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*Creating opportunities  
for everyone*

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2020

## 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 27 <sup>th</sup> Jan			3.15pm- Rotakids to St Valery's nursing home
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> Jan		12.30pm – Year 3 swimming	
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> Jan			1.00pm – Year 6 booster swimming lessons
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> Jan			
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> Jan			3.15pm – Phoenix V Chilham football match
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb			
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> Feb		12.30pm – Year 3 swimming	2.15pm – PTA meeting
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> Feb			1.00pm – Year 6 booster swimming lessons
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10.00am – Young Voices O2		
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> Feb			3.15pm – Pocket money stall
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb	9.00am – Kent Fire and Rescue assembly		
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> Feb		12.30pm – Year 3 swimming	
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb	9.00am – Year 1 mask making with parents		1.00pm – Year 6 booster swimming lessons
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb	9.00am – Year 2 mask making with parents		3.00 – 4.15pm – KS1 disco 4.30 – 6.00pm – KS2 disco
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> Feb			



# Newsletter

Dear Parent/Carer,

It has always been a pleasure working with the children and families at Phoenix and I am always proud showing visitors around our school. Last week we had our local MP Damian Green visit to speak to our School Council and some Eco Councillors about democracy and what he does in his job. The questions were superb and the children represented the school with great maturity. We also have had a number of other visitors and they all have commented on how pupils are focused on their learning and enthusiastic.

We are rightly proud of how we are an inclusive school for all members of our community with values of tolerance and respect at the heart of what we do. This means that if a pupil has barriers to learning or challenges with behavior then we will work really hard to help that child to be successful and happy. Our behavior approach means that there will always be consequences for making the wrong choices but we think really hard about how to help children meet the high expectations of behaviour that the majority of pupils show daily.

Finally, a quick thank you. Both punctuality and attendance is much better this week (partially helped by the removal of the traffic lights on Canterbury Road). Although last week we were almost 97%, as a school we want to be above this every week to make sure our pupils get the best start to their education and make good progress.

Regards

Chris Johnson,  
Headteacher

## Attendance

Week commencing Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January – Whole school attendance was **95.2%**.

Week commencing Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January – Whole school attendance was **97.7%**.

Attendance below 95% is a concern to the school and Ofsted. Your child's attendance will fall 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

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January – **20 children were late on this day!**

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January – 5 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!**

# Newsletter

## TicTok

TicTok is an online app which is really popular with school aged children. There's a good chance that even if you haven't heard of it, your children have. It is a fun way to create short videos which can be edited and shared with almost anybody, bringing endless entertainment; however there has been some nasty incidences highlighted in the press recently. If your child is using this app please check that they are using it safely; if you don't know if they are using it please ask them. It's better to be safe than sorry!

## PTA

Disco - tickets are now on sale. All tickets need to be purchased by 3.15pm on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February. KS1 disco will run from 3.00pm until 4.15pm; KS1 disco will run between 4.30pm and 6.00pm. Please ensure you collect your child promptly at the end of the disco.

This day will be a '**dress down day**' when all children are allowed to come to school in their own clothes in exchange for a donation of a bottle which the PTA can use later in the year as a tombola prize. We are looking for anything that comes in a bottle i.e. shampoo, squash, wine, water. All donations will be gratefully received.

We are in need of adult helpers to attend both disco's. If you are able to come along and help supervise/dance with the children, serve drinks etc then please let Kelly Austin or the office know. Without the correct number of adult helpers this event will not be able to go ahead so please help out if you can.

Summer Fayre – Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June. We are looking for any acts to perform in the arena and outside stall holders to attend; if you know of any who maybe interested in coming along please ask them to contact the school.

Unwanted gifts – if you received any gifts that you are not sure that you will use but you would like to them to be made use of we would happily accept them from you and find a use for them! All donations can be left at the school office. Thank you

Next meeting - Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at 2.15pm; all welcome.

## 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 clubs 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 night 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.

# Newsletter

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

## Term dates

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

## House Points

Who will 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.

