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for everyone*

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Headteacher comment

First up, please can I remind parents that the staff car park is not for us during drop-off and pick-up times. I have been told that one of our parents clipped a member of staff's car earlier this week and this cannot be allowed to happen again. I have asked Mr King to look into the cost of having an automatic gate but I really don't want to do this as it's money that should be being spent on your children.

I'm looking forward to the auditions for Born to Shine next week, these will be taking place at breaktime on Monday and Thursday with myself and Mr Miles. We'll let you know what the successful acts are in the next newsletter.

It's also parents' evening next week, please do make an appointment and come along. We'll also be asking parents to complete a short questionnaire whilst they are here to ask them what they think of the school and what we could do to improve. All responses will be shared with staff and governors at our next INSET day.

Personally, I'd be very interested to know your viewpoints on the work that Phoenix has been doing with Rolvenden School. Do you think it's made a difference to Phoenix? All comments will be welcomed on the parental survey.

I look forward to seeing you at parents evening.

James Tibbles

Christmas Fayre

We would like to thank the PTA for arranging the Christmas Fayre and for raising over £550 for the school. We are really grateful to them for all their hard work. We would also like to say a massive thank you to HRS Ltd for sponsoring the carousel. Hopefully you all had a good time. Thank you for your support.

Christmas Tree

Penguins would like to thank Hatch Engineering for their kind donation of a beautiful Christmas tree for their classroom.

Parking

For the safety of all the children and parents can we please ask that you do not park on the paths or the grass verges at drop off and pick up time. We understand that it gets very busy outside the school at these times but safety must come first.

Measles, chicken pox and shingles

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

Club cancellation

Due to parents evening appointments being held next week all clubs will be cancelled except for football on Wednesday and Friday as these clubs are not run by a member of school staff.

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.



Scooters/Bikes

We have had an incident of a child being hurt at the end of the school day by another child who has been allowed to ride their scooter around the school paths. Can I please ask that you ensure that your child doesn't ride their bike or scooter until they are off the school premises?

Plus it has been noted that some children are riding their bikes to and from school with inadequate lights and no helmets. Obviously the school is not responsible for your child when they are not on school premises but we would strongly recommend all children are encouraged to wear a helmet while out on the roads.

Year R playground

For safety reasons please do not allow your children to play on the climbing frame in the Year R playground at pick up time. This area is only to be used during school time while the children are being supervised by school staff.

Governors Needed

We are looking for some new people to join our governing body. Governors are a really important part of school life and without them we would not be able to run the school. We are looking for a parent, grandparent or a member of the community who is able to volunteer some free time to join our team; no qualifications are needed – just an interest to help and support the school is all that you need. If you; or someone you know would be interested in learning more about this valuable post please contact the school office to arrange a meeting with Mrs Burgess our chair of governors.

Dodgeball competition

On Wednesday 10th January, Phoenix entered a Dodgeball tournament at John Wallis Academy. The players who entered from Phoenix were all in Year 6 and included: Jack, Malachai, Theo, Tara, Roshika and Ayesha. Our first match was against St Theresa's 1 we lost that match 3-2 but Theo showed some great skills and throws. Our next match was against Hamstreet 2 we won 3-1 with Malachai dealing the last deadly throw. After that we had a rest, then we played St Theresa's 1, we beat them 3-2 and Jack was definitely our Player of the Match. Then we played Hamstreet 2 again we won 6-0. Our overall point score in that round was 15 points.

In Round 2 we stayed on court A; this competition was to play for the medals. We played three matches: our first match in was against St Theresa's 2 and we won 5-1 and Tara showed great dodging skills; we won 4-2 against Wittersham 1, both Ayesha and Roshika showed great resilience and courage on the court; our last game was against St Theresa's 3 and we drew 3-3. The star players were the whole team as we all played excellently with some powerful shots and epic dodges and worked collaboratively to win. **Overall, we came first and were awarded gold medals**

Parents Evening

Please ensure you have booked an appointment to meet up with your child's teacher next week to discuss your child's achievements and progress. Each teacher will be available on two separate nights. To book an appointment please:

- Visit the school website
- Click on parents
- Click on booking system
- Enter your child's chosen first name, surname and date of birth
- Enter your title, first name and surname as registered with us
- Click on manual
- Choose your time slot

(If you are having problems logging in please try a different title for yourself in case we have registered it incorrectly)

If you still are unable to login please contact the office who will be able to book an appointment for you

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.

Trips

There has been a couple of instances recently where we have allowed children to go on a school trip without full payment being received as the parent has said that payment will be made as soon as they can. Unfortunately as this has not happened we are no longer going to be able to assist parents in this situation. In future if full payment is not made beforehand then children will have to miss out. This is not something we are keen to do but money used to pay for school trips is money that is taken from other children. I hope you understand our position.

Fruit Tuck

All children in KS1 will be provided with free fruit every playtime. For children in KS2 we do sell a selection of fruit for 10p each. Children are permitted to purchase 2 pieces of fruit per day.

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 22 nd January			
Tuesday 23 rd January		12.30pm Swimming Year 3	Parents Evening appointments
Wednesday 24 th January			Parents Evening appointments
Thursday 25 th January		1.00pm Rapid fire cricket - Stour Centre	Parents Evening appointments
Friday 26 th January			2.30pm PTA meeting

Monday 29 th January			
Tuesday 30 th January		12.30pm Swimming Year 3 13.30pm Rotakids afternoon tea with the Mayor	3.30pm Boccia The North School
Wednesday 31 st January			
Thursday 1 st February			
Friday 2 nd February			

Term Dates 2017-2018

- 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):

- 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!

