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*Creating opportunities  
for everyone*

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2018

Over the past week, Mr Miles and I have been auditioning pupils for Born to Shine and we've certainly had some interesting (and unique) talents. It has not been easy to decide which children will go through to the main event; but I feel we've got a good mix of ages and different talents, with some that we haven't seen before on Born to Shine.

Thank you to all those of you who filled out the parental questionnaires during our consultation evenings; we'll be sharing the results from this in our next newsletter.

Finally, next week is the last week of the term (it's gone so quickly) and a reminder that Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February is an INSET day. We're having a joint training day with all 10 schools in the CARE Foundation Trust and we'll be ready to welcome the children back on the Tuesday.

Kind regards

James Tibbles

### Born to Shine

On Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February, the children will demonstrate their acts in front of the whole school and their adult partners will be selected. After five weeks of practice, the adult and child will demonstrate this talent together in front of the whole school and our judges who will determine the winner of Born to Shine 2018.

Our acts are:

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| ☆ Wiktor R (Year 4): The Countries of the World | ☆ Maddie K (Year 6): Singing         |
| ☆ Connie R-M (Year 6): Piano                    | ☆ Malachai (Year 6): Football Skills |
| ☆ Hilli D (Year 3): Rapping                     | ☆ Charlie S (Year 5): Singing        |
| ☆ Hollie W & Summer S (Year 5): Mime            | ☆ Jean G (Year 6): Gymnastics        |
| ☆ Charlotte S & Lily F (Year 2): Singing        |                                      |

### Mother's Day lunch

Mother's Day Lunch is being held on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> February. As we have not received any order forms as yet 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

You may have noticed that we have not sent out as many text messages lately. As from 15<sup>th</sup> January our phone provider is charging us for every text message we send. This means we will not be sending out as many texts. We will continue to communicate information via Twitter and email so please make sure you follow us on Twitter and 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.

## Collection of children from clubs

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.

## Donations wanted

We are looking for donations of good quality toys that we can use for a project in school. If possible we are after donations of Lego, dolls, board games, toy cars, dressing up outfits, iron and ironing board, tea set or play kitchen items. If you have any please bring to the school office.

## Rotakids visit to the Mayor

On Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January, Rotakids, Miss Town and Mrs Brisley walked to the Mayor's office where he works and he talked to us about homelessness and mental health. First we sat down in a conference room and asked the Mayor some questions and we debated about it homelessness.

"How long have you been Mayor?" asked Jessica in Year 4. The Mayor answered, "Eight months."

"If you are building new homes for the homeless don't you think that you are destroying wildlife?" Ciaran in Year 5. The mayor answered, "No, we are not destroying wildlife because we re-home them in a different area. But we have to make sure that they are located to the correct area so they do not destroy the wildlife already there."

There are many different ways of being homeless as well: being kicked out of your family home; when army people come home from the army and they struggle and they don't have a home to live in; when people leave prison and they don't have a home and when they cannot pay for the rent. We also talked about that if you are homeless that does not mean that you are sleeping on the floor outside it just means that you don't have anywhere to go. There is a man who lives in the woods and he has a kitchen, cupboards and other household items and the Mayor went to visit him and asked whether he wanted to live in a real home or not and the man said that he was fine living in the woods and that it was good for offering but he is fine.

We talked about the reduction on trees in our area the Mayor explained had recently planted 3000 trees on the right of ASDA with 12 other people.

To conclude our debate, we talked about mental health. The Mayor said that that the council provide help and give people more of a chance to do things slower than others. We discussed how you can develop a mental health issue and how we can support others.

We thoroughly enjoyed our visit and the afternoon tea which followed. We look forward to the Mayor assisting us with our next project which is to raise funds for Shelterbox.

*Pagan, Rotakid, year 6*



## 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 5 <sup>th</sup> February			
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February <i>No swimming</i>	10am Young Voices	2.30pm – Year 3 parents in for performance	4.00pm – Infant Agility at Towers
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	9am Governor Visit	2.30pm – Year 1 parents in for story time	
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> February		2.30pm – Year 4 parents in for performance	
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February			

Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	INSET day – school closed to children		
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> February		12.30pm Swimming Year 3	
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> February			
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February		12.30pm – Year 3/4 rapid cricket at Stour Centre	
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February			3.15PM Pocket money stall

## 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.

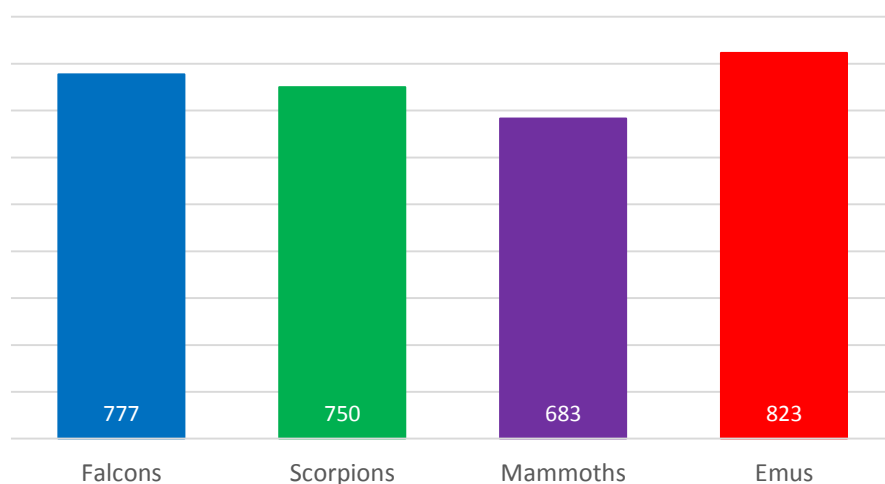
## PTA

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 Thursday 22 February at 2.30pm at school. All welcome.

## 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.



*Resilience ~ Reflectiveness ~ Independence ~ Collaboration ~ Courage ~ Responsibility*

## Sports Report - Boccia Tournament

Tommy, Ella, Amy, Logan, Holly, Codey and Arwin went to a Boccia tournament at the North school. We lost the first game against Furley Park, and the second game against Willesborough. Then we won the third game which was against Willesborough, we won with a score of 2-0. Then we got put into a new group. In our new group games, we won against Aldington 2-0 and St Mary's 1-0. We then lost our last game against Goat Leas because of a boy walking onto the court and kicking our ball off its course. We really struggled at the beginning with Tommy stating, "This is harder than it looks". As the games went on we got better and better and were a really good, supportive team. Amy, Arwin and Ella really stood out and showed real sportsmanship. We all had a great time and were pleased that we came 10<sup>th</sup> out of 15 schools.



## ROTARY WRITING COMPETITION

If you want to write a poem or a narrative poem about *Prince Harry* and **Meghan Markle's** marriage this is the competition

for you. The theme, as you can guess, is about a royal wedding!

The poem must compile of 500 words at the most, or a sheet of A4, and your date of birth at the bottom/back of the page. This can be handwritten or typed.

**You must be above 7 years old to enter.** Rotakids will select the top 10 entries which meet the criteria. It will be **your** choice if you want to send your poem to the Rotakids.

### TIPS:

- Think creatively.
- Remember key facts about couple. E.g. Where it is happening, who is getting married etc.

### Key Facts:

- When (19 May 2018 also the date of the FA Cup final).
- Where (St. George's Chapel in Windsor)
- How/when they met. (Through friends/July 2016)
- Relatives (Queen, Prince George, Prince William etc.)

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO INCLUDE YOUR DATE OF BIRTH AND FULL NAME.**  
**MUST BE HANDED TO MRS BRISLEY BY 20<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY.**

