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*Creating opportunities  
for everyone*

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2019

## 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 9 <sup>th</sup> Sept	9.00am – year 1 & 2 trip to the woods		
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> Sept		11.30am – Year 6 puberty talk	
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> Sept	8.45am – PTA tea and biscuits new Year R parents		
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> Sept	9.00am – Year 6 PESE test		
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> Sept			
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> Sept		Year 6 residential trip	
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> Sept			
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> Sept	8.45am – PTA tea and biscuits new Year R parents		
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> Sept			
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> Sept		Year 6 return from their residential trip	
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Sept			
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> Sept			2.30pm – PTA meeting (all welcome)
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> Sept			
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> Sept			
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> Sept			



# Newsletter

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back to school for the new academic year. It is always lovely to see the children back looking so smart and excited to be learning (and telling us about their holidays). We are always ambitious and want your children to achieve the best they can and also to be happy and settled in school and I have been delighted with how pupils have demonstrated a fantastic work attitude this week.

Many thanks to all parents who answered our parent survey online. It was clear from that you value the wide range of experiences we provide pupils, but also the many opportunities you have to share in your children's school life and work such as Learning Exhibition, sports day, Mother's & Father's Day lunches. We intend to continue extending these opportunities to you to make it feel like your school and part of our community.

In addition we will be looking to provide more information about the topics children are learning and highlight further opportunities for those who want additional work at home. We also are looking at extending the use of the 'Seesaw' app that pupils use well in school so that home can also share in their work and achievements. You will hear more from us towards the end of the Autumn term on this once the home-school privacy agreements are finalised so we can ensure safe use.

Finally can I remind all parents that school the drop off and pick up time is a really important part of the day. Can I ask that parents do not smoke, including vaping, on the grounds or just outside the gate (there are new child-designed signs on the gates). Please park sensibly, avoiding the pavement as this can endanger a child, and drive slowly. There has also been incidents of swearing around the gates or near to the school or unkind comments about other children's appearance and I would ask for all parents support to make this a kind, safe and tolerant school that is the envy of other parents in Ashford.

Many thanks

Chris Johnson, Headteacher

## Communication

**Communication between school and home is vitally important for your child's happiness and progress. Email is the main form of communication and so it is important that we have your correct email address. If you need to amend or add a second email address please either speak to the office or email us on [reception@phoenix-primary.kent.sch.uk](mailto:reception@phoenix-primary.kent.sch.uk).**

**Please ensure you check your emails regularly to ensure you don't miss out on events taking place at school.**

**Following us on Twitter at @Phoenix\_Ashford or via our website is also a great way of finding out what is happening in school.**

## Universal free school meals

If your child is now in Year 3 they will no longer be entitled to Universal free school meals. Hopefully your child has enjoyed their school meal and they will continue to eat at school. You can either pay £11.00 weekly via the school office or if you think you may be entitled to free school meals please either apply online directly or collect a form from the office. If you no longer want your child to have a cooked meal you will need to provide them with a healthy packed lunch.

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## Attendance

Attendance is an area that is extremely important not only for us as a school but also for Ofsted. Unfortunately attendance across the school has fallen recently with requests for holiday leave increasing dramatically. 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. In the past we have tried to prevent penalty notices from being issued however as Ofsted now consider attendance as being such a priority issue we are no longer able to continue this so please avoid taking your child on holiday during term time.

Please check the school policy and guidance for the consequences of taking your child out of school and speak to us before doing so.

## Aldi stickers

If you shop in Aldi we are hoping you will be able to help us! From 6 September, when you spend £30 in any Aldi store, you'll receive a special Team GB athlete sticker. If you can bring these into school we will try to complete a poster with 300 stickers to receive a school sports kit, and be entered into a prize draw to hopefully win one of twenty **£20,000 cash prizes!**

## Bockhanger Library

Opening times:

Monday 13.00pm to 17.00pm; Tuesday CLOSED; Wednesday 10.00am to 13.00pm; Thursday CLOSED; Friday 13.00pm to 17.00pm; Saturday 9.00am to 13.00pm.

The library is open to everyone. Please come and join and share this lovely facility.

## NHS visit

At School nursing will be coming into school this term to undertake the National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP) to children in Year R and 6. If you DO NOT want your child to take part in this programme please contact them direct on 0300 1234496 before Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September 19.

## 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.

## PTA

The next PTA meeting will be held on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September at 2.30pm – all welcome.

## Collecting children from after school clubs

To ensure the children's safety can we please ask that when you collect your child from an after school club that you come to main office door so that the member of staff seeing the children out can see you collecting your child.

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## 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

Remember that children can earn house points for displaying any of our six Phoenix Values: Resilience, Collaboration, Courage, Independence, Reflectiveness and Responsibility plus there will a chance to win points by being the best house to show good lining up, completing homework on time and having a P.E kit in school, so you can help your child's house to win! You can now see the weekly updated figures on the website.

