



<b>This week</b>	<p>Dear Parents,</p> <p>This week we marked what will hopefully be our final week of remote learning with dressing up in character for World Book Day. Thank you for your support with this, children will bring home their book vouchers on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March.</p> <p>Monday 8th March is a red letter day of course as we count the sleeps until the children are back in school and learning with friends in their classroom. Thank you so much for all the support you have provided to the children over the last few weeks, you've been amazing. The school governors wished to thank you too and I have included their message in this newsletter.</p> <p>Next week we ask that you bring any reading books and other resources with you to school on Monday and the exercise book that your child has been completing their work in. Children will have an opportunity to share their work with friends and teachers over the course of next week.</p> <p>The staff team are looking forward to seeing the children on Monday morning and have some really lovely activities planned over the next few weeks.</p> <p>Best wishes, Mrs Bradbury</p>
<b>Dates for Next Week</b>	<p><b>Next Week</b></p> <p><b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March</b> – school opens to all children; Brambles and Capellas open</p> <p><b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March</b> – Forest school session for Year 1</p> <p><b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March</b> – woodwind instrument lessons resume</p> <p><b>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March</b> – keyboard lessons and violin lessons at Thorns resume</p> <p><b>Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> March</b> – drums and singing lessons resume</p> <p><b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March</b> – violin lessons at Park Hill resume</p> <p><b>This week</b> – emails with a date for parents evening appointments sent out</p>
<b>All children</b>	<p><b>Partnership with Parents</b></p> <p>Many thanks for completing the online form to request a time for the parents meetings with your child's class teacher. The administrative staff will now allocate times and you will receive an email next week to invite you to the online meeting on MS Teams. Meetings will take place between 22<sup>nd</sup> March and 30<sup>th</sup> March. If you are unable to access an online meeting please do get in touch with the office and we will discuss alternative arrangements with you.</p>

<b>All children</b>	<p><b>A Message from the School Governors</b></p> <p>As Governors, we wanted to send our heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you as parents/carers/grandparents who have spent countless hours putting time in with your children to help them through this unprecedented and challenging last year. We are so lucky as a school that we have such fantastic people supporting our children outside of school. We know it will not have been easy, to say the least, but you have made a massive difference and hopefully together we will come through this to the other side and look back proudly at what we have all managed to achieve in exceptionally difficult times.</p> <p>The teachers are really looking forward to welcoming all the children back and, as well as us thanking the teachers for doing such a great job, we wanted to send you all this thank you message because we could not have done this so successfully without you all playing your important role as “teachers”, alongside all your other usual commitments. We think you all deserve a gold medal !!!</p> <p>Let’s hope we are finally turning the corner and we can soon look back at this last year as a distant but unforgettable memory.</p> <p>A sincere thank you from all of us as Governors!</p>
<b>Park Hill</b>	<p><b>Hot School Dinners</b></p> <p>We sent a letter to parents earlier this week explaining the new arrangements for ordering (booking) a hot dinner for your child at Park Hill. Our new arrangements mean that all children will have the meal that they would prefer and food waste will be reduced. We anticipate that there will be a few teething problems as the new system beds in and are happy to help parents in the first few weeks; an email reminder has also been set to help in the next fortnight. Please read the letter sent out on Wednesday for further information.</p>
<b>Thorns</b>	<p><b>Thorns PTA Sponsored Walk</b></p> <p>Thorns PTA invite you to join our virtual sponsored walk from Land’s End to John O’ Groats where every walk your child does will contribute to the combined distance walked by the school (helping us cover the 874 miles). Within school, we will be tracking progress on a new display wall which will include the distance covered and different landmarks passed along the way. We have created a fundraising page with a link that can be shared with family and friends to enable contact free sponsorship and will be using the funds raised to create a special celebration in the summer term for all our children to try and make up for some of the many memories that haven’t been made with friends over the past year. Instructions on how to join the fun are included in the attachment with the newsletter.</p>
<b>Year 1</b>	<p><b>Forest School</b></p> <p>This half term Year 1 have their second session of Forest School afternoons. Please send your child into school with a change of footwear on Monday (wellies or trainers) and warm clothing as we are outside for one hour. Many thanks.</p>

<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);"><b>All children</b></p>	<p><b>PE Days</b></p> <p>Children should wear their usual school uniform on most days. On days when children have PE lessons we ask that they come to school wearing their PE kit. This should consist of: a white t-shirt or the school logo PE t-shirt; black, blue or grey leggings, shorts or jogging bottoms; trainers; school uniform sweatshirt or cardigan. Your help with this is very much appreciated.</p> <p><b>PE Days are listed below</b></p> <p>Reception: Wednesday and Friday  Year 1: Friday and Tuesday for ash class; Friday and Wednesday for oak class  Year 2: Tuesday and Friday  Year 3: Monday and Thursday  Year 4: Wednesday and Friday  Year 5: Tuesday and Friday  Year 6 Tuesday and Thursday</p>
<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);"><b>All children</b></p>	<p><b>School Day Timings and Arrival</b></p> <p>Parents are asked to socially distance whilst waiting on the playground and to keep their child(ren) with them. Adults are asked to wear face coverings on the school site at present as social distancing is not always possible with the relatively high numbers of people. It would be helpful if each family could have only one adult bring the children to school to make it easier for all to observe social distancing.</p> <p><b>Start of the Day</b></p> <p>Beech class, Oak class and Maple class children should arrive between 8.50 and 9.00am.</p> <p>Cedar class, Ash class and Chestnut class children should arrive between 9.00 and 9.10am.</p> <p>Year 3 and Year 5 children should arrive between 8.40am and 8.50am.</p> <p>Year 4 and Year 6 children should arrive between 8.50am and 9.00am.</p> <p><b>End of the Day</b></p> <p>Beech class, Oak class and Maple class children leave at 3pm.</p> <p>Cedar class, Ash class and Chestnut class leave at 3.10pm.</p> <p>Year 3 and Year 5 children leave at 3.15pm.</p> <p>Year 4 and Year 6 children leave at 3.25pm.</p>