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Mother's Day lunch

Thank you to all of you who came to Mother's Day Lunch on Wednesday. The children really enjoyed sharing their lunch time with you. Thank you to the ladies in the kitchen and the staff for making this such an enjoyable event for the children.

Absent messages

If your child is not attending school for any reason can you please contact the school office with a reason as soon as possible so that we can ensure all children are safe. Some children walk to school on their own and so we need to know if we are expecting these children in school. You can leave a message on the school answer machine as early as you like (day or night) allowing you to get on with looking after your child.

World Book Day

Sorry that we had to postpone this event due to the adverse weather conditions we experienced last week. Thank you for being so understanding, the children all looked amazing yesterday so thank you for your support.

Return clothes

On occasions your child may need to borrow some clothes from school following some kind of accident. If this is the case can you please make sure these items are washed and returned to the school office as soon as possible ready for when they are needed by another child.

After school clubs

There will be no after school clubs this week; this does not affect Owls club. Next term there will be new clubs for the children to chose from and sign up to.

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.

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.

Child safety

Recently there have been a small number of children acting inappropriately in the school grounds either before or after school. This includes climbing on the building, signs or fencing, rough play or riding scooters or bikes. Can we ask parents, grandparents and carers to supervise their children at these times and if they are acting inappropriately to ask them to stand by you. Thanks for your support keeping the school safe for all.

PTA

At present we only have 4 active members of the PTA. Unfortunately if we are unable to encourage some parents to come along and help we will have to cancel some events which would be a real shame for the children. Joining the PTA is a really good way of making new friends for you and your child. If you are able to help please come and speak to the office who will arrange for you to meet Kelly from the PTA for a chat about what is involved. It would great to welcome some more of you into school. Next PTA is being held on Thursday 17th May at 2.45pm at school. All welcome.

The PTA would like to thank Karen Young for all her help with preparing the gifts for Mothers Day. They raised £164, thank you all for your support.

Learning Exhibition

The children would like to invite you to come into class on Tuesday 27th March at 2.30pm to look at the work they have produced this term. Hope you will be able to attend.

End of term disco

End of term discos will take place on Wednesday 28th March. KS1 disco will start at 3.15pm and finish at 4.30pm and KS2 will run between 5.00pm and 6.30pm.

Term Dates 2017-2018

Term 1 – 4 September to 20 October 2017

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):

1 September 2017 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 March		2.00pm Born to Shine	
Tuesday 27 th March		2.30pm Learning exhibition	
Wednesday 28 th March			3.15pm KS1 disco 5.00pm KS2 disco
Thursday 29 th March	School closed		
Friday 30 th March	School closed		

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.

