



Park Hill Thorns Federation
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Newsletter 15 – Friday 18 December 2020



Dear Parents,

As we complete a strange autumn term I am really proud of all the children and staff in our two schools, who with support from families have been able to work and learn together in a safe and productive way. It has been lovely having the children back in school this term after our prolonged closure and we have certainly completed an awful lot. From starting new schools and classes in September through to the Christmas films shared with families yesterday we have certainly been busy. I hope that you are able to enjoy the films with your family; the children have done a great job and Christmas just wouldn't be Christmas without the children singing. Thank you to Dhrithi in Year 5 for her lovely Christmas picture and Beatrice from Reception who made the pompom robin in the tree.



We have all been impacted by the pandemic this term, particularly Park Hill over the last two weeks. Thank you for all your support with our various Covid measures and new ways of working, we very much appreciate your help. I hope that everyone who is currently at home is able to stay well and enjoy their Christmas. If your child becomes unwell with Covid symptoms or has a positive test in the next few days we ask that you email the school offices. This will enable us to pass any information needed to the appropriate people, please see overleaf for more details. As we had so many Covid cases at Park Hill in the last two weeks Public Health England have provided information about how to book a screening test should you wish to do so, details are attached to the email. If your child has tested positive for Covid in the previous 90 days you do not need to book a test.



Today we say farewell to Mrs Saad, one of our Thorns teachers as she begins her (very) early retirement. Mrs Saad is one of the kindest and most caring teachers and members of our team and we very much hope that she will come back as one of our supply teachers next year. Our schools open to all classes for the start of the spring term on Tuesday 5th January.

Thank you for the generous gifts and thoughtful messages of thanks that have been sent into our schools this week, they are very much appreciated by the staff team. I wish you and your families a very restful and Happy Christmas and we look forward to seeing you in 2021.

Happy Christmas from everyone at Park Hill and Thorns

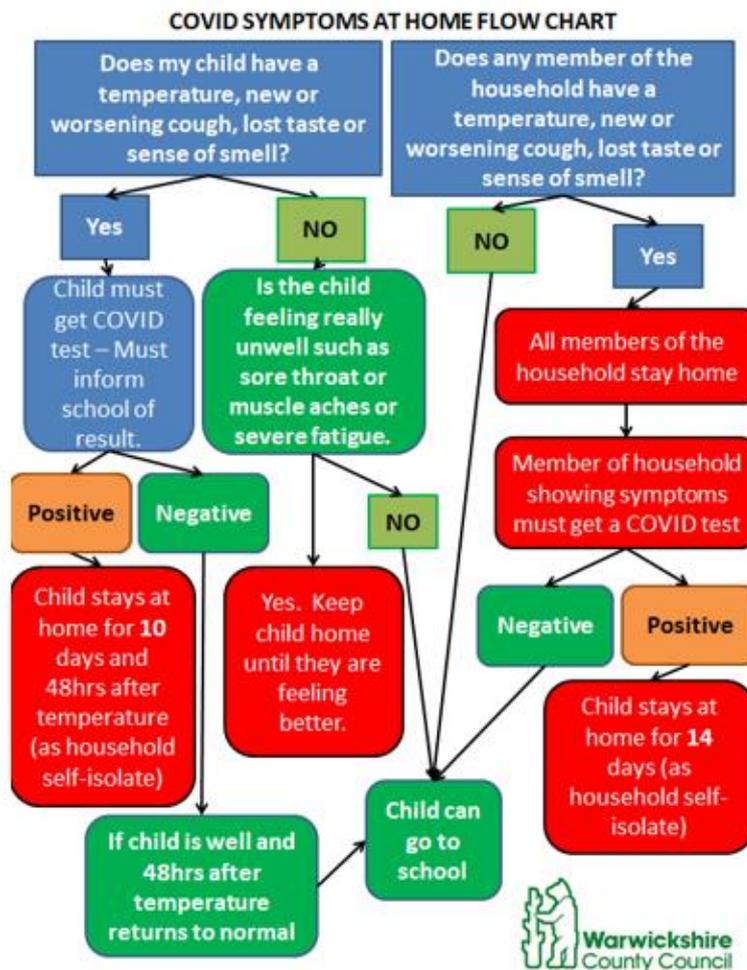
Best wishes, Mrs Bradbury

Covid Cases at Park Hill or Thorns in the Christmas Holidays

Due to school being closed from the 18th December, we will run a Coronavirus line for any children who become unwell (or test positive without symptoms) within the 2 days after school closes. Please report to the school email any child who is:

- Unwell and tests positive before midnight Sunday 20th December
- Unwell before midnight Sunday 20th December and tests positive within 5 days
- Symptom free but tests positive before midnight 20th December.

Anyone who tests positive outside of these times should follow national Test and Trace processes and inform school if the self-isolation period impacts the child's return to school on Tuesday 5th January.



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 spring term 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.

Spring Term

4th January – school closed for staff training day
5th January – school opens again to children
13th January: Park Hill PTA meeting, online at 8pm
13th January: Thorns PTA meeting, online at 8pm
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)