



Park Hill Thorns Federation

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Newsletter Thursday 28th February 2019



Parents Forum on 4th March at 7.30pm

Before the half term holiday 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.

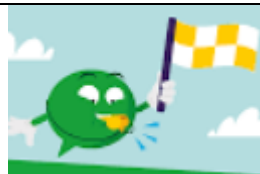
Taking Care Curriculum

This half term children in all year groups will be completing our protective behaviours curriculum - Taking Care. 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 (early warning signs) and strategies for those times when we don't feel safe. The children are also taught to use the correct terminology to name parts of the body and which parts of their body are private (see the NSPCC pants rule). This week the NSPCC came into school to lead an assembly and workshops for Year 5 and Year 6. The message shared by the NSPCC was very much in line with the taking care curriculum and the children demonstrated their good understanding of the issue through a question and answer session. Children in Reception and those who are new to a Warwickshire school will bring home some additional information for parents about the Taking Care curriculum on Friday.

Events for week beginning Monday 4th March 2019

	during the school day	after school
Monday		Go-Go Makers 3.00-4.00pm 3.15 - 4.15 Mad Science - Group 2 begin, Yr 3 / 4 Sports, Visual Effects and Girl's Football (Yr 5/6) clubs Parent Forum Meeting at Park Hill 7.30pm
Tuesday	Lunchtime Rattle and Roll Recorder Club Archery Competition	Go-Go Makers 3.00-4.00pm Disney Dance Club 3.05-4.05pm 3.15- 4.15 Glee club
Wednesday		Football Club 3.00-4.00pm Marathon Kids running Club 3.00-3.30pm 3.15 - 4.15 Netball Club 3.15 - 4.30 Sewing Club Change of day PTA Zumba and Prosecco Night
Thursday	World Book Day - Children are invited to come to school dressed as a book character Blake Hole Planetarium Workshop for Year 1 Book Swap - bring a book to school and swap it for another one	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 NSPCC Buddy's Sponsored Obstacle Course	Bayleaf Cookery Club 3.00-4.00pm 3.15 - 4.15 Ricky's Dance club and Yr 5 / 6 Basketball club
Sunday	Netball Club trip to watch Wasps	

NSPCC assemblies, workshops and fund raising



This week both schools had assemblies from the NSPCC which looked at children's right to feel safe; what they can do if they don't feel safe and how we can help support the important work of the NSPCC. The assembly fitted perfectly with the work which we already do in our Taking Care lessons and it was great to see how much our children already know and understand.

Thorns have already raised money for the NSPCC through Number Day but Park Hill will be raising money next week by undertaking Buddy's challenge of an obstacle course. This is being designed by the school council and will take place next Friday. Children will just need their PE kits. Children have bought home sponsorship forms and these need to be returned with any sponsor money by the 12th of March.

Dear Parents,
Online Safety Winners

Congratulations to our winning online safety mascot designers: Niamh and Eugenia who created the fantastic owl mascot seen here. The Online Safety Council particularly liked the fierce owl ready to defend us with his shield and cursor.

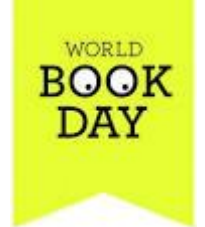


Clubs

Next week two clubs (Netball and Sewing) are changing day to Wednesday as staff are unavailable on Tuesday and we do not want to cancel them again. We appreciate that this may not be useful for everyone but it is the best we can do for the week. Mad Science changes next week so that group 2 start.

World Book Day information

Next Thursday will see us join the celebration of World Book Day and we invite children to come into school dressed as a favourite character. We will also be holding a book swap and we would love children to bring in a book which they have already enjoyed and choose a different one from the selection in school.



After school playground

Seeing as we have had some lovely weather recently, I would like to remind parents that children are welcome to be playing on our playground before or after school but Capella's children have to wait for parents to leave the playground before they can come out so please exit by 3.30pm. In order to preserve our limited resources, we also ask children not to play with school equipment before or after school. (Our trim trails are designed for Key Stage 2 children so please do not let little ones try them out).

TT Rockstars

It has been great to see lots of children taking part in the TT Rockstars competition - after just one day 20 000 questions had been answered by children across Year 4,5,6 which was quite amazing. We will announce the winners on Friday.



Miss Biggs



Stunning Starts to our Learning As we come back to school after our rather sunny half term break all year groups have started their new topics and already we have seen some fantastic learning.

This week Mrs Elliston and our Reception children were shocked to receive a letter from an Evil Pea who claimed to have taken all of Mrs Elliston's carrots hostage and had either frozen them in ice or stuck them up on windows and walls in the indoor and outdoor learning areas. Since receiving this shocking news, the children have been busy making wanted posters for the Evil Pea as well as designing and making traps to catch him- let's hope that the evil pea gets caught soon! This work was an exciting launch for their topic of Superheroes and over the coming weeks children will be finding out lots of facts about the everyday superheroes who help us as well as some fantasy ones. On Friday the children are looking forward to a visit from a guide dog and next week a visit from the police.

Our Year 1 children started their 'Starry Night' topic with the song 'Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star' and as well as listening to and singing the song, they used chalk and pastel crayons to interpret each verse. Next week they are looking forward to a workshop led by the black hole planetarium team.

To launch their poetry themed topic about 'The Owl and the Pussycat' children in Year 2 had a visit from a falconry team. Children were lucky enough to see the owls flying and were fascinated to learn that that their silent flight helps them to listen for the scurrying voles that they hunt.

World Book Day Next Thursday we will be celebrating World Book Day and children are invited to come to school as a book character. During the day children will be taking part in a variety of book themed activities. We also plan to create a 'Shelfie' display in the library similar to the one shown here!

Children are invited to take a photograph of themselves reading a book in front of their bookshelves or collection of books - these could include some of their favourite books or ones that they are currently reading. If your child is camera shy and doesn't want their photograph taken, they may wish to design their own 'shelfie' using a template that will be given out tomorrow or alternatively they may wish to design their own. Shelfie designs should be handed into the school office by March 11th and photographs emailed to the school office admin2309@welearn365.com by the same date.



Mrs Rawlings

Park Hill Dates for your Diary

4th March - Parent Partnership Meeting
5th March - Recycling Bags pick up
5th March - Archery Festival
6th March - PTA Zumba and Prosecco Night!
7th March - World Book day
13th March - Urban Striders Dance workshops
15th March - Red Nose Day
NEW 19th March - PTA Movie Night
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 - Sadly the Bridgehouse Theatre have cancelled this event~~
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)
NEW 22nd May PTA Disco
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

11th March - School Learning Council selling Red noses at break time
14th March -Parent Partnership Meeting - Teaching and Learning Maths Calculations 7.30pm
15th March -Red nose day
15th March - Year 1 to attend singing workshop at Warwick University
Year 1 PTA Cake and snack sale at home time
17th March - PTA Movie event pm
19th March - Storyteller to visit Year 2
20th March -PTA Monthly Meeting at the Tiltyard 8.00pm
29th March -PTA Mother's Day gift shop

5th April - Reports home to parents
7th April -PTA Easter event (time TBC)
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
8th June -PTA Stall at Lions Show
8th-16th June -PTA Scarecrow Trail
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
23rd June- PTA Summer Fair
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