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Monday 11th December 2017

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas here at Phoenix School! This evening our children are taking part in the Ashford International's Carols by Candlelight event where they are raising money for the NSPCC; nativity performances also take place this week, the PTA Christmas Fayre is on Friday and there is a Christmas Music Spectacular next Monday. In the last week of term, the children will be enjoying Christmas Dinner and don't forget the most important event – Christmas Jumper Day!

As this will be the final newsletter of the year, I'd like to take this opportunity to wish all the children and families of Phoenix School and very Merry Christmas and we look forward to welcoming everyone back on Thursday 4th January.
James Tibbles

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.

Christmas Jumper Day

This year's National Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day is Friday 15th December. Children are permitted to wear a Christmas jumper or t-shirt and donate some money towards this charity if they want to (the children are also allowed to wear a Christmas jumper on Christmas dinner day as well). This will also be a non-uniform day.



Christmas Fayre

The Christmas Fayre will be held in school on Friday 15th December at 2.30pm. You can collect your children from the outer doors of the classroom as normal at this time and then take them to the fayre at the front of the school. Any children that are not collected early will be kept at school until 3.15pm as normal.

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.

Christmas Dinner

Christmas dinner has been changed to Tuesday 19th December at 12 o'clock.

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.



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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 path. 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.

Car Parks

We have had reports of parents leaning/sitting on cars which are parked in the school car park and the car park at the front of the school. Can I please ask that you respect all vehicles on the school grounds.

Co-op

We have been chosen by the Co-op 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 Co-op, 1% of what you spend on selected own-brand products and services goes to the local community fund.

Staffing

It is with much regret that I have to inform you that Mrs Foreman will be leaving Phoenix School at Easter to take up a new position at Finberry Academy. We would like to thank Mrs Foreman for all her hard work over the last 5½ years and we wish her well in her new post. We will be advertising for a new teacher after Christmas and will let you know when we have appointed.

Social Media

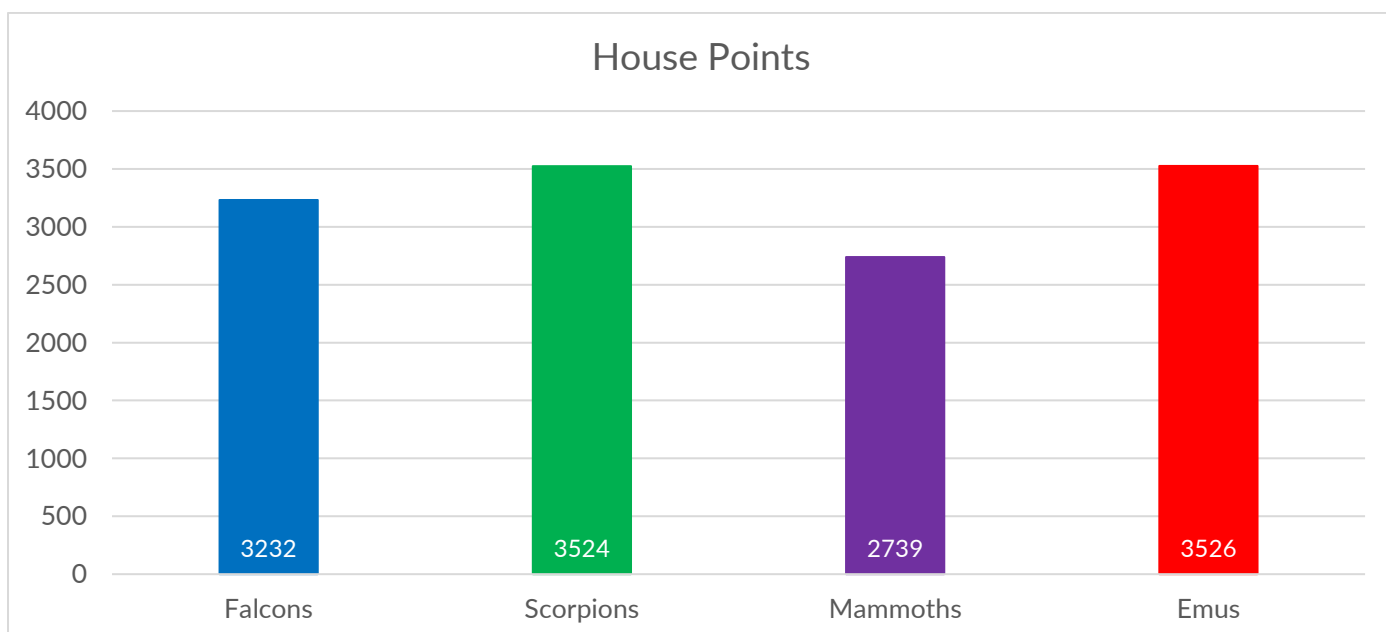
For Data Protection and Safeguarding reasons staff are not permitted to have any contact with parents via social media. Please do not try and contact a member of staff through this route as it puts them in an awkward situation. The main office is your first point of contact for any questions.

Measles, chicken pox and shingles

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

House Points

We're pleased to announce that the winners of the House Award are **Ennis Emus** although it was a close-run thing as they only won by two hours points! On Friday, they will all have the opportunity to create a Christmas decoration which they can then bring home.



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 11 th December			6.00pm Carols by Candlelight
Tuesday 12 th December		1.00pm Year 3 & 4 parents – airfix model making	
Wednesday 13 th December			2.30pm KS1 Nativity (tickets needed)
Thursday 14 th December	9.30am KS1 Nativity (tickets needed)		
Friday 15 th December	9.00am House reward		2.30pm Christmas fayre

Monday 18 th December			6.00pm Christmas Music Spectacular
Tuesday 19 th December		12.00 Christmas dinner	
Wednesday 20 th December		1.30pm School closes	

Thursday 4 th January 2018	9.00am Children return to school		
Friday 5 th January 2018			

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.

Wednesday 20th December

School will be closing at 1.30pm on Wednesday 20th December. As previously advised, there will be no Owls club on this day, but any children who cannot be collected at 1.30pm will be looked after until 3.15pm.

All children will return to school on Thursday 4th January 2018.

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



Christmas Tree Recycling

Saturday & Sunday
13th and 14th January 2018

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