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*Creating opportunities  
for everyone*

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> 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 28 <sup>th</sup> Oct			
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> Oct	9.00am – Year R pumpkin picking	12.30pm – Year 3 swimming	
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> Oct			1.30pm to 2.30pm – Open session for 2020 intake
Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup> Oct			
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov			
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> Nov	9.00am – Year 5 & 6 class assembly – all welcome		
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> Nov	9.00am – Year 3 & 4 class assembly – all welcome	12.30pm – Year 3 swimming	
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> Nov	9.00am – Year 1 & 2 class assembly – all welcome		
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> Nov	9.00am – Year R class assembly – all welcome	10.00am – KS2 cinema trip	
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> Nov	9.00am – flu vaccinations whole school		1.30pm to 2.30pm – Open session for 2020 intake
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov			3.15pm – Cake sale for children in need
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> Nov		12.30pm – Year 3 swimming	2.15pm – PTA meeting All welcome
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> Nov			
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> Nov	9.00am – Individual photos		
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov			



# Newsletter

Dear Parent/Carer,

It is hard to believe that we are already into term 2, the countdown to Christmas starts here! There has been a huge amount of learning covered in term 1 with children settling into their new classes and being really focused on doing their best in lessons.

As always at Phoenix there has been a real variety of experiences and learning opportunities for pupils such as parents joining in the making of Totem Poles, trips to Dymchurch, Forest school, swimming, first aid training, a visiting ambulance on the playground and much more.

A large focus for us for the next two terms is going to be reading. Being a confident reader is key for pupils to access the rest of the curriculum and do well academically. Reading at home regularly helps hugely with this so we ask all parents to help their children with this. It can be children reading, reading together or you reading to them. It all helps with their development.

Chris Johnson, Headteacher

## Year 6 – Secondary School applications

Make sure you remember to apply for a secondary school place before the deadline. Application can be done online at [www.kent.gov.uk/ola](http://www.kent.gov.uk/ola) or you can collect a paper form from the office. All applications MUST be received at Kent Admission by 31<sup>st</sup> October. You are permitted to take your child to view a school during school hours but please let the office know in advance.

## Flu vaccinations – Whole school

School nursing will be coming into school on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November to carry out the NHS recommended flu vaccinations to all primary aged children. They are trialing a new system whereby you HAVE TO opt in by completing an online form. Forms must be completed by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November; no child will be given this vaccination without the form. Please ensure you complete the form asap at <https://www.kentcht.nhs.uk/forms/childhood-flu-immunisation-consent-form/> before (01/11/2019).

## PTA discos

As always the discos were well attended and all the children seemed to enjoy themselves. We would like to say a massive thank you to all the staff and parents who stepped in at the last minute to help out to ensure they weren't cancelled.

## PTA – helpers needed!

As you are aware the PTA organise many fun activities for the children and raise much needed funds at the same time. The PTA is a really important part of school life and we are really grateful to them for everything they do. As it stands at the moment we only have a small number of parents who arrange and run these activities and as most of these members will be leaving us at the end of the school year we really need to encourage more parents to join to ensure that the good work they do will continue. I would urge anyone who has some free time and an interest in helping the school to attend the next meeting to find out what is involved. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November at 2.15pm.

## September 2020 Reception class intake

If you have a child that is 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:

- Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October between 1.30pm and 2.30pm
- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November between 1.30pm and 2.30pm
- Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> 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!**

## Owls club

This is a service which is on offer to everyone if needed. This club runs from 3.15pm to 5.30p 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.

## 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.

## 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 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

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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:

Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	September 2020 intake Open session
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 5 and 6 class assembly 9.00am
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 3 and 4 class assembly 9.00am
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 1 and 2 class assembly 9.00am
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Year R class assembly 9.00am
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	September 2020 intake Open session
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	School photos
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	KS1 Cinema trip
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	September 2020 intake Open session
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Music spectacular
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas fair
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Nativity (1.45pm)
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Nativity (9.30am)
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas dinner
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Learning exhibition – parents invited from 2.00pm
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	PTA discos
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 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Learning exhibition – parents invited from 2.00pm
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Class photos
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

## 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](#).

