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*Creating opportunities
for everyone*

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Upcoming Events

Below is a quick overview of the events due to take place at school in the next two weeks. Please read the newsletter for further information. If your child is directly involved, then you will receive a separate letter.

Monday 13 th Jan			
Tuesday 14 th Jan		12.30pm – Year 3 swimming	2.15pm – PTA meeting
Wednesday 15 th Jan	9.00am – Year 3 trip to Maidstone museum		1.00pm – Year 6 booster swimming lessons
Thursday 16 th Jan			
Friday 17 th Jan	11.00am – Council visitor		3.30pm – Football match against Challock
Monday 20 th Jan			
Tuesday 21 st Jan		12.30pm – Year 3 swimming	
Wednesday 22 nd Jan	9.00am – Year 4 trip to Roman Museum		1.00pm – Year 6 booster swimming lessons
Thursday 23 rd Jan			
Friday 24 th Jan			
Monday 27 th Jan			
Tuesday 28 th Jan		12.30pm – Year 3 swimming	
Wednesday 29 th Jan			1.00pm – Year 6 booster swimming lessons
Thursday 30 th Jan			
Friday 31 st Jan			



Newsletter

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back and happy new year to all parents and family members. We have had a busy and productive first week back and I have been really pleased with the purposeful attitude to work pupils have shown as I have visited classrooms. We are constantly adding more 'Phoenix Jobs' giving pupils roles and responsibilities. This week our new Fruit Tuck helpers started their role at breaktime.

The big focus this week was our Science Enquiry week. Being inquisitive and asking questions that can be investigated is a hugely important part of Science. Pupils have been doing lots of interesting activities to look at different types of enquiry including observing over time, comparing and fair testing, pattern seeking, grouping and classifying and trial and error. If anyone needs science as part of their job or is a scientist, please let us know as we are always keen for pupils to see its relevance.

Finally, promoting reading continues to be a huge focus. If your child is not bringing their reading book home, please come and speak to the teacher. To be a successful reader, they need to be reading every night. It is also important for them to bring it back the next day as their book is need for their Accelerated reader (AR) session.

Regards

Chris Johnson,

Headteacher

Attendance

Week commencing Monday 6th January – Whole school attendance was **96.8%**.

Attendance below 95% is a concern to the school and Ofsted. Your child's attendance will full below 95% after 10 missed days; every 2 weeks of school is 5% so it is vital that your child attends every day.

Please bear in mind that:

- children will have coughs and colds and maybe feel under the weather but if possible please send them to school. If your child deteriorates over the course of the day we will always call you to come and collect them.
- having doctor/dentist appointments first thing in the morning will affect your child's attendance. Please try and arrange any appointments for later in the day or after school.
- the KCC ruling is that NO holiday is to be taken during term time and that penalty notices will be issued to any parent who takes their child on holiday, so please avoid taking your child on holiday during term time.

If your child is unable to attend school please ring the school as early as possible and leave a message on the answer phone.

Not Late Gate

Tuesday 7th January – 6 children were late on this day.

Clear evidence shows that being late can:

- Embarrass/Upset your child
- Affect achievement
- Disrupt lessons and the learning of others in class

10 minutes per day adds up to 6 days lost days of learning a year!

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PE kit – outdoor

As the weather is getting colder can you please make sure that your child has an outdoor PE kit in school at all times as well as their normal PE kit. They need a sweatshirt and a pair for joggers (any colour). Please make sure everything is clearly named.

School Uniform

Please ensure your child comes to school in an appropriate school uniform including black school shoes. Children are permitted to wear either black or grey school trousers/shorts/skirts with a plain white polo shirt or a blue and white checked dress for the girls. Please DO NOT send your child to school in leggings or jeans and no trainers.

Wearing the correct school uniform helps children to take pride in their school work and helps with their behaviour. We do have some donated school uniform in the school office if you would like to take a look.

Owls club

This is available to everyone. This club runs from 3.15pm to 5.30pm every night and is available to you as a one-off session or on a regular basis. There is a charge of £5 per child, per session which can be paid via our envelope service at the office. Children will undertake a variety of activities and receive a snack and drink. If you need to use this service please call the office and book your child in.

Important dates

Please find below a list of dates for upcoming events at Phoenix for this school year. These dates are only provisional. We will do our best not to change them but unfortunately at school sometimes unexpected things crop up which may mean we will need to amend things. Hopefully you will find this helpful.

Dates are as follows:

Thursday 6 th February	Young Voices
Thursday 13 th February	PTA disco
Monday 24 th February	School closed to children
Thursday 5 th March	World book day (dress up as a character)
Wednesday 18 th March	Mothers Day lunch (option 1)
Friday 20 th March	Mothers Day lunch (option 2)
Friday 27 th March	Learning exhibition – parents invited from 2.00pm
Wednesday 1 st April	School closed to children
Friday 8 th May	School closed to children
Friday 22 nd May	Class photos
Monday 1 st June	School closed to children
Saturday 6 th June	Summer Fete
Friday 19 th June	Fathers Day lunch
Thursday 25 th June	Transition Into School meeting
Wednesday 1 st July	Sports day
Thursday 9 th July	PTA discos
Wednesday 15 th July	Year 6 production
Thursday 16 th July	Year 6 production
Friday 17 th July	Learning exhibition – parents invited from 2.00pm

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Term dates

- Term 1 – Tuesday 3rd September to 18th October 2019
- Term 2 – Monday 28th October to Wednesday 18th December 2019
- Term 3 – Monday 6th January to Friday 14th February 2020
- Term 4 – Tuesday 25th February to Tuesday 31st March 2020
- Term 5 – Thursday 16th April to Friday 22nd May 2020
- Term 6 – Tuesday 2nd June to Tuesday 21st July 2020

House Points

A fresh start – let's see who can win the house reward this term!

Don't forget you can help your child earn points by ensuring they have a P.E kit in school every day and that they are wearing the correct school uniform and shoes.

