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for everyone*

Friday 23rd February 2018

I hope you all had an enjoyable half-term break. I can't believe that we're half-way through the academic year already! Just before the holiday we interviewed for a new teacher to join our team here at Phoenix as Mrs Foreman will be leaving us at Easter. I'm pleased to let you know that Mrs Maxine Hills will be joining us as the new Year 5 teacher. She is currently teaching a Year 6 class at Willesborough Junior School and we have been asked if we can allow her to remain with them until their SATs tests in May, therefore she will be joining us after the May half-term break.

We will be arranging another teacher to take the Year 5 class for the six weeks after Easter before Mrs Hills starts and will let you know when that has been arranged.

I'm very pleased to be welcoming Mrs Hills back. She actually trained to be a teacher at Phoenix School and I'm sure she'll fit right back in.

Kind regards

James Tibbles

Born to Shine

The children have demonstrated their acts in front of the whole school and the staff and their adult partners have been selected. The adult and child will demonstrate this talent together in front of the whole school at the end of term and our judges will choose a winner. Parents who have children in the performance will be invited to come and watch.

Our acts are:

- ☆ Wiktor: The Countries of the World with Miss Turner
- ☆ Connie: Piano with Mr Tibbles
- ☆ Hilli: Rapping with Mr Miles
- ☆ Hollie & Summer: Mime with Miss Town and Miss Murphey
- ☆ Charlotte & Lily: Singing with Mrs Bowden
- ☆ Maddie: Singing with Miss Marsh
- ☆ Malachai: Football Skills with Miss Wood
- ☆ Charlie: Singing with Mrs Bebell
- ☆ Jean: Gymnastics with Mrs Ashburn

Mother's Day lunch

Mother's Day Lunch is being held on Wednesday 7th March. Adult meals cost £2.85 and a child's meal is £2.20. If you would like to join your child for lunch on this day you will need to request a place and make payment by Wednesday 28th February. Please obtain an envelope from the office, write your child's name and 'Mother's Day meal' on the outside and place your money inside the envelope and then post the sealed envelope in the black box located in the school office. The office will not be able to provide you with any change so please ensure you have the correct money.

In order for this event to run smoothly can you please ensure you arrive in time to be seated by 11.45am; unfortunately we will need to ask you to leave by 12.30pm ready for the children in second sitting to eat.

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.



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.

Medication

At this time of year a lot of children will be suffering from illnesses and maybe prescribed medication from the doctor. If this medication needs to be given four times a day we are happy to administer this at lunch time for you; however if this medication is only to be given three times a day can we please ask that you administer this before school, at the end of the school day and then before bed time.

PTA

The PTA are looking for a volunteer to help run the Pocket Money stall. This activity is normally held on a Friday afternoon. You would need to be available between 2.30pm and 4.00pm to help set up, sell and tidy away. If you are able to help please speak to the office who will arrange for you to meet Kelly from the PTA. Next PTA is being held on Tuesday 28 February at 2.30pm at school. All welcome.

World Book Day

Thursday 1st March is World Book Day and so the children are invited to come to school dressed as any book character. Costume can be bought or home made (the best outfits are those that have been home made). Not all children will want to take part and this is fine; any child not wanting to dress up will need to come to school in their school uniform as normal.

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 26 th February			
Tuesday 27 th February		12.30pm Year 3 swimming	2.30pm PTA meeting
Wednesday 28 th February			
Thursday 1 st March	World book day		
Friday 2 nd March			
Monday 5 th March			
Tuesday 6 th March		12.30pm Year 3 swimming	
Wednesday 7 th March		11.40am Mothers Day Lunch	
Thursday 8 th March			
Friday 9 th March			

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.

