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*Creating opportunities
for everyone*

Friday 20th April 2018

Welcome back to what is sure to be a busy term. It was wonderful to see so many parents at our learning exhibition just before the holidays and we had lots of positive comments from both parents and children. There will be another learning exhibition at the end of the summer term and we've also decided to reintroduce our class assemblies next year.

As you know, I will be leaving Phoenix School at the end of the year. I just wanted to reassure everyone that I will remain fully committed to Phoenix until my last day and that I will be doing everything I can to ensure that the handover to Mr Johnson, as Acting Headteacher, is as smooth as possible.

Kind regards

James Tibbles

Start of the day

The start of everyday is always a very busy time for the teachers; ensuring children are in school safely and giving them a warm welcome as well as ensuring that lessons start promptly at 8.50am. To make sure that children do not miss out on this important part of the day can I please ask that only quick messages are past onto the teacher in the morning; if you need to speak to the class teacher for any length of time please see the office staff to arrange an appointment to see them at the end of the day. Alternatively you can always speak to a member of staff on the gate or the office staff.

Born to Shine

Thank you to all the children and staff who participated in this year's Born to Shine and to all the parents who came along to support their children. It was an amazing show. Well done to Charlie and Mrs Bebell who walked away with the trophy.

After school clubs

There will be new letters coming home soon with the options of this term's after school clubs. Please ensure you put your child's name on the waiting list for any clubs they wish to attend. You will then receive a letter to confirm which clubs your child has allocated a space in. Please make your child aware that if they sign up to a club they will be expected to attend every week.

Weather arrangements

At last it looks like the nicer weather is with us. Can you please ensure that your child has a named bottle of water at school everyday? It would also be really useful if you can make sure you have put sun cream on your child before they come to school everyday and to provide them with a sun hat.

Please check your child's bag daily for important letters and communications.

Don't forget to listen to your child read at least three times this week. A good reader is a good learner!

Please ensure that PE kits are in school everyday. Children need good PE to stay fit and healthy.



Year 2 trip

On Thursday 26th April Year 2 are going on a trip to Kent Life. Please ensure you have completed and returned to permission slip beforehand to ensure they are able to attend

Mile run

As from this Friday (20th April 2018) we will be re-starting the weekly Mile Run (or walk!). If you would like to join your child in this activity please sign in at the office and wait in the hall for the children to get ready. It would be great if you could join us.

PE kits

As the weather is getting nicer the children will be going outside more to take part in PE lessons. Can you please ensure that your child has a pair of shorts, a t-shirt and a pair of trainers/plimsols in school at all times. If you want to take this home on a Friday to wash it then please remember to return it on Monday morning.

Communication

Our main form of communication with parents will be either via Twitter or by email. Please ensure that we have your current email address. We are able to set up one email for each parent so if you need to add a second address please advise the office. If you do not follow us on Twitter you can easily access this information via the school website. From the home page just scroll down and click on the Twitter icon in the blue box.

Safeguarding

Collection of children at the end of the day:

- If you need to authorise for someone else to collect your child please ensure you let the teacher or the office know everyday. We will not allow a child to go home with another adult unless we have permission even if they have been collected by that adult on a previous occasion.
- If you want to give open permission for someone else to collect your child at any time then this needs to be put in writing.
- If you are collecting your child from an after-school club can we please ask that you wait outside the main office for your child to be let out of the building. This helps the teachers to ensure that children are only permitted to leave the school premises with an appropriate adult.

PTA

The PTA are looking for new members to join their small team. If you are interested in joining please speak the office who will arrange for you to meet Kelly from the PTA. Next PTA is being held on Thursday 17th May at 2.45pm at school. All welcome.

Parking issues

Obviously parking at the school gate in the mornings and at the end of the days is always going to be an issue as we only have a small number of visitors car parking. To ensure the safety of everyone can you please pay special attention to where you park your car. It would really help if you were able to park away from the school gate and walk over to collect your child.

Term Dates 2017-2018

Term 2 – 30 October to 20 December 2017

Term 3 – 4 January to 9 February 2018

Term 4 – 20 February to 28 March 2018

Term 5 – 16 April to 25 May 2018

Term 6 – 5 June to 20 July 2018

Staff development days (school closed to children):

3 January 2018

19 February 2018

29 March 2018

4 June 2018

Upcoming Events

Below is some information about upcoming events taking place at Phoenix School. If your child is directly involved, then you will receive a separate letter. If you have any questions about these events, then please feel free to speak to a member of staff in the office.

Monday 23 rd April			
Tuesday 24 th April		12.30pm Year 3 swimming	3.15pm Year 5 Maths competition
Wednesday 25 th April	10.00am Quick sticks Hockey		
Thursday 26 th April	9.30am Year 2 trip to Kent Life		3.15pm Rounders at North School
Friday 27 th April			3.15pm PTA Pocket money stall
Monday 30 th April			
Tuesday 1 st May		12.30pm Year 3 swimming	3.15pm Multi skills at Towers
Wednesday 2 nd May			
Thursday 3 rd May			3.15pm Athletics at Stour Centre
Friday 4 th May			

House Points

Well done again to Ennis Emus for winning the house award last term. All houses start from zero now so it's an even playing field.

Remember that children can earn house points for displaying any of our six learning behaviours: Resilience, Collaboration, Courage, Independence, Reflectiveness and Responsibility.

