



Dear Parents,

Over the last few weeks the Year 6 house captains from Park Hill have been working with Mr Davies to create a reward scheme linked to our school values of **enthusiasm**, **nurture**, **responsibility**, **integrity**, **compassion** and **heroism**. Today they presented their ideas to children in our assemblies using zoom to connect with both schools. The children have been tasked with designing a badge for each value and these will then be awarded to children from next half term.



This week

Whilst I am on the topic of awards it has been lovely to see some certificates and awards from outside school starting to appear again in our weekly celebration assemblies. If your child is awarded a certificate, badge or trophy for an activity they take part in out of school we would love to share their celebration. Please email a photograph of the award, with or without your child and a short note to the school office and we will be happy to include it in our Friday assemblies.

As children and families begin to mix more outside of school with the easing of restrictions we will continue to use our separate class bubbles in school. This is because if we were to have a positive case at school we would need to isolate fewer children at home by maintaining these distinct groups. We also request that parents continue to wear face masks whilst on the school site at drop off and pick up; we will keep this measure under review and follow advice from our local Public Health team.

Best wishes, Mrs Bradbury

Week Beginning 17th May

Tuesday 18th May – governor meeting to agree school budgets at 7.15pm, online

Wednesday 19th May – Park Hill PTA Bingo Night for Year 3 at 5.30-6.30pm and Year 5 at 6.30-7.30pm, online

Wednesday 19th May – Thorns PTA Meeting at 8pm, online

Friday 21st May – Dance Day with Ricky at Thorns for all children

Friday 21st May – closing date for parent governor nominations

Saturday 22nd May – order and pay for books on the virtual book fair

Next Week

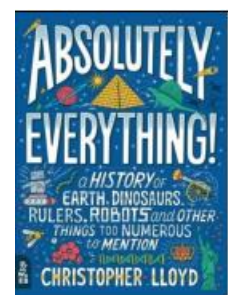
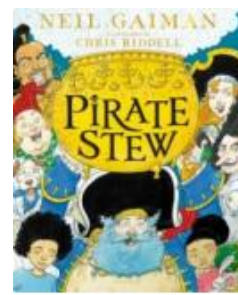
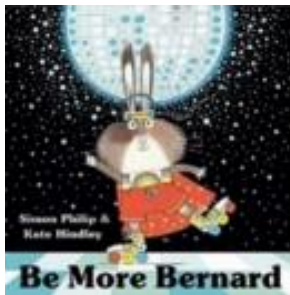
Thorns PTA Virtual Book Fair in Partnership with Kenilworth Books

We have partnered with Kenilworth Books to bring you an amazing range of books for children and grown-ups at up to 20% off the RRP. Although this event is being organised by Thorns PTA it is open to children and families from both schools.

With this offer, not only can you stock up on some great reading for the whole family at a discount, you will also be helping the school add some new books to the class libraries as we will receive 10% of the total value of sales back in book tokens to purchase new books for the school.

Plus we get to support a local business – our fabulous Kenilworth Books.

Orders need to be placed and paid for (see the link at the end of the attached list of books) by 12pm on 22nd May and books will be available to collect from school on 27th & 28th May.



School Uniform and Orders from Michael Hope

One of the many changes made in school in response to the Covid-19 pandemic has been to have children coming to school in their PE kits on days when they have a PE lesson. We will continue with this approach in the next school year as the change has turned out to be a blessing in disguise. There is less kit and fewer belongings lost; no PE lesson time is lost to the changing time required; there is no need to separate the genders at Park Hill and so less disruption to classes.

When you are buying uniform for next year please do bear this change in mind. Do not buy pumps or a PE bag as these will not be needed. You will need to purchase black tracksuit bottoms, black shorts or black leggings and some trainers for PE.

Any orders for items with the school badge placed with Michael Hope over the summer holidays will need to be done by **Friday 6th August** to guarantee delivery in time for the start of term in September. This date is for both home and school deliveries and may not allow enough time for any exchanges.

Children who are new to Thorns will be provided with a water bottle and book bag, you do not need to order these.

Children new to Park Hill will be provided with a water bottle and kit bag in their house colour, you do not need to order these. Children at Park Hill do not tend to use a book bag.

Summer Term Dates

Dates are subject to change; more details will be sent to families nearer the event.

Wednesday 19th May – Thorns PTA Meeting at 8pm

Monday 24th May – Bags 2 School collection at Thorns for PTA

Friday 21st May - Ricky Dance Day at Thorns

Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June – school closed for half term holiday

Wednesday 9th June - New Parents Meeting for children joining Thorns in September at 7.00pm

Wednesday 9th June – cricket coaching sessions start for Year 4

Wednesday 9th June – Park Hill PTA meeting at 8pm

Tuesday 15th June – school photograph day for Thorns

Tuesday 15th June – New Parents Meeting for children joining Park Hill in September at 7.00pm

28th June to 2nd July – Year 2 children invited to visit Park Hill after school with family

Thursday 1st July – reports sent home to parents

Monday 5th July – open evening at Thorns 3.15-4.30pm

Tuesday 6th July – open evening at Thorns 4.00-5.00pm

Wednesday 7th July – Warwickshire transition day (all children spend the day in their new schools/classes)

Thursday 8th July – Park Hill open evening 4.00pm to 7.00pm

Thursday 8th July open evening at Thorns 4.30-5.30pm

12th to 16th July – Year 6 activity week

Wednesday 14th July – Year 2 Leaver's Assembly (parents invited)

Thursday 15th July – Thorns Sports Day

Monday 19th July – Park Hill Sports Day

Monday 19th July – Year 2 Leaver's Party

Tuesday 20th July – Thorns non-uniform day

Tuesday 20th July – Buckingham Cup (Park Hill music competition)

Wednesday 21st July – Year 6 Leaver's Assembly (parents invited)