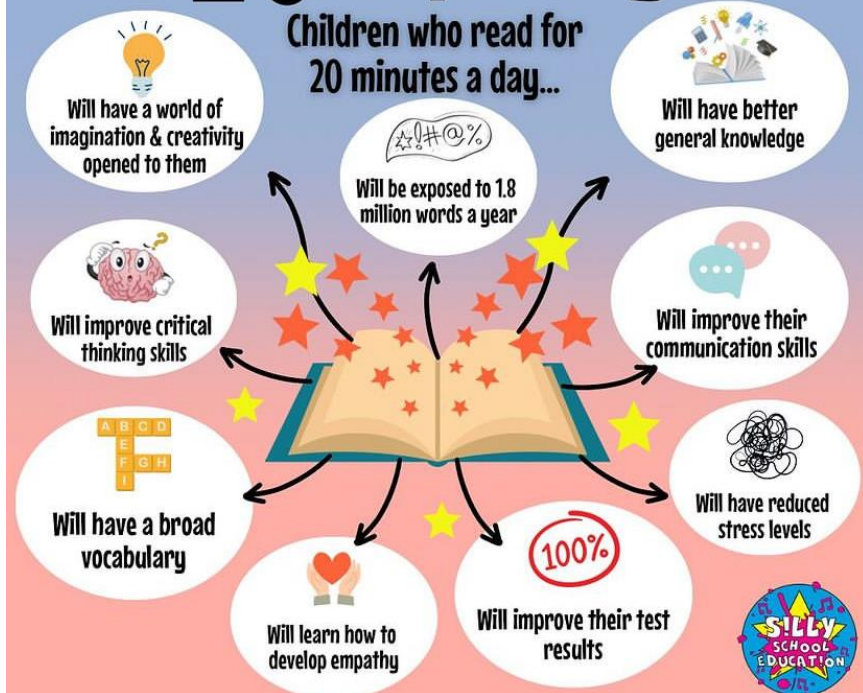




20 is plenty!

Children who read for
20 minutes a day...



Latest News:

- Next week is half term; we hope you all have a good holiday. We will see back at school on Monday 19th February 24.
- Reading is one of the most important skills a child can learn. Please encourage your child to read for 20 minutes a day over the holidays.
- There will be a security bike marking service available to you outside Bockhanger shops on Wednesday 14th February between 1pm and 4pm. Please make use of this facility if you can.
- Parents appointments will be taking place on the first week back; Wednesday 21st February. If you have not already done so please make an appointment. This is your chance to speak to the class teacher and find out how you can help your child.

If you need to report your child absent please email office@phoenix-primary.kent.sch.uk

Whole School Attendance target is 100%

Whole school attendance: Year to date 92.7%

This week: 93.5%

Best Class Attendance this week is: Parrots and Flamingos both 97.1%

No other class achieved above 97% this week

Having 5 days off school a year will take your child's attendance below 97%

- **Red Nose Day 15th March 24.** This year the School council will be collecting money for this charity. On this day the children are allowed to come to school dressed in red for a donation of at least 50p each. They will also be holding a bring and buy sale after school on this day so please come along and support them. If you have any unwanted; good condition toys/games/puzzles that you would like to donate please bring them into school after the holidays.
- **Decorate a plate; for the build up to World Book Day 2024** we are inviting you to ‘decorate a plate’ as your favourite book character. Every child will come home with a paper plate to turn into a book character. You could go with our World Book Day theme of Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory or choose another character you love to read about. Deadline for entries will be Tuesday 5th March and winners will be announced on World Book Day 7th March. We will be picking one winner per class, please ensure child’s name and class are on the back of the plate. Children will also bring home their World Book Day token so you can get to the shops in the half term to purchase a book (15th February-31st March)

Other news:

- **World Book Day** – this will be held on 7th March. As a school we will be all be following the same theme which this year is Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. If your child would like to join us that would be amazing if not they are welcome to come dressed as another character or they can come in their school uniform if they do not want to take part.
- **Breakfast and Owls club** – if you need to book your child into one of these clubs please book via Parent Mail. You need to go to accounts and then choose the service you require; choose the date and then make payment.



Free hot bagels with dairy free butter on offer most mornings; make sure you arrive in time to get one!



Diary Dates:

21 st February	Parents appointments
5 th March	NHS Hearing & vision Year R
7 th March	World book day
8 th March	PTA Mother’s Day stall
25 th March	Bake and donate sale
26 th March	Parents residential meeting
28 th March	PTA Easter Egg hunt
3 rd May	Class photos
24 th May	School closed
14 th June	PTA Father’s Day stall
26 th June	Sports day
28 th June	Summer Fair 2pm
22 nd July	School closed

Yearly House points total:

Blue	1 st	2020
Red	2 nd	1817
Purple	3 rd	1731
Green	4 th	1434

Well done to Red for winning this week

Breakfast Club

Breakfast club – open to all every day for £1.75 per child. If your child attends you will need to make payment on Parent mail. You will need to book and pay for a space beforehand.

- **Residential trip** - Year 6 residential parents meeting to be held on 26th March 24 at 3.20pm. If your child is going on the trip please try and attend this meeting.

Attendance this week

Learning at school is like building a skyscraper. Each day builds a new floor to the building.

First, we have to lay the foundations. They have to be secure. Without secure foundations of learning (good attendance at school), children will have gaps in their knowledge.

Our curriculum is very much like building a skyscraper. Each day a new brick (piece of knowledge) is laid. This knowledge is built upon day after day and then year after year.

When children have gaps in their learning, there is a chance that they can feel anxious and potentially disengaged from their curriculum.

Being in school every day will ensure that your child/ren reaches their full potential and beyond.

Attendance matters. It builds tomorrow's future today.

Good attendance is essential to ensure children reach their full potential. Please ensure your child attends daily; any child arriving after 9am will receive one unauthorised session. Any issues with attendance please speak to a member of staff.



- Penguins – 28 missed learning sessions this week.
25 children achieved 100% attendance.
- Pelicans – 23 missed learning sessions this week.
25 children achieved 100% attendance.
- Parrots – 8 missed learning sessions this week.
25 children achieved 100% attendance.
- Robins – 17 missed learning sessions this week
25 children achieved 100% attendance.
- Ravens - 24 missed learning sessions this week.
24 children achieved 100% attendance.
- Flamingos - 9 missed learning sessions this week.
26 children achieved 100% attendance.
- Eagles - 27 missed learning sessions this week.
23 children achieved 100% attendance.

If your child attends without pre-booking unfortunately the cost will be £2 per child.

If you have any issues booking please speak to a member of staff.

Owls club

Owls club is available to everyone.

Sessions run from 3.15pm to 5.30pm. Each booked session is £6 per child; this will include a snack and drink. Spaces must be booked and paid for in advance; if you need a space please book ASAP as spaces are limited. To book a space go to 'Accounts' in the main menu on Parent mail.

If you need an 'On the day space' please call the office first to ensure a space is available; then payment can be made via Parent Mail.

When collecting your child from Owls please call the number on the door for assistance; 07955 337459

Any child who is not collected by 3.30pm will be sent to Owls club and this will incur a £7 charge.

Donation uniform

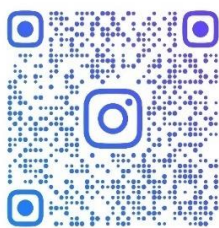
We have donated school uniform in the office. If you can make use of any of these items please come and collect.

Don't forget to try and do the following over the weekend:

- **10 minutes Doodle maths**
- **Spelling shed**
- **10 minutes reading**

Thank you for your support

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ACE Book Shed

We have free books for the children and adults to take home and enjoy in our Ace Book Shed outside the main office. Please feel free to help yourself. Thank you to Ace Sheds for donating this book shed; 01233 822042
<https://www.acesheds.co.uk>

Illness/sickness and diarrhoea

If your child is ill and unable to come to school please ensure you call the office and leave a message (24-hour answer machine available). If they have a bug (sickness or diarrhoea) which they could pass on to another child they will need to stay at home for 48 hours; if they are sick for any other reason (i.e. headache) they should return to school as soon as they feel well enough.

Holiday requests/penalty notices



All holiday leave requests will need to be made in writing to the Headteacher. Following KCC guidance and the School's Attendance Policy leave will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances. Any child whose attendance for the past 12 months is below 95% will be monitored regularly and letters will be sent home. Having 6 days a year off will take your child's attendance below 95%. This will have a negative effect on their learning.

School trips

At Phoenix we like to give the children as many varied learning opportunities as possible and this includes class trips which are only possible because we are lucky enough to have our minibus. Obviously, school trips involve extra costs which puts a strain on the school budget but by having our minibus does mean the cost of all trips at kept at a minimum. However, to allow trips to take place we do have to ask parents/carers for a voluntary contribution towards these events. We understand that times are hard but unfortunately without these contributions we will not be able to provide class trips. Contributions can be paid via Parent mail or by cash at the office and can be made in instalments. If you need a longer period to fulfil the contributions please speak to a member of staff who will arrange this for you. Thank you for your continued support.

PE Kits

Wednesday Year 5 and 6. Friday Year R, 1, 2,3 and 4.

Please ensure that your child comes to school in their PE on their allocated day. **Children need to wear their house PE top, school sweatshirt and plain black joggers/shorts. Earrings must be removed for health and safety purposes. This should happen at home.**

No jewellery – in the interest of safety please ensure that NO child comes to school wearing any type of necklace, bracket or hooped ear-rings. **Our staff are unable to remove or replace earrings.**

Email Communication

All letters and messages will be sent to you via Parent Mail so it is important that we have your correct email address. If you need to amend or add a second email address, please let us know.

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'.

Home learning

This is sent at the end of every week via the Seesaw Family App. Once you sign in you will have a message in your Inbox from the class teacher. Please open the message to see all the homework set i.e. Doodle, Spelling Shed and writing homework.

Each week the class teacher will set writing homework. The writing task will always reflect the skills the children have been learning in class that week.

Your support with this will help your child build on their learning!

School meals

School meals are provided by Contract Dining company. As a business they do not offer credit and therefore all meals MUST be paid for in advance. Meals cost £2.53 per day and can be taken any days needed (no need to book in advance). Any issues with payments please contact them direct on 07908 662878 or email Hilde at hilde-marie.smith@thecontractdiningcompany.co.uk. All lunches need to be ordered by the children with the class teacher in the morning; if your child is in KS1 they are entitled to a free meal.

Term Dates 2023 – 2024

Term 1 – 1st Sept to 20th October 23

Term 2 – 30th October to 21st December 23

Term 3 – 5th January to 9th February 24

Term 4 – 19th February to 28th March 24

Term 5 – 15th April to 24th May 24

Term 6 – 3rd June to 22nd July 24

Staff Development Days (children not in school)

1st September 23

21st December 23

5th January 24

24th May 24

22nd July 24