



This week

Dear Parents,

As we complete the spring term in school and look forward to the Easter weekend I wanted to pay tribute to the children, parents, staff, governors and PTA who have come together so magnificently to overcome the challenges of learning through the term. It seems like a long time ago since the start of January and the news that schools would close to most pupils and the eleven week break began. When I look back at all we have achieved together over the term it is with a sense of pride and gratitude – what a team!

Yet as we close the term we have managed to hold some of our traditional Easter activities. Thank you for supporting the egg decorating competition at Thorns and the Easter hat parade at Park Hill by contributing your time and resources. At Thorns we were overwhelmed by the response to the competition with 152 entries; congratulations to our winners. At Park Hill children sashayed down our outdoor runway cheered on by friends and wore their hats with style; again, congratulations to all our winners. We even managed to send home chocolate on the hottest day of the year!

Many thanks for joining us for the online parents evening appointments over the last few weeks. I hope that you found the conversations helpful.

As we move into the summer term we will be reviewing the arrangements in school in line with the government road map out of the covid restrictions and the guidance published by the DFE. I will be looking again at the dates for the summer term and publishing more information after the holiday. We will continue to use the current staggered start and end times to our school day for the remainder of this school year. Much of the school risk assessment is likely to remain in place but I do hope that we will be able to allow the children to play with the other class in their year group later in the summer term. One of the first school activities to return is after school clubs and these begin after Easter. At present we are keeping clubs to one bubble of children at a time. As the term moves on more clubs will be added so please look out for more information over the coming weeks.

Finally, we say farewell to three of our children who are changing schools over the holiday after moving house. We wish Devin, Antonin and Naomi all the very best in their new adventures.

Happy Easter to you all, I hope that you are able to catch up with some family and friends over the break - I'm looking forward to getting my hair cut!

Best wishes, Mrs Bradbury

Dates for Next Week

Week Beginning 19th April

Monday 19th April – school opens again to children

Monday 19th April – Forest School session for Reception children

Tuesday 20th April – cricket coaching starts for Year 5; children should come to school in PE kit

Tuesday 20th April – Cookery club starts for children from Maple class who have chosen to join

Wednesday 21st April – cricket taster sessions for Year 1 and Year 2; children should come to school in PE kit

Thursday 22nd April – Cookery club starts for children from Greville class and Chestnut class who have chosen to join

Friday 23rd April - Ricky's dance club starts for children in Year 4 who have chosen to join