



Parent Partnership Meeting - maths on Monday 25 March

We will be holding a partnership meeting about maths for both Thorns and Park Hill parents on 25th March. Both meetings are led by Mark Williams and will be held at Park Hill; 7pm for Thorns parents and 8pm for Park Hill parents - you are welcome to stay for both sessions. Mr Williams will cover the mastery approach to teaching maths and answer the question - what does a maths lesson look like? He will also take a brief look at the way in which the different calculations are taught. You may also find it helpful to take a look at the calculation policy which is available on the school websites - a copy has been included in the newsletter email. The policy has images of the types of apparatus which the children use and some worked examples of calculations. I do hope to see many of you there - especially if you don't feel confident in helping your child with their maths, this could be just the meeting for you. Mr Williams promises that nobody will be asked any difficult questions or put on the spot.

Use of playground equipment before and after school

A reminder that we ask that children do not use the school equipment on the playground before and after school. At Thorns children should not be on the wooden boat next to the playground. At Park Hill children should not be on the trim trail (wooden climbing apparatus next to the field) or on the equipment under the big tree. Children are only permitted to use these structures under the supervision of a member of staff.

At Park Hill we have also asked the children not to use the toys in the trolley as these are ready for breaktime and lunchtime and I am sorry to say that children are not looking after the equipment very well or putting it away. Thank you for your support.

Events for week beginning Monday 18th March 2019

	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 Yr 5/6 Girls' football clubs
Tuesday	Storyteller to visit Year 2 Paramedic superhero to talk to Reception classes 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 and Netball Club, 3.15 - 4.30 Sewing Club 6.15pm (for a 6.30pm movie start) PTA Movie Night
Wednesday	pm Yr 5 Netball Tournament at Clinton school	Football Club 3.00-4.00pm Marathon Kids running Club 3.00-3.30pm PTA Monthly Meeting at the Tiltyard 8.00pm
Thursday		Multi Sports Club 3.00- 4.00pm 3.15 -4.15 Imagineering and Cookery Clubs Boys' Football Match vs St Nicholas school
Friday	Well Done Assembly 9.05am	Bayleaf Cookery Club 3.00-4.00pm 3.15 - 4.15 Ricky's dance and Basketball clubs
Saturday	Regional Cross Country Finals	

Park Hill celebrates World Book Day



We had a great day celebrating reading last Thursday. Children came to school dressed as their favourite characters; took part in author master classes; gave and received a book



through our giant book swap; entered a competition to design a book token and showed off their reading corners with a "shelfie." We just hope that Cruella de Vil in our office didn't scare anyone too much!

[NSPCC Thank you](#)

Wow! A huge thank you to all our sponsors who have helped us raise £1,500 for the NSPCC. If you have forgotten to return your money, then we can still collect forms until next Friday so please send any last minute bits into school.



[Urban Strides Dance Day](#)

We had enormous fun on Wednesday learning some new street dance moves with some expert teaching from the Urban Strides dance team.



[Cross Country success](#)

Congratulations to our cross country team who took part in the Regional qualifying races last Saturday with much success. Our girls' team finished third overall with Bella finishing eighth and Beth winning the race. We also had success in the boys team with Noah finishing fourteenth. Most importantly, it was brilliant to send a big team of competitors who all were a credit to our school.



[Archers on target](#)

We also had success in an inter-school archery competition where our archers won yet again! Congratulations to the whole team and to Mr Farrington for winning the teachers' competition!



[Wasps Netball visit](#)

The Netball club had a fab trip to watch Wasps Netball on Sunday where we were able to cheer the team to victory against the Severn Stars. As a result of this, a Wasps coach will lead a training session for the team in April - more details to follow. Miss Biggs



[What does an owl eat?](#) Last week in their science lessons our Year 2 children were presented with some very strange looking objects and challenged to use their scientific skills and knowledge to work out what they were! Working in groups, children decided that the objects had no smell but looked as if they had little bits of fur, bone and dried grass in them. Children soon realised that they were looking at owl pellets and were keen to look more closely at the pellets to determine what barn owls eat so armed with plastic gloves, tweezers, magnifying glasses and bone identification keys they began their investigating and found a range of different bones, claws and even a skull with teeth attached! Thank you to the PTA who funded the purchase of the owl pellets.

[Science week](#) This week we have been celebrating Science week which has the theme of 'Journeys'. As well as having discussions about what science actually is in our Philosophy Circles we have been deciding what we would need to take with us if we were going on a journey on foot for 7 days with only a backpack to carry things in. Children have found this quite a challenge when they realised that they couldn't take everything that they wanted or needed to survive. Thank you to all children who entered our 'design a scientific journey' competition - all entries have been displayed in the entrance hall and Miss Clarke will be announcing the winners from each year group in our Well Done assembly on March 22nd.



[World Book Day - Can you guess who we are?](#)



Last Thursday was World Book Day and we welcomed to school 173 different book characters who once again amazed us with such a great variety of costumes. From Willy Wonka and Snow White to Mary Poppins and Fantastic Mr Fox, it was clear that everyone had put a lot of thought and effort into their costumes (staff included) and we all had good fun playing 'who's who' throughout the day! Mrs Rawlings



Park Hill Dates for your Diary

19th March - PTA Movie Night
20th March - Yr 5 Netball Tournament
25th March - Parent Partnership Meeting - find out how we teach maths 8.00pm
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
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)
NEW 3rd May Yr 3 Trip to Stratford Butterfly Farm
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)
NEW 11th June - Glee Club performance at Kenilworth Manor
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 March Parent Partnership Meeting - Find out how we teach maths; 7.00pm at Park Hill

29th March -PTA Mother's Day gift shop

26th March - Fire safety workshop for Ash Class 9.30-10.30

27th March - Fire safety workshop for Oak Class 9.30-10.30

27th March -Spaghetti Maths Assembly 2.30pm

2nd April - Rattle and Roll Dance Club performance to parents 3.50pm

3rd April - Mad Science Assembly 1.30pm

5th April - Reports home to parents

6th April PTA Quiz night

7th April -PTA Easter event 10-12pm

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