



This week	<p>Dear Parents,</p> <p>Well done to all of our children and families both in home and at school, we've all completed another week of learning in our unusual school set up. This week I've been struck by the thought that we are currently running our two schools in 300 different locations and with all the fabulous support from home volunteers we now have a staff team of over 350!</p> <p>We are recruiting new members for our staff team and are looking for lunchtime supervisors and cleaners for our school. Both roles are important members of the team, we certainly cannot manage without them and can be very rewarding. Our lunchtime supervisors are allocated their own class to look after and soon get to know the children and their individual personalities. If you would like to know more about either of the roles please contact Becky Harrison through the Thorns or Park Hill school office.</p> <p>I'm sure that you will have seen the announcement from the prime minister this week that schools will be the first things to reopen after the current lockdown. The very earliest possible date is 8th March, however no decision has yet been made and schools and parents will be given two weeks notice of a reopening date.</p> <p>Best wishes, Mrs Bradbury</p>
Remote Learning Support	<h3>Class Meetings for Children Learning at Home</h3> <p>Thank you to all the families at home who have been able to join us for the class meetings this week. We understand that some children will be unable to join us for all the meetings due to other home commitments and that's fine, come along as often as you can make it.</p> <p>The class meetings are designed to serve several purposes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• enable children to maintain a link with school staff and class friends and an opportunity for social interaction with others outside of the family• support for children's motivation to engage with the learning tasks• feedback to the class on their learning and completion of the allocated tasks• an assessment opportunity for class teachers• time to teach or revisit or highlight content planned in the assignments <p>Can I ask that Thorns children continue to return reading books when collecting new ones, with a lot of our stock out on loan and much of it in quarantine we have run low of some of the colour bands at times.</p> <p>We understand that your capacity and the children's capacity to engage with learning will vary day to day and across different families. We ask that your child complete at least one piece of work each day and teachers will try to indicate which assignment should be your priority if you can only manage one. We continue to be amazed at the level of engagement from so many children and the levels of support that many of you are able to provide.</p>

Staying Active

Looking after our physical and mental health is particularly challenging and important at this time. Being physically active can support mental health and well-being too.

This week we have had some information from Onside Coaching who are the sports coaches we use at Thorns. Please take a look at the newsletter attachments for more information.



Onside Coaching have been working with Warwick District Council to provide fun challenges for children to take part in when they visit local parks.

Our Park Life campaign includes a trail of different challenges for children to test their skills around Victoria Park, St Nicholas Park and Abbey Fields.

The trail has QR codes which when scanned, show a video challenge with a member of the Onside team. So, as well as seeing friendly Onside faces dotted around the parks, we hope that Park Life will spark a new lease of life into what are by now very well-trodden parks!

Make sure to select the correct park map (we have included printer friendly maps too) and enjoy your Park Life journey!

We are also happy to signpost you to an online yoga class for primary children.

Primary school children's yoga class

I am yoga teacher and a former primary school teacher and I will be running yoga classes for Primary school children.

When: Wednesdays 4.00-4.40.

Where: zoom

What: I will introduce some fun breathing, themed yoga poses around animals, countries, the skeleton, feelings etc.. games and finish with a guided relaxation.

The suggested price for these is £4 per family but feel free to pay whatever you can. I also run teen yoga sessions if anyone would like to know more about these.

I will be running face to face sessions, when restrictions allow, in Kenilworth and the information will be posted on my Facebook page (details are below).

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