



Park Hill Thorns Federation

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Newsletter Thursday 24th January 2019



Events for week beginning Monday 28 th January		
	during the school day	after school
Monday		3.15 - 4.15 Mad Science, Yr 3 / 4 Sports club and Visual Effects clubs Go-Go Makers 3.00-4.00pm
Tuesday	Lunchtime Rattle and Roll Recorder Club Height and weight check for Reception Classes	3.15-4.15 Glee club, Sewing club and Netball club Go-Go Makers 3.00-4.00pm Disney Dance Club 3.05-4.05pm
Wednesday		Football Club 3.00-4.00pm No Marathon Kids running Club until after half term
Thursday		Multi Sports Club 3.00- 4.00pm 3.15-4.15 Bayleaf Cookery Club and Imagineering club
Friday	Well Done Assembly NSPCC Number Day 10.20am Celebration Assembly	Bayleaf Cookery Club 3.00-4.00pm PTA Toy and Game sale 3.15 - 4.15 Ricky's Dance club
Saturday	2 nd -7 th February -Young local artists exhibition at Warwick School PTA Parent's Night In	

First word...

Dear Parents,

Parent Mail I hope that you have been receiving your messages from us this week through ParentMail. This week we have been sending out the emails using both the old and new services but from next week emails will only be sent out from ParentMail. If you wish, you may download an app which will keep all messages from ParentMail in one place, although they will still appear in your email in box.

This week we are all about **books!**

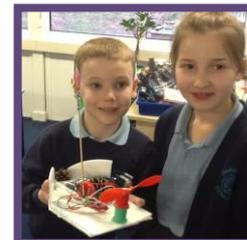
Reading Books at Thorns We have put over 300 new reading books into the book stock, with new titles across all reading colour bands. The children will be able to choose the new titles from tomorrow and we hope they enjoy reading them. We will also be sending home reading skills book marks which we hope parents will find helpful when reading with their child at home. You can read more about our new books in the Thorns section.

Maths Text Books at Park Hill At Park Hill the books have taken the form of some new maths text books. The Year 5 classes have begun trialling these new books this week and Year 3 will start next week. The Power Maths text books support a mastery approach to teaching maths which aims to ensure children develop a deep understanding of maths. Children need to have relevant maths facts at their fingertips (number bonds, times tables); be fluent in a calculation process so that they carry it out efficiently and accurately; and understand the underlying mathematical concept. If the Power Maths text books prove to support maths learning in the way that we hope then the text books will be extended to Years 4 and 6 later this year. *Mrs Bradbury*

Focus On Learning... The Fan Boat Project



Year 4 children have been working with two volunteers from Jaguar Land Rover to turn the polystyrene bottoms of pizzas in to boats which propel themselves along using a circuit and fan. Fawkes class finished their boats last week and tested them and Catesby class will be finishing off tomorrow! Many thanks to Mrs Green (a parent of a child in Year 3) for including us in this scheme.



Dear Parents,

We are very keen to encourage children to develop a sense of responsibility within school - it is one of our rules and one of our values. As well as taking responsibility for their behaviour and learning, we also encourage children to show responsibility towards our school resources and their own belongings. Each week we award the "Tidy Bug;" a large fluffy version of our house point logo bugs to the class who have been the tidiest at the end of the day. This is judged by Mr Greenway our caretaker. Currently Greville class have won the most times although they are closely followed by Catesby class. Most importantly everyone has been doing their bit to tidy away resources and leave classrooms in a good condition so well done to all!



To encourage responsibility for possessions, we also have Mrs Bradbury's lost property box. If items are left in our cloakroom overnight and are not hung on a peg then they may well be removed and stored in Mrs Bradbury's box. Items can be collected by children and those that are named are returned to their owner but other items are stored for a week and then donated to charity. If your child has lost something in school then it may well be worth reminding them to check Mrs Bradbury's box as soon as possible!

Finally, each week we have a craze of the week - this is a playground toy which is only on the playground for a week before disappearing until a later date. Last week children had diabolos to play with but they ended the week in a hideous mess after children did not take responsibility for their toys. I asked if there were any children who would help sort out the toys and was inundated with helpful people who made it their mission to untangle, sort and mend the diabolos. Too many children to mention here, but a huge thank you to them all.

There are some new clubs starting next week - children attending sports clubs will be outside so will need warm clothing. They can be collected from the playground. Children attending sewing club will be in the Year 3 / 4 area and can be collected from the playground steps.

Miss Biggs



Number Day 2019

Number Day Next Friday we will be celebrating the 'Magic of Maths' and supporting the NSPCC Number Day. Children are invited to come to school wearing an item of clothing with a number on. This can be as simple as a sports shirt or cap with a number on and for those wishing to be a little more creative, children could come as a dice, ruler, clock or calculator! During the day

children will be taking part in various maths based activities. We're looking forward to all the fun of Number Day, and we really appreciate your support. Our School Council will be collecting donations for NSPCC at the start of the day. On 26th February a representative from the NSPCC will be delivering an assembly to the school and children and will learn about the work of the charity and how the money that we manage to raise will be used to support those in need.

Take a scientific Journey! In assembly this week Miss Clarke, our science leader, introduced the children to this year's theme of British Science Week: **Journeys**. To encourage scientific learning and enquiry, all children are invited to enter a poster competition to represent a journey in science. Think journeys through nature (plant and animal life cycles; the water cycle), journeys through time (animals and extinction; new inventions; seasons), journeys in the human body (digestive system, growing), journeys of materials (where they come from, recycling), journeys through space, and more! Posters should focus on one journey and must be clearly labelled on the back with the child's full name and class. Entries should be handed in to the office by Monday 4th March ready for judging. Posters will be displayed in school and prizes will be awarded during Well Done Assembly in British Science Week in mid-March. Enjoy exploring journeys through science with your child; we look forward to seeing their scientific learning and thinking!



Our Banded Reading Books Book Banding is a national scheme which grades children's books according to the difficulty of the text and the content. It is a system which is designed to provide children with the enjoyment of choosing books, as in a library, whilst being accessible to their individual reading ability. Last summer term, we were able to refresh many of our individual reading books through a generous donation from our PTA and recently we have bought even more banded books of all genres for children to read. Children now have access to a greater variety of books (poetry, fiction and non-fiction) whilst still being supported at the right reading level.

You may notice that we have separated the phonics readers within each colour band and have marked them with a triangle as research has shown that when children move to a new reading band some will find the phonics readers an easier starting point.

Tomorrow, we will be sending home a list of the reading skills that your child needs to confidently demonstrate within their current colour band, in addition, there are some tips on how you can support reading at home too. We will send home a new book mark listing the reading skills each time your child moves to a new colour band. We will continue to carefully monitor your child's reading and move them on when they have acquired reading accuracy and the appropriate skills at each Book Band.

May I remind you also that children should be reading at a minimum of three times a week as this has been proven to make such a difference in a child's fluency, word recognition, pace and understanding. Please remember to sign your child's reading diary when you have read with them.

Mrs Rawlings



Park Hill Dates for your Diary

2nd February PTA Parent's Night In
4th February Yr 6 Play in a Day
7th February Yr 5 visit to the MAD museum
12th February Yr 6 visit to Oxford
13th February PTA Meeting
18th - 22nd February- Half Term
27th February - Book Bus visit
28th February NSPCC workshops for Yr 5 and 6

5th March - Archery Festival
6th March - Yr 3&4 Multi Skills Festival
6th March - PTA Zumba and Prosecco Night!
7th March - World Book day
15th March - Red Nose Day
20th March - Yr 5 Netball Tournament
26th March - Spring Concert
27th March - Yr 6 Netball Tournament
28th March -Girls Football Tournament
29th March - Mothers' Day Gift shop

1st April - Yr 6 Bikeability
5th April - Reports home to parents
10th April Easter Hat Parade
10th April - Open Evening 5-7pm
15th-26th April - Easter Holiday
30th April - 9th May - Year 5 Bikeability

1st May - Yr 6 Tag Rugby Festival
6th May - Bank holiday
7th May - Cross Country tournament at Abbey Fields
8th May - Quad Kids competition
9th May - Swimming Gala (Yr 4-6)
13th - 16th May SATs week
17th May - Ricky's dance day for the whole school
24th May - Yr 6 Leavers photos
27th - 31st May - Half Term

3rd - 7th June - Year 6 residential to Devon
14th June - Sports day (9:15 - 11:45 am)
17th June - Parent Partnership Meeting for new Year 3 parents (7pm)
20th June - Sing Up picnic at Thorns
27th June - Transition day to new classes / schools
28th June - Reserve sports day

3rd July - Central Area athletics finals
10th July - Yr 6 Rounders festival
16th July - Yr 6 performance to parents
17th July - Yr 6 Leaver's party
18th July - Buckingham Cup
19th July - Leaver's assembly

Thorns Dates for your Diary 2018-2019

13th February - Year 2 visit to Gaydon Transport Museum

25th February Year 2 Falconry Roadshow

NEW 26th February - NSPCC representative to talk in Assembly

Monday 18th February -Friday 22nd February -Half Term

7th March - Blake Hole Planetarium Workshop for Year 1

7th March -World Book Day

15th March -Red nose day

19th March - Storyteller to visit Year 2

5th April - Reports home to parents

10th April Open Evening 5.00-7.00pm

Monday 15th April to Friday 26th April - Easter Holiday

2nd May- Reception visit to Umberslade Farm Park

6th May - Bank Holiday

24th May - Whole school dance workshops with Ricky Brown

Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May- Half Term

2nd June - Punch and Judy show for Year 2

10th June - Parent partnership meeting for new Reception intake 2019

14th June - Sports Day 1.15-3.00pm

20th June -Federation Sing up and picnic

27th June - Warwickshire Transition Day

28th June -Reserve Sports Day 1.15-3.00pm

4th July - Parent consultation meetings 4.00-6.30 pm

8th July - Parent Consultation meetings 4.00 - 6.30pm

15th July Volunteers Strawberry Tea 2.15pm

17th July - Leavers' Assembly 9.15am

18th July - Leavers' Party pm