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for everyone*

Friday 4th October 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 7 th Oct			
Tuesday 8 ^h Oct		12.30pm – Year 6 swimming	
Wednesday 9 th Oct	8.20am – School council to Houses of Parliament		
Thursday 10 th Oct			
Friday 11 th Oct	9.00am – Year 6 first aid course		
Monday 14 th Oct			2.30pm – Year R going to Bockhanger Library
Tuesday 15 th Oct	9.30am to 10.30am – Open session for 2020 intake	12.30pm – Year 6 swimming	1.00pm – Year 5 parents in to make dream catchers
Wednesday 16 th Oct			
Thursday 17 th Oct		1.00pm – Year 5 going to The Warren	3.00pm to 4.15pm KS1 disco 4.30pm to 6.00pm KS2 disco
Friday 18 th Oct			
Half term			
Monday 28 th Oct			
Tuesday 29 th Oct	9.00am – Year R pumpkin picking	12.30pm – Year 6 swimming	
Wednesday 30 th Oct			1.30pm to 2.30pm – Open session for 2020 intake
Thursday 31 st Oct			
Friday 1 st Nov			



Newsletter

Dear Parent/Carer,

This term is turning out to be very busy and all the staff are working extremely hard to meet the needs of the children and families; please bear with us if you are still waiting on a response.

If you were unable to attend parents evening but would like to meet up with the teacher please let the office know and they will endeavour to make an appointment for you.

Chris Johnson, Headteacher

Year 6 – Secondary School applications

I know that we have only just started this school year but if your child is currently in Year 6 you will soon need to apply for a secondary school place. Application can be done online at www.kent.gov.uk/ola or you can collect a paper form from the office. All applications MUST be received at Kent Admission by 31st October. You are permitted to take your child to view a school during school hours but please let the office know in advance.

Year 5 – Dream catchers

Flamingos are hoping they will be joined by an adult on Tuesday 15th October to make a Dream Catcher. If you haven't already returned your form to say confirm you will be coming, please speak to the office.

PTA dress down day

The PTA will be holding a dress down day on Thursday 17th October. In exchange for a packet of biscuits, chocolates or sweets your child can come to school in their own clothes. This is the same day as the disco but children are NOT permitted to come to school in their Halloween outfits.

PTA discos

The PTA will be holding end of term discos on Thursday 17th October. KS1 (Year R, 1 and 2) will be held between 3.00pm and 4.15pm and KS2 will be held between 4.30pm and 6.00pm. All tickets are £2.50 each and must be purchased in advance. All forms will need to be returned by Tuesday 15th October by 3.15pm. NO CHILD will be allowed to buy tickets after this time. Please return your form ASAP!

Owls club

This is a service which is on offer to everyone if needed. 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 if you need this for work reasons etc. 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.

September 2020 Reception class intake

If you have a child that was born between September 2015 and August 2016 they will be due to start school in September 2020. We are holding 4 open sessions for you and your child to come and have a look around. There is no need to book – just come along. The sessions are:

- Tuesday 15th October between 9.30am and 10.30am
- Wednesday 30th October between 1.30pm and 2.30pm
- Friday 8th November between 1.30pm and 2.30pm
- Thursday 21st November between 9.30am and 10.30am

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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!**

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. 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.

Attendance

Good attendance is extremely important for your child's development. 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. Please check the school policy and guidance for the consequences of taking your child out of school and speak to us before doing so.

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 24th 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.

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

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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:

Tuesday 15 th October	September 2020 intake Open session
Wednesday 30 th October	September 2020 intake Open session
Monday 4 th November	Year 5 and 6 class assembly 9.00am
Tuesday 5 th November	Year 3 and 4 class assembly 9.00am
Wednesday 6 th November	Year 1 and 2 class assembly 9.00am
Thursday 7 th November	Year R class assembly 9.00am
Friday 8 th November	September 2020 intake Open session
Thursday 14 th November	School photos
Wednesday 20 th November	KS1 Cinema trip
Thursday 21 st November	September 2020 intake Open session
Monday 2 nd December	Music spectacular
Thursday 5 th December	Christmas fair
Wednesday 11 th December	KS1 Nativity (1.45pm)
Thursday 12 th December	KS1 Nativity (9.30am)
Monday 16 th December	Learning exhibition – parents invited from 2.00pm
Thursday 13 th February	PTA discos
Thursday 5 th March	World book day (dress up as a character)
Friday 27 th March	Learning exhibition – parents invited from 2.00pm
Friday 22 nd May	Class photos
Friday 19 th June	Fathers Day lunch
Thursday 25 th June	Transition Into School meeting
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

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.

