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*Creating opportunities
for everyone*

Friday 7th November 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 11 th Nov			3.15pm – Cake sale for children in need
Tuesday 12 th Nov		12.30pm – Year 3 swimming	2.15pm – PTA meeting All welcome
Wednesday 13 th Nov	9.00am – Year R Mote Park visit		
Thursday 14 th Nov	9.00am – Individual photos		1.30pm – Year 2 St Mary's church visit
Friday 15 th Nov	9.00am – Children in Need day		
Monday 18 th Nov			
Tuesday 19 th Nov		12.30pm – Year 3 swimming	
Wednesday 20 th Nov	9.00am – KS1 cinema trip The Grinch		
Thursday 21 st Nov	9.30am – New intake open session		
Friday 22 nd Nov			
Monday 25 th Nov			
Tuesday 26 th Nov		12.30pm – Year 3 swimming	
Wednesday 27 th Nov			
Thursday 28 th Nov	7.50am – Year 5 Kew Gardens trip		
Friday 29 th Nov			



Newsletter

Dear Parent/Carer,

This week we held our class assemblies and I was delighted to see so many parents supporting these events. I know from talking to children they look forward to showing off their learning to family members. We are really lucky at Phoenix to have such fantastic family support and encouragement and this does have a positive impact on pupil progress in school. Thank you.

I also had the pleasure of seeing some of musical pupils perform in a big band on a proper stage at the Canterbury Festival last weekend. I was really proud to see how our children performed with confidence and joy to their parents and a wider audience. Music is a really important part of learning at Phoenix. In addition to clubs there are also instrument lessons available which the school subsidises. Should you want more information, please ask the office.

As always, we are busy trying to organise interesting experiences for pupils. KS2 had a free cinema trip this week with KS1 due to visit the cinema soon too. We will also have a trip to Mote Park, visit to Kew Gardens and joint choir performance with other schools in our CARE Trust. I am always grateful to staff and volunteers (including parents) who help to make these happen.

Have a good weekend.

Chris Johnson, Headteacher

Poppy appeal

Poppies and goods are available to purchase from the office. Prices range from 50p to £1.50. Please feel free to come in and have a look.

Children in Need

This year's Children in Need day is being held on Friday 15th November. The children are allowed to come to school in their own clothes in exchange for a donation towards this good cause. During the morning we will again take part in the Highworth's 'Dance Dash' and we will also be holding a cake sale at the end of the day. Please support this cause in any way you can.

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.

PTA – helpers needed!

Our PTA depends on a continual cycle of parental involvement. As children reach their final year and leave so do the parents. The school staff support us when possible but without your support we have no PTA. You are vital to the success of the school as schools are becoming more and more dependent on the funds the PTA raises. Being part of the PTA is totally flexible; you can either attend meeting, undertake tasks at home, help out at an event etc. Any small amount of help soon adds up. We are collaborating a list of parents who we can call upon to help out at events. If you are able to attend the meeting on Tuesday 12th November at 2.15pm it would be great to see you, if you are happy to be added to our list of helpers or if you can help out in any other way please speak to Kelly, Tina or Diane.

The children are only at school for a relatively short time and the activities we provide will be remembered by them for years to come.

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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 last session is:

- Thursday 21st November between 9.30am and 10.30am

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 clubs 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.

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 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:

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)
Friday 13 th December	Christmas dinner
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)
Wednesday 18 th March	Mothers Day lunch (option 1)
Friday 20 th March	Mothers Day lunch (option 2)
Friday 27 th March	Learning exhibition – parents invited from 2.00pm
Friday 22 nd May	Class photos
Saturday 6 th June	Summer Fete
Friday 19 th June	Fathers Day lunch
Thursday 25 th June	Transition Into School meeting
Wednesday 1 st July	Sports day
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.

