



Events for week beginning Monday 4 th February 2019		
	during the school day	after school
Monday	Godiva class - Play in a day - Online Safety 2.45 - Parents welcome to watch	Go-Go Makers 3.00-4.00pm 3.15 - 4.15 Mad Science, Yr 3 / 4 Sports and Visual Effects clubs 3.15 Library cake sale on the playground
Tuesday	Lunchtime Rattle and Roll Recorder Club	Go-Go Makers 3.00-4.00pm Disney Dance Club 3.05-4.05pm 3.15-4.15 Glee club, Sewing club and Netball club
Wednesday		Football Club 3.00-4.00pm No Marathon Kids running Club until after half term
Thursday	Yr 5 visits to the MAD museum (Eliot am, Shakespeare pm) No Drum lessons	Multi Sports Club 3.00- 4.00pm 3.15-4.15 Bayleaf Cookery Club and Imagineering club
Friday	Well Done Assembly 9.05am 10.20am Celebration Assembly	Bayleaf Cookery Club 3.00-4.00pm 3.15 - 4.15 Ricky's Dance club and Yr 5 / 6 Basketball club

First Word....team work

Dear Parents,

Teamwork As I have walked around our schools this week and overheard or joined in conversations and learning activities the message that comes through loud and clear is that success comes from team work and supporting each other. Whether the teams are composed of adults only, children only, children and adults, or home and school - together we can achieve an awful lot.

Over the past week, I have chatted with some parents and staff about the way in which the children who are most successful in their learning benefit from a clear partnership between home and school with key support coming from parents. I have seen how much funding has been raised by Thorns parents and PTA working together. I have watched a Year 2 child coaching another in a PE lesson so that a scary moment climbing over the apparatus became a moment of triumph. I have watched the staff team support each other and pull together to cover the absence of colleagues and minimise any disruption to children's learning.

One of the learning skills which we teach children, from Reception to Year 6, is how to work collaboratively with others so that all can play an active part and a joint venture and shared project may end in success. The children learn the various roles needed in a shared group task and that good communication is vital.

Thank you, for the huge part that you play in our team at Thorns and at Park Hill.

Mrs Bradbury

Focus on Learning ... Year 2 follow in the footsteps of Henry Ford



Last week, children in Year 2 were tasked with researching some facts and information about Henry Ford and the first ever moving car assembly production line as part of their home learning. Children rose to the challenge and produced some good quality work which they enjoyed sharing with each other. They also looked at video clips of the



first ever production line for the Model T Ford and compared these with clips of a computerised production line for cars today. With lots of knowledge about how a production line works and working in teams, they made their own production line to mass produce their own cars!

Children were able to relate their experience to how the assembly line worked for Henry Ford in the early days of the car and soon discovered that the mass production line wasn't as easy as it first seemed to be. Some children worked faster than others which meant that there was a build up at one point of the line and also the process was slowed down by not having the windows or axles fitted correctly.



Dear Parents,
Our Glee club children had a brilliant day last Thursday when they took part in the Young Voices concert in Birmingham. This involves joining with choirs from across the region (and a few celebrity singers) to perform a range of different songs. I know it was a long day but children have really enjoyed it and I hope parents did too!



Next week is Safer Internet Day and we have a range of activities happening. On Monday, Godiva class will be creating a play in a day which they will then perform to the school and any parents who are able to attend at 2.45pm. This year's play is entitled "Guardians of Moodle" - if, like me, you have no idea what that is then come and watch the show!

Alongside this, children in school are also creating a giant paper chain of online safety messages which was an idea proposed by our Online Safety Council. This council is a group of ten children from across the school who have volunteered to support us in helping children be safe online. The group is also running a competition for children to design an online safety mascot for our school. This can be drawn on paper or on the computer or could be an animated mascot using a computer programme. All entries need to be given to me or a member of the online safety council by next Friday.



We have had to make a change to girls' football club. This club will now start after half term and will run on a Monday. Anyone who has already sent back a form will be automatically included in the club. We apologise if this is inconvenient for any families. Please note that there will be no drum lessons next week and these lessons have been rearranged for the end of term. *Miss Biggs*

Dinosaur Discoveries Our Reception children have certainly enjoyed going back in time millions of years to learn facts about the prehistoric era. Children have been learning to identify different



dinosaurs and to aid their learning, they have sketched and labelled them as well as using playdough to put the horns on the triceratops, the stripes on the velociraptor and the spikes on the stegosaurus. The indoor and outdoor areas have become part of a paleontological excavation site, with children locating and identifying replica fossils from some of the most iconic dinosaurs of the past. Children have worked together to create a huge dinosaur for our museum entrance as well as designing and making their own smaller junk model dinosaurs. They have also discovered how long these huge ancient reptiles were by lying down head to toe in a long line across our school hall and stretching down the corridor. Children are looking forward to inviting their parents to visit their museum before half term to share their learning.

Number Day A reminder that tomorrow children are invited to come to school wearing an item of clothing with a number on as we celebrate Number Day and raise some money for the NSPCC. Please do not go out and buy something especially for the occasion, simply make a number and pin it onto a cap or top. Our School Learning Council will be taking around collection buckets at the start of the day before we all get involved in various maths based activities.



PTA Events Thank you to everyone who contributed to our 'Bags for School' collection last week. By the size of the pile of bags I knew that we would have raised lots of money and yesterday we were delighted to receive a cheque for an astounding £250!



Our PTA will be holding a Toy, Game and Book sale after school tomorrow. If you're having a clear out or your children have simply outgrown some of their toys, games or books please donate them for our sale. You can leave your donations on the tables in the octagon tomorrow morning. We will be selling items for 20p, 50p and

£1 after school. All money made from the sale will be split evenly between the six classes and will be used to enhance learning experiences.

Mrs Rawlings



Park Hill Dates for your Diary

12th February Yr 6 visit to Oxford

13th February PTA Meeting

18th - 22nd February- Half Term

27th February - Book Bus visit

NEW 27th February - Parent Partnership Meeting - Taking Care, Protective Behaviours Curriculum, 7pm at Thorns

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

NEW 3rd April - Parent Partnership Meeting for Year 6 - SATS, 6.30pm

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

NEW 5th May - Glee club performance at the Musical Theatre Showcase

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

NEW 22nd May - Parent Partnership Meeting - Year 6 Devon Trip 2019, 7pm

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 27th February – Parent Partnership Meeting for all – Taking Care, Protective Behaviours Curriculum, 7pm

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

9th April - Spring Assembly led by Reception children

10th April Open Evening 5.00-7.00pm

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

2nd May- Reception visit to Umberlade Farm Park

6th May - Bank Holiday

24th May - Whole school dance workshops with Ricky Brown

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

4th 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