be open as planned on Friday 18 December.</b></p> <p>Parents may be aware that the Department for Education made an announcement on Tuesday afternoon about the use of a teacher training day at the end of this term.</p> <p><i>To ensure that staff get the time off they need and deserve, schools may wish to use an INSET day, making Friday 18 December a non-teaching day and using the day for staff training, which could be delivered online.</i></p> <p>I and my team remain happy to be available over the holiday for information sharing on positive cases and accessible to test and trace. Our teacher training days are very valuable; they provide important time for staff to develop their skills and require planning and preparation - moving our planned day from January to December would not be beneficial to staff or to children. Any change would also mean that parents would need to change childcare plans at short notice.</p> <p>For all the reasons outlined above our schools will stay open as planned.</p>	

## Covid Cases at Park Hill

Many parents will already be aware that we have had an outbreak of coronavirus at Park Hill this week. Fortunately we have not had anyone who has become very unwell and our school community seem to be recovering quickly. Thank you to everyone who is helping to keep our community safe by following our guidance about face coverings on site and hand sanitiser on arrival. The increased hygiene measures and *hands, face, space* have certainly helped to reduce the spread of the infection.

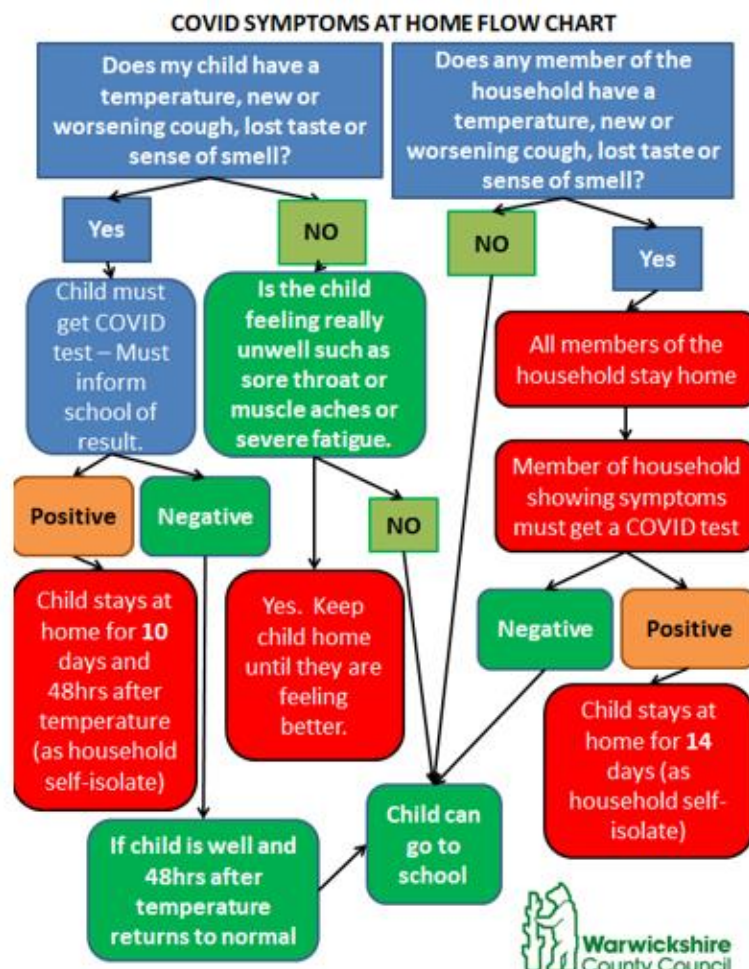
We all need to remain vigilant by watching out for symptoms of coronavirus. The symptoms are:

- a new continuous cough
- and/or high temperature
- and a loss of or change in normal sense of taste or smell

If you or your child shows these symptoms:

- **do not come to school**
- inform the school of the situation
- self-isolate with your household
- book a test immediately

Please remain alert to your child being unwell, the top three symptoms above are more likely to be symptoms of Coronavirus. We have found that many children didn't display the main three signs of Coronavirus; their symptoms were a sore throat, or feeling really unwell, or muscle aches and pains. Although presentation of these symptoms is more likely to be a cold rather than Coronavirus.



## Christmas Cards

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 15<sup>th</sup> December.



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

14<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

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

17<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas lunch at both schools and Christmas Jumper Day

### Spring Term

13<sup>th</sup> January: Park Hill PTA meeting, online

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)