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*Creating opportunities
for everyone*

Friday 10th September 2021

Monday 13th September		
Tuesday 14th September	Private music lessons	Year 6 swimming
Wednesday 15th September	Year 1 Forest School Year 5 & 6 PE	
Thursday 16th September		
Friday 17th September	Year 1, 2, 3, 4 PE	
Monday 20th September		
Tuesday 21st September	Private music lessons	Year 6 swimming Parents Evening appointments
Wednesday 22nd September	Year 1 Forest School Year 5 & 6 PE	Parents Evening appointments
Thursday 23rd September		Year 6 Residential meeting
Friday 24th September	Year 1, 2, 3, 4 PE	
Monday 27th September		
Tuesday 28th September	Private music lessons	Year 6 swimming
Wednesday 29th September	Year 1 Forest School Year 5 & 6 PE	
Thursday 30th September		
Friday 1st October	Year 1, 2, 3, 4 PE	

School hours

Gates are open between 8.40am and 8.50am. Any child arriving at school after this time will need to enter through the main office. Any child arriving after 9.00am will be recorded as 'unauthorised' and this will affect their overall school attendance for the year and this could lead to a penalty notice being issued.

Parent Mail

Since returning to school in September we have experienced some issues with our Parent Mail system and we have been advised this may take some time to correct. Unfortunately, children have NOT been rolled up to their new class; so when booking Parent Evening appointments etc your child will still be under last year's class. It will also mean that we are NOT able to email anything to Penguins class so everything will come home on paper until further notice. We will let you know as soon as this has been correct.



Responsibility ~ Courage ~ Collaboration ~ Reflectiveness ~ Independence ~ Resilience

Newsletter

Dear Parent/Carer,

It has been fantastic to have your children in school for the first full week of the year and we have been really impressed with the way our Phoenix pupils have adapted to the new classroom and yet more new routines! They are truly resilient and enthusiastic learners.

I will keep my comment brief (for a change!). We are going to be working incredibly hard this year to get children back to where they should be if we hadn't had the pandemic, isolations and lockdowns. We will set up booster clubs and provide easy to use homework opportunities to fill gaps, accelerate learning and achieve the highest levels, including MyOn reading, Spelling Shed and a new school maths program, Doodle Maths. We will also make time for the wider curriculum that is so close to our heart including music, sport, computing and understanding the wider world. As always, we will need the support of our brilliant parents to help all Phoenix pupils achieve. We are looking forward to a really successful and ambitious year.

Mr Johnson Headteacher

year 6 residential trip

If your Year 6 child would like to attend the residential trip to Kingswood between Friday 24th and Sunday 26th June, please ensure you return the reservation slip by Friday 24th September along with the deposit; £20 needed by 24th September and £20 needed by 22nd October 21.

End of day arrangements

Children will line up in their classes and be collected from the playground.

School meals

School meals are provided by an external company The Contract Dinning company. As a business they do not offer a credit system and therefore all meals MUST be paid for in advance in cash via the main office. If you do not pay for meals in advance they will not be able to provide your child with a meal. Meals cost £2.20 per day and can be taken any days needed (no need to book in advance).

Behaviour System

Our behaviour systems is as below:

- School Council have agreed the 'school rules'
- A universal 'script' is used across the school by all adults for warnings and yellow and red cards. This ensures consistency and reminds children their behaviour is a choice and has consequences and gives them some short thinking time to change their behaviour
- Emails for red cards sent to parents so you are aware the behaviour and can support us at home by working together with us.
- 'Report Cards' for consistent poor behaviour. For those children who have 6 separate days of either red or yellow cards in one term, they will go onto a weekly 'report card'. They will need this card signed by their teacher and House lead adult (red, green, blue & purple team) to confirm positive behaviour before being able to go out to play. This card is signed by parents each evening and will be reviewed at the end of the week. Whilst on report, children will not be eligible for any treats or be able to represent school at events including sports events.

The aim as always is to support pupils to regulate their behaviour and to create that positive work atmosphere that allows children to make good progress. Working in partnership with you is vital for this.

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Head lice

As with every school head lice are an ongoing problem. The best advice we can offer is that you brush your child's hair for 5 minutes **every night** with a special designated 'nit comb'. If your child should 'welcome an uninvited guest' during the day, it will take 24 hours before that visitor can lay an egg and so if you brush out that visitor every night then they will not be able to breed. If you could include this as part of your normal daily routine this should soon resolve the issue. You could combine this task with hearing your child read to you; or while you are watching some TV together or while you are just chatting about what they have done during the day. We do have some free combs so please come and get one. Children with visible lice will be sent home to have their hair treated as it can be very uncomfortable for a child but also not fair on their classmates.



Sickness and diarrhoea



In order to keep the amount of sickness and diarrhoea in school to a minimum please ensure that your child remains at home for 48 hours after their last bout of sickness and/or diarrhoea.

Attendance

Attendance is an area that is extremely important both for safeguarding your child and to give them the best chance of succeeding in their school work. Please contact the school via phone or email first thing in the morning with the reason your child is absent including all symptoms they have.

- It is a parent's responsibility to inform the school of absence. Where this is not done, the absence will be recorded as 'unauthorised' in all but exceptional circumstances.
- We have a legal duty to follow up any absence that a parent has not reported for safeguarding reasons
- A child with very low attendance (90% or below) or extended absence (more than 3 days) will need medical evidence for the absence to be authorised.
- Low levels of attendance will be referred to the Local Authority attendance service and may be subject to a Fixed Penalty Notice

Holiday requests/penalty notices

Any request for holiday leave will need to be made in writing to Mr Johnson. Following KCC guidance and the School's Attendance Policy leave will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances. Any leave taken without authority will be recorded as G (unauthorised leave). Any leave of 10 sessions (5 days) within a 100 session period will be reported to the KCC Attendance office and will result in a penalty notice being issued. The Penalty Notice gives you the opportunity to pay a penalty fine instead of being prosecuted for the offence of failing to secure your child's regular attendance at school. The amount of the penalty is £120 per parent, per child, but if payment is made by you within 21 days of receipt of the Penalty Notice it will be reduced to £60 per parent, per child. If you pay the penalty within the time limits, no further action will be taken against you in connection with the offence as set out in the notice, i.e. your liability for the offence will be discharged.



Email Communication

Communication between school and home is vitally important for your child's happiness, progress and to ensure you don't miss any event. Email is our 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.

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Using Seesaw and following us on Twitter at [@Phoenix_Ashford](#) on [Facebook](#) or via our [website](#) is also a great way of finding out what is happening in school. If you have any questions, suggestions or comments for us please feel free to talk to a member of staff on the gate in the morning or email us at reception@phoenix-primary.kent.sch.uk

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.

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| • Tuesday 21 st September | Parents evening |
| • Wednesday 22 nd September | Parents evening |
| • Thursday 21 st October | Harvest Assembly |
| • Friday 12 th November | Flu vaccinations; whole school |
| • Monday 15 th November | Individual photos |
| • Wednesday 8 th December | Afternoon Nativity performance |
| • Friday 10 th December | Morning Nativity performance |
| • Friday 10 th December | Christmas dinner and jumper day |
| • Thursday 23 rd June | Class photo's |
| • Friday 24 th June | Year 6 residential trip to Kingswood |
| • Wednesday 6 th July | Sports day |
| • Friday 8 th July | Musical spectacular |
| • Wednesday 13 th July | Year 6 evening production |
| • Thursday 14 th July | Year 6 evening production |

New Term dates – 2021-22

Term Dates

- Term 1 – Friday 3rd September to Friday 22nd October 2021
Term 2 – Monday 1st November to Thursday 16th December 2021
Term 3 – Tuesday 4th January to Thursday 10th February 2022
Term 4 – Monday 21st February to Friday 1st April 2022
Term 5 – Tuesday 19th April to Friday 27th May 2022
Term 6 – Tuesday 7th June to Friday 22nd July 2022

Staff Development Days (Children not in school)

- 1st and 2nd September 2021
17th December 2021
11th February 2022
6th June 2022



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House Points

Remember that children can earn house points for displaying any of our six Phoenix Values: Resilience,

Falcons

Scorpions

Mammoths

Emus

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.