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*Creating opportunities
for everyone*

Monday 4th December 2017

On Friday, I had the pleasure of taking our Rotakids to St Mary's School where they had a joint meeting with the Rotakids there. In attendance was the Mayor of Ashford and the children had the opportunity to explain the work that they have been doing. He was very impressed and has even invited the Rotakids to afternoon tea in the Mayor's Parlour (we hope to arrange this for after Christmas).

The Rotakids of Phoenix do a lot of community work and it is a good learning opportunity for the children to think about those less fortunate than themselves and support charities through raising awareness and money. I'm really proud of the work they do and this wouldn't be possible without the support that they receive from Miss Town and Mrs Brisley.

James Tibbles



Airfix model making

Following on from the trip to Capel Le Ferne next week for the children in Year 3 and 4; you are invited to join your child in class to help them make their own airfix model. This activity will take place on Tuesday 12th December between 1pm and 2.45pm. Due to a lack of space in the classroom unfortunately we can only accommodate one adult (and no siblings) per child. It would be really nice for the children if each child could have an adult to join them. Thank you

'Peter Pan' at The Marlowe

If your child is going to the pantomime on Thursday please remember they will need picking up from school at 4.45pm.

KS1 Nativity

This year KS1 will be performing the nativity 'A Miracle in Town'. There will be two performances. One on Wednesday 13th December at 2.15pm (doors open from 2.00pm) and one on Thursday 14th December at 9.30am (doors open at 9.15am). Due to space restrictions we will only be able offer each family a total of 3 tickets. Please get your tickets from the office as soon as possible. We cannot guarantee you a space if you haven't got a ticket. Younger siblings will not be allowed in the hall so we will provide a crèche. Thank you

Measles, chicken pox and shingles

If you suspect that that your child has measles, chicken pox or shingles please inform the class teacher immediately.

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.



Responsibility ~ Courage ~ Collaboration ~ Reflectiveness ~ Independence ~ Resilience

Medication/illness

If your child has sickness and/or diarrhoea can you please ensure that they do not return to school until at least 24 hours after their last episode of illness. This is to ensure they do not pass on any infection to other children or staff.

After-School clubs

All after school clubs have now finished. There will be a new set off clubs in January for your child to chose from. Owls club will still be running until Tuesday 19th December. Thank you

Christmas Fayre

Christmas fayre will be held in school on Friday 15th December at 2.30pm. If you have any unwanted items that you would like to donate to the school such as gifts, bottles of drink, chocolates, new toys etc. please bring them into the school office. These items will then be used to make up a hamper for the raffle. The next meeting will be held on Friday 1 December at 2.00pm. If you are able to attend you will be very welcome.

Dress-Down Day

Please support the PTA on Friday 8th December by allowing your child to come to school in their own clothes in return for a 'chocolate' donation which they can use on their chocolate tombola.

Christmas Spectacular

This year's music Christmas spectacular will be held in the school hall on Monday 18 December. The performers will need to be at school by 5.45pm ready for a 6.00pm start. Entrance is free so please come along and support the children.

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 4th December			
Tuesday 5th December			
Wednesday 6th December			
Thursday 7th December		12.15pm The Marlowe Panto	
Friday 8th December	9.00am Dress-Down day		3.15pm KS1 party 5.30pm KS2 disco

Monday 11th December			6.00pm Carols by Candlelight
Tuesday 12th December		1.00pm Year 3 & 4 parents – airfix model making	
Wednesday 13th December			2.30pm KS1 Nativity (tickets needed)
Thursday 14th December	9.30am KSI Nativity (tickets needed)		
Friday 15th December			2.30pm Christmas Fayre

Co-op

We have been chosen by the Coop community fund to receive some charity funding. We would really appreciate your support. Please support us by going online at www.coop.co.uk/membership.

Every time you shop at the coop, 1% of what you spend on selected own-brand products and services goes to the local community fund.

Christmas Dinner

We will be holding a whole school Christmas dinner on Tuesday 19th December. All the children will be included unless you let the office know otherwise. KS1 children are free, those on free school meals are free everyone else will need to pay £2.20 per child before Friday 8 December 2017.



Menu

Roast Turkey & Sausage wrapped in Bacon (2,8,11)
Served with Sage & Onion Stuffing (1,2)

Honey Roasted Quorn Fillet (1,2,4,7)

Roast Potatoes, Brussels Sprouts, Carrots, Peas

Festive Ice Cream (3)

Satsumas or Homemade Christmas Pudding (1,2,3,4,8)
Served with Cream (3)

Free for Reception, Year 1 & 2

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Multi-Skills

On Tuesday six children from year one and two visited the Towers School for a multi skills event. They started at the tennis ball balance where they had to balance the ball on a racket for 30 seconds whilst moving between two cones. They all showed great perseverance with this task but Maisy really impressed everyone.

The second event involved throwing a series of bean bags into hoops. The further away the hoop the more points were scored. Sam scored the highest points here and showed great leadership skills encouraging the team.

The children moved onto football dribble where they had to dribble the ball between six cones as quickly as possible. Lily showed true flair and great resilience.

The fourth event involved throwing three balls to hit a set of cricket stumps. Everyone was amazing at this and we scored really highly but Sophia really stood out with her concentration and attitude towards the event.

The penultimate event involved throwing the javelin. Sam and Elano both threw it with ease. Elano's second throw only stopped when it hit the wall at the end of the hall. The many spectators commented on his talent and determination.

Everyone completed the final event with skill and drive. Each had three jumps and progressed with each of their jumps; jumping further each time. George in year one jumped 1.44m which for a first try at this event, I think is amazing!

Well done all. It was a pleasure to take you and watch you succeed. You came an amazing fourth place out of 18 schools. I am really proud of you and your determination to try your very best.

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

House Points

Within Phoenix we have 4 different houses, each with their own colour and each child will be placed within a house. Children can earn tokens through good work, behaviour, manners and for generally being a special member of Phoenix.

At the end of each term the house with the most tokens will win a mystery prize!

