



Parents Forum on 4th March

This week we sent a letter out to parents via email regarding the Park Hill SATS outcomes for 2018. Parents from both schools are invited to join us for a Parents Forum Meeting on 4th March at 7.30pm at Park Hill to discuss the SATs with school staff and governors. Parents are also welcome to raise any other issues they wish to discuss with governors. It would be helpful to be made aware of the items beforehand in order to ensure we allow sufficient time for the discussion. Please contact the school office if you have an item you wish to add to the agenda.

Thorns PTA

Thorns PTA elected a new chair this week at the extra-ordinary AGM. Thank you to Mr Alistair MacDonald who has volunteered his time, enthusiasm and energy to support the great work of the PTA.

Taking Care Curriculum and Parent Partnership Meeting on 27th February at 7pm

Next half term children in all year groups will be completing our protective behaviours curriculum. The main theme of this curriculum is that we all have a right to feel safe all of the time. It covers aspects of relationships and friendships, safe and unsafe secrets, recognising when we do not feel safe and what we can do about it (early warning signs). The children are also taught to use the correct terminology to name parts of the body and which parts of their body are private (the pants rule). If you would like to hear more about the curriculum content please join us for the information session on Wednesday after the half term holiday.

Events for week beginning Monday 25th February 2019

	during the school day	after school
Monday	Year 2 Falconry Roadshow Yr 4 Fair Trade talk	Go-Go Makers 3.00-4.00pm 3.15 - 4.15 Mad Science, Yr 3 / 4 Sports, Visual Effects and Girl's Football (Yr 5/6) clubs
Tuesday	Lunchtime Rattle and Roll Recorder Club NSPCC Assembly	Go-Go Makers 3.00-4.00pm Disney Dance Club 3.05-4.05pm 3.15-4.30 Sewing club 3.15- 4.15 Glee club NO NETBALL CLUB
Wednesday	Playtime Toy and Game sale - can children please bring along 20p or 50p if wishing to buy something Book Bus visit	Football Club 3.00-4.00pm Marathon Kids Running Club 3-3.30pm 7pm Parent Partnership Meeting: Taking Care Project - suitable for all parents, held at Thorns
Thursday	NSPCC Workshops for Years 5 and 6	Multi Sports Club 3.00- 4.00pm 3.15-4.15 Bayleaf Cookery Club and Imagineering club Football match vs Telford (home)
Friday	Well Done Assembly 9.05am 10.20am Celebration Assembly	Bayleaf Cookery Club 3.00-4.00pm
Saturday	Regional Cross Country Qualifiers at Moreton Morell (10am girls, 10.30 boys)	

Focus on Learning ...

Reception Children become junior palaeontologist!



Last week our Reception children were able to share their learning about dinosaurs as they opened up their Dinosaur Museum to their families. Our junior palaeontologists introduced their parents to Dilly the dinosaur, who hatched out a few weeks ago, in addition to sharing their work with their visitors. Parents were asked to complete a feedback form about their visit experience for children to share with each other and were delighted to read that the parents were most impressed by their newly acquired knowledge and the quality of their work. Children should be congratulated for their confidence in speaking about their



learning.



Dear Parents,
Yr 6 bikeability opportunity - Children all completed the basic bikeability course whilst in Year 5 but there is an additional opportunity to join a further course for children who are now in Year 6. This involves four days of training which will be from 1st April after school 3:15 - 4:15pm. Children must attend all sessions of this week and will need to be competent riders as the course involves going out on the road. If you would like your child to take part in this then please send them to collect a form from the office.



Clubs after half term

The final Mad Science club will take place in the first week after half term this will then switch to the second group of children in the following week. Visual effects club will run for 2 more weeks after the holiday. Year 5 and 6 Girls' football club will be starting after half term on Monday. All other clubs will continue as normal but there will be NO NETBALL club in the first week back.

Book Bus visit

We are pleased to welcome back the book bus which will be parked on our school playground on Wednesday of the first week back. Children will have opportunities to browse this during the day and the bus will be open after school if you would like to purchase something.

Online Safety

Thank you to our online safety committee (pictured here) who led a great online safety week including the whole school making a very long paper chain of online safety messages. They have also been running a competition for our new Online Safety Mascot and have finally agreed on a winning design which they will announce in assembly on Friday.



Have a safe and enjoyable half term holiday everyone! Miss Biggs

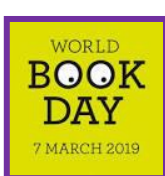


Artists in the making! Last week we sent some of our art work to be displayed in the Exhibition of Young Local Artists at Warwick School. Congratulations to Sahana, Lewis, James, Finley, Tom, Addison, Oscar, Zander, Alex, Keeran, Anna and Isabella in Year 1 and to Jacob, Isaac, Noah, William, Philippa and Billy in year 2 who had their work exhibited. Children will each receive a souvenir programme and a certificate

Year 2 visit Gaydon As a final flourish to their current topic, our Year 2 children visited the British Motor Museum in Gaydon yesterday to learn from first-hand experience about how cars and other forms of transport have developed. The children experienced what it was like to own one of the first cars and to drive on Victorian roads. Children explored a collection of over 150 historic vehicles including a 1920's London bus, a mini made from Lego and Lady Penelope's pink car. Children also enjoyed making their own model Landrover vehicles.



The Year of the Pig This week our reception children have been learning about the Chinese New Year. Our indoor learning area has been converted into a pop up Chinese restaurant and children are looking forward to having a Chinese food tasting experience on Friday. Children have shared the Chinese Zodiac story and have used the small world figures to retell the story in their own words. Children have also used their fine motor skills to make Chinese dragons out of paper plates and have also been challenged to use chopsticks and tweezers to pick up objects from a plate which is far trickier than it seems!



World Book Day On Thursday 7th March we will be celebrating World Book Day and children have decided that they would like to come to school dressed as a book character. During the day children will be taking part in a variety of book themed activities which will include an opportunity to listen to the favourite short stories of members of staff. Children will also be invited to have their photograph taken whilst reading a book in front of their bookshelf at home - We plan to create a 'Shelfie' display in the library! (more details after half term)

Thanks to National Book Tokens and lots of lovely book publishers and booksellers, we will be distributing a £1 World Book Day book token to each child which can be exchanged for one of the ten (exclusive, new and completely FREE) World Book Day books.

Mrs Rawlings

Park Hill Dates for your Diary

18th - 22nd February- Half Term
27th February - Book Bus visit
27th February Parent Partnership Meeting - The Taking Care Project (7pm)
28th February NSPCC workshops for Yr 5 and 6

NEW 4th March - Parents Forum Meeting 7.30pm at Park Hill - Park Hill SATS 2018

New 5th March – Recycling Bags pick up

5th March - Archery Festival

6th March - PTA Zumba and Prosecco Night!

7th March - World Book day

New 13th March - Urban Striders Dance workshops

NEW 14th March - Parent Partnership Meeting - Teaching and Learning Maths Calculations 7.30pm

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

3rd April Parent Partnership Meeting - Year 6 SATs (6.30pm)

5th April - Reports home to parents

NEW 8th April - Yr 4 trip to Leicester Botanic Gardens

9th April - Swimming Gala (Yr 4-6) Change of Date!

10th April Easter Hat Parade

10th April - Open Evening 5-7pm

15th-26th April - Easter Holiday

29th April - Year 3 trip to the Butterfly Farm

30th April - 9th May - Year 5 Bikeability

1st May - Yr 6 Tag Rugby Festival

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

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

13th - 16th May SATs week

17th May - Ricky's dance day for the whole school

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

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

NEW 1st March - Year 2 PTA cake and snack sale at home time

NEW 4th March - Parents Forum Meeting 7.30pm at Park Hill - Park Hill SATS 2018

7th March - Blake Hole Planetarium Workshop for Year 1

7th March -World Book Day

NEW 14th March - Parent Partnership Meeting - Teaching and Learning Maths Calculations 7.30pm

15th March -Red nose day

NEW 15th March - Year 1 PTA cake and snack sale at home time

19th March - Storyteller to visit Year 2

5th April - Reports home to parents

NEW 5th April - Reception PTA cake and snack sale at home time

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