



Park Hill Thorns Federation

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Newsletter Thursday 7th February 2019



Events for week beginning Monday 11 th February		
	during the school day	after school
Monday		Go-Go Makers 3.00-4.00pm 3.15 - 4.15 Mad Science, Yr 3 / 4 Sports and Visual Effects clubs
Tuesday	Lunchtime Rattle and Roll Recorder Club 8.30 - 3.30 (ish) Yr 6 trip to Oxford Museums	Go-Go Makers 3.00-4.00pm Disney Dance Club 3.05-4.05pm PTA AGM and meeting 7.30pm in Maple Class 3.15-4.30 Sewing club NO NETBALL CLUB or GLEE CLUB DUE TO YR 6 TRIP
Wednesday	Year 2 visit to Gaydon Transport Museum	Football Club 3.00-4.00pm No Marathon Kids running Club until after half term 8pm PTA Meeting
Thursday	PTA Meet and Greet in the hall at 9.00am	Multi Sports Club 3.00- 4.00pm 3.15-4.15 Bayleaf Cookery Club and Imagineering club 3.15 Football Match vs St Margarets
Friday	Well Done Assembly 9.05am 10.20 Celebration Assembly	Bayleaf Cookery Club 3.00-4.00pm 3.15 - 4.15 Ricky's Dance club and Yr 5 / 6 Basketball club

Dear Parents,

Lunch Costs At Thorns and Park Hill the excellent school meals are provided by Educaterers, a separate organisation to school. Due to increased produce and staffing costs Educaterers have informed us that they have put up the costs of school meals. At Thorns all children are entitled to a meal paid for by the DFE. At Park Hill children pay for their meals and from Monday 25th February the cost will increase to £2.32 per meal, a total of £11.20 per week.

New Governors This week three new governors joined the governing body and attended their first meeting. All the new governors have been co-opted onto the board to fill a skills gap identified by the governors. Eloise Ottewell is a parent at Thorns with a child in Reception; she brings HR skills and experience as well as knowledge of Brambles through her existing role as a trustee for Thorns Community Trust. Liz Cooper attended school in Kenilworth and brings with her legal expertise and knowledge from her professional role. Hannah Hayes attended Park Hill as a child and continues to live in Kenilworth. Hannah now works for an education consultancy and brings her knowledge of education provision to the board. All three new governors are keen to support our schools and the local community through volunteering and I am certain they will contribute much to the work of the governing body in the future and welcome them to the board. *Mrs Bradbury*

Focus On Learning... Online Safety at Park Hill



We have really enjoyed seeing children's ideas for our School Internet Safety Mascot and here are just a few of the suggestions received so far. The Online safety council will be choosing the winning designs on Friday.



Dear Parents,

Tuesday changes for Yr 6 parents and children going to Netball / Glee Club

Year 6 are continuing their topic on Evolution by visiting the Pitt Rivers Museum and Oxford Museum of Natural History on Tuesday. Please note that we will be leaving at 8.30am for this and children can come into school from 8.20am. We will leave Oxford at 2.30pm and will hopefully return between 3.30 and 3.45pm. Because of the trip, there will be no Netball or Glee club next week.



Internet Safety Week



Huge congratulations to Godiva class who managed to produce a fantastic play in just one day on Monday which

they then performed to the rest of the school. The play was called "Guardians of Moodle" and involved superheroes defending the world from unsafe internet use!



Librarians

Thank you to our very enthusiastic team of librarians who ran a successful cake sale on Monday and raised over one hundred pounds. As I would expect from this team of dedicated, organised people, the children already have planned how they will be spending this for maximum impact. It is great that we have yet more children taking responsibility for our school resources and giving up their time to improve them.

Dates

Finally, I have added a few dates including several parent partnership meetings to the diary at the end of this newsletter. These include a meeting about Yr 6 SATs; the Kingswood Residential (for parents of children in Year 4) and a meeting before Year 6 leave for Devon. Please take a look and come along!

Miss Biggs



Number Day Thank you to all parents and children for making our NSPCC Number Day such a huge success. Children looked fabulous in their numbered attire and had great fun taking part in the planned activities. Our reception children made salt dough and had to accurately measure out their ingredients, they also enjoyed playing board games and making playdough and tap a shape



numerals. Year 1 worked with a partner to see how many different, accurate measurements they could make of their bodies and were amazed to find that the length from their elbow to their wrist was nearly always the same as the length of their foot. Year 2 worked enthusiastically to solve number problems and also wrote stories which included numbers! On 26th February a representative from the NSPCC will be talking to the children in assembly and our School Learning Council will be presenting them with a cheque for the £141 which we raised on the day.



PTA Toy and Game Sale Thank you to everyone who came to our toy and game sale on Friday and also to those who kindly donated their unwanted items. We raised £107.80 which will be split equally between the classes and used to buy learning resources. We still have some items to sell and plan for our School learning Council to hold a playtime sale after half term on Wednesday 27th February. Items will be on sale for either 20p or 50p and it would be great if children could bring along these denominations of money to save time. **Please note that we do not require any other items to sell.**

Crisp Packet Recycling Scheme

Have you ever wondered what happens to crisp packets once we have enjoyed eating their contents? Most of them end up in landfill sites across the UK and are buried with other waste which ultimately has a negative impact on our environment. Our PTA has joined the Terracycle crisp packet recycling scheme and would like you to collect all of your empty packets from any brand of crisps and put them into our recycle bin which will be located on the front playground from Monday. The packets that we collect will be sent to be cleaned and shredded and turned into plastic pellets which will be transformed into park benches, plant pots, watering cans and cool bags. In addition to helping our environment, we also make money for school so please get collecting!



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 - The Taking Care Project (7pm)

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 - 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

NEW 29th April - Year 3 trip to the Butterfly Farm

30th April - 9th May - Year 5 Bikeability

1st May - Yr 6 Tag Rugby Festival

NEW 1st May- Parent Partnership Meeting for Year 4 parents - The Kingswood Residential (6.30pm)

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 for Year 6 Parents - The Devon Residential (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

25th February Year 2 Falconry Roadshow
26th February - NSPCC representative to talk in Assembly
27th February - Playtime Toy and Game sale

NEW 27th February Parent Partnership Meeting - The Taking Care Project (7pm)

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 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

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