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*Creating opportunities  
for everyone*

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 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 16 <sup>th</sup> Mar			
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> Mar		Swimming - cancelled	
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> Mar			1.00pm – Year 5 booster swimming lessons
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> Mar			
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> Mar			
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Mar			3.30pm – Year 5 residential trip meeting
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> Mar			
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> Mar	9.30am – NHS hearing and vision test Year R		1.00pm – Year 5 booster swimming lessons
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> Mar			
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> Mar			
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> Mar			
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> Mar			
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Staff development day – NO children in school		
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Back to School		
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> Apr			



# Newsletter

Dear Parent/Carer,

**Coronavirus/Covid-19:** We are receiving new advise all the time. Please keep an eye out for any updates Unfortunately all trips and after school clubs have been cancelled until further notice.

Thank you for your cooperation in these uncertain times.

Regards

Chris Johnson,

Headteacher

## Attendance

Week commencing Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March – Whole school attendance was **97.4%**

Week commencing Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March – Whole school attendance was **95.4%**

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.

## Informing school

Informing school of your child's absence and the reasons for this is a parent/carers responsibility. If your child is unable to attend school please ring the school as early as possible and leave a message on the answer phone. If we do not hear from you we have safeguarding responsibilities to follow up and try to ascertain that the child is safe. Where you do not contact the school, it will be recorded as 'unauthorised' absence.

## Not Late Gate

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March – 13 children were late on this day and missed out on a raffle ticket!**

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!**

## House treat – Grosvenor Hall

This has been postponed for now. We will let you know once this has been re-arranged.

## Learning exhibition

This has been postponed. We will let you know once this has been re-arranged.

## NHS hearing and vision test

School nursing will be coming into school on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March to undertake the Year R hearing and vision tests; unless you have opted out with NHS nursing your child will be tested.

## Downe Scout Residential trip

Year 5 (Year 6 in September 2020) will once again be going to Downe Scout Activity in Orpington for their residential trips. They will be going between Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> and Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September. If your Year 5 child would like to attend please ensure you complete the permission slip and return it with the deposit by Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March. If you need any

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assistance with payment please speak to the office to make your own repayment schedule – we do not want any child to miss out. **There will be a meeting to discuss this trip on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 3.30pm.**

## ParentMail

We are in the process of setting up a new way of sending texts and emails to you called ParentMail. You should have received an email recently with the instructions on how to register. You DO NOT need any bank details just your child's name, date of birth and your telephone number. This will soon be our only way of contacting you so please ensure you register as soon as possible. If you would like emails to go to more than one email address, this is now possible. Please give the details to the office.

As you maybe aware you are now able to pay for and give permission for trips via this new system. You should receive a confirmation email to advise you when something new has been added for your child. In order to give permission you will need to go into 'forms' and to make a payment you will need to go to 'payments'. You will also be able to go back at a later date in these areas to confirm you have actioned this request. If you need any help please feel free to ask at the office but please bear in mind it is a new system to us as well and we may not know the answer immediately.

## PTA

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.

Mothers Day Stall – Cancelled

Pocket money staff – items on sale from 10p. Dates are:

- 27.04.2020 – 3.15pm
- 18.05.2020 – 3.15pm

Next meeting – Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May at 2.15pm; all welcome.

## Communication and collaboration

Communication between school and home is vitally important. If you have any issues with anything that happens in school please speak to a member of staff immediately so that we can work together to resolve the issues for you.

The best way for children to learn is for them to be working towards the same expectations and goals both at home and at school. By working together and supporting each other we can provide your child with clear targets.

## 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.

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## 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:

Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Mothers Day stall
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.

