



**This week**

Dear Parents,

Last week I told you that on Friday we held a training session for a group of Year 4 and Year 5 children to learn how to be anti-bullying ambassadors for our school. Fortunately bullying in our schools is very rare (one child asked me why we were bothering to do the training as we don't have any bullying) but as parents will know, it takes a whole community working together to prevent bullying. The Year 4 and Year 5 children had applied to join the ambassador group and it was wonderful that we had so many applicants for the role, children really demonstrating our school value of responsibility. The training session was led by The Diana Award and held online, after a few technical issues it was all systems go. Our ambassadors are working on plans and will be introducing some new actions in the summer term. I asked two of the children to report on their training.



*On the Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March, the children who were chosen as Anti-Bullying Ambassadors did a training on Zoom with a lady called Annette. We learnt about bullying and how to recognise it. We also worked on identifying different types of bullying (verbal, indirect and physical). We looked at signs of bullying like bruises and scratches (physical), people laughing at a person (verbal) and crying. Later on in the Zoom meeting, we watched a video about campaigns at different schools who are trying to eliminate bullying*

*behaviour and we made up a few ideas about our own campaigns.  
 Antonin and Laura, Year 4*

Next week we will be celebrating Easter and the end of term with a hat parade at Park Hill and an Easter egg hunt and egg decorating competition at Thorns; more about both events in this newsletter.

Best wishes, Mrs Bradbury

**Dates for Next Week**

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**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March** – parents evenings for: Catesby; Fawkes; Cedar

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March** – final Forest School session for Year 1

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March to Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> March** – bring your entries for the Thorns egg decorating competition and your hat decorating resources into school



**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> March** – parents evenings for: Catesby; Fawkes; Cedar

**Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March** – parents evenings for: Beech; Fawkes

**Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March** – Easter egg hunt at Thorns and Easter Hat Parade at Park Hill

**Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March** - school closes for the Easter holiday

**Thorns PTA**

We are planning some Easter events, supported by the PTA. Children are invited to decorate an egg and bring it into school from Monday. There will be three competition winners from each class who will be awarded their prizes on Wednesday. Also on 31<sup>st</sup> March, we will be holding an Easter Egg Hunt in school for the children. All children will be given an Easter Egg after completing their search; appropriate provision has been made for those children with allergies.



**Easter Hats**

Next week sees the return of the Park Hill Hat Parade, a long established and well-loved annual tradition. We're really looking forward to this after having to cancel the event last year.

Year 6 are completing a design technology challenge with the creation of their hats and have been told what resources they will need to bring into school (and what they cannot bring). Children in Years 3, 4 and 5 will be making their hats on Monday afternoon and Tuesday afternoon in school. We will provide card, scissors, glue and pens – children should bring in any other resources that they wish to use to adorn their hats e.g. feathers, chicks, ribbons, sequins, bows, eggs!

On Wednesday morning we will parade in our hats in the spring sunshine and prizes will be awarded for the best Easter headgear.



**Park Hill PTA**

Park Hill PTA are holding a family quiz event on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March from 4-5pm. Ben and Brett will be your fabulous hosts and will challenge your creativity as well as your general knowledge. We hope that lots of you can join in the fun – it's not too late to sign up and you can join right up until Sunday afternoon. Sign up at <https://go.rallyup.com/65f7f0>