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*Creating opportunities  
for everyone*

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2017

Following Mrs McGrath's departure from Phoenix School, we welcome Mrs Ashburn who will be starting as the Year 1 Teaching Assistant this week. Mrs Ashburn has already spent some time in school learning the ropes and I'm sure she'll be a great addition to the team.

I'm also sorry to have to report that Tracy, our Safeguarding and Welfare Manager, will be leaving us at Christmas. Although she tells us that she's always been very happy at Phoenix, she saw and applied for a position at Education Safeguarding and I'm proud that she was successful. Although the school (and I) will miss her greatly, this is an amazing opportunity for her.

Over the next few weeks, we'll be recruiting a new Family Liaison Officer and I look forward to introducing them to you in the coming weeks.

Thank you.

James Tibbles

## School Photos

Kittle will be coming into school on Thursday morning to take individual and sibling photos of the children so please ensure your child is in full school uniform. Thank you

## Children in Need

We will be holding a 'Wear your pyjamas to school day' on Friday 17 November to raise money for Children in Need. If you are able to help support this cause, please send your child in with a donation on Friday. There will be a collect pot in the main office or your child can give their donation to the class teacher. Thank you for your support.

## KS1 Nativity

This year KS1 will be performing the nativity 'A Miracle in Town'. There will be two performances. One on Wednesday 13 December at 2.15pm (doors open from 2.00pm) and one on Thursday 14 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 (either all on one day or split across the two days). Tickets will be available from the office from Monday 20 November.

## Kent Fire and Rescue Assembly

Kent Fire Brigade will be coming into school on Thursday afternoon to deliver an assembly to all children in Year 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6. They will be talking about the role of the emergency services, when to call 999, smoke detectors, burns and hoax calls.

In order to prevent school uniform being lost please ensure all your child's clothes are clearly named.

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*

## 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 13 <sup>th</sup> November			3.15pm to 5.30pm Movie Night – Finding Dory
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> November		1.30pm School Nursing – Height & weight check (yr 6)	
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	9.00am Flu vaccinations Year R to Year 4		
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	9.00am Individual photos	1.30pm Kent Fire and Rescue assembly	
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	9.00am Pyjama Day	10.30am Homewood – Dance dash	

Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> November			
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	9.00am Year 2, 3, 4, 5 going to the cinema		
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	9.00am Year 6 going to the cinema		
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November			
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> November			3.15pm Pocket money stall

## Volleyball Match Report (by Jack and James)

On Wednesday November 8<sup>th</sup>, we entered a volleyball tournament at the North School. We were put in Group C with Furley Park 1, St Teresa's 2 and Furley Park 3. The team players for Phoenix were: Jack, James, Tara, Nikeisha, Connie and Logan M. We played three games in our group. Unfortunately, we lost the first match against Furley Park 1 and the score was 16 -7 to Furley. Seeing as we hadn't ever played volleyball before and Miss Downey had only just shown us some hits like the dig and spike, and we didn't know the rules, we didn't think that result was too bad!

For our next game we got beaten again 15-5 by St Theresa's 2. This time though there were some good rallies going on in that match from our team. In our last match for Group C, we hammered Furley Park 3 13-3. Jack and James did some fantastic serves in that match. We came third in our group with 7 points so that allowed us to play 2 more matches in the next stage and in those matches we played Furley park 2, beating them 8-7. In the last match of the day we played Hamstreet 1 and beat them 8-6. Overall that put Phoenix in 9<sup>th</sup> place out of 16 teams. The Men of the Match went to Jack and James for their serving and the woman of the match went to Tara for some good rallies.

## PTA

The PTA are in the process of arranging the Christmas Fayre. 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 2.30pm. If you are able to attend you will be very welcome.

## Christmas Dinner

We will be holding a whole school Christmas dinner on Thursday 14 December and it would be great if all the children could take part. We will order enough food for the whole school so please ensure that you have either paid £2.20 per child or if your child does not want to take up this dinner please ensure the school office knows by Friday 8 December 2017 so that you are not invoiced for this meal.



## Menu

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


Honey Roasted Quorn Fillet  (4)

Roast Potatoes, Brussels Sprouts, Carrots, Peas

Festive Ice Cream (3)  
Satsumas or Homemade Christmas Pudding (2,8)  
Served with Cream (3)

Cost:

***Free for Reception, Year 1 & 2***

 Suitable for vegetarians. Details of allergens can be found on the current menu or on our website.

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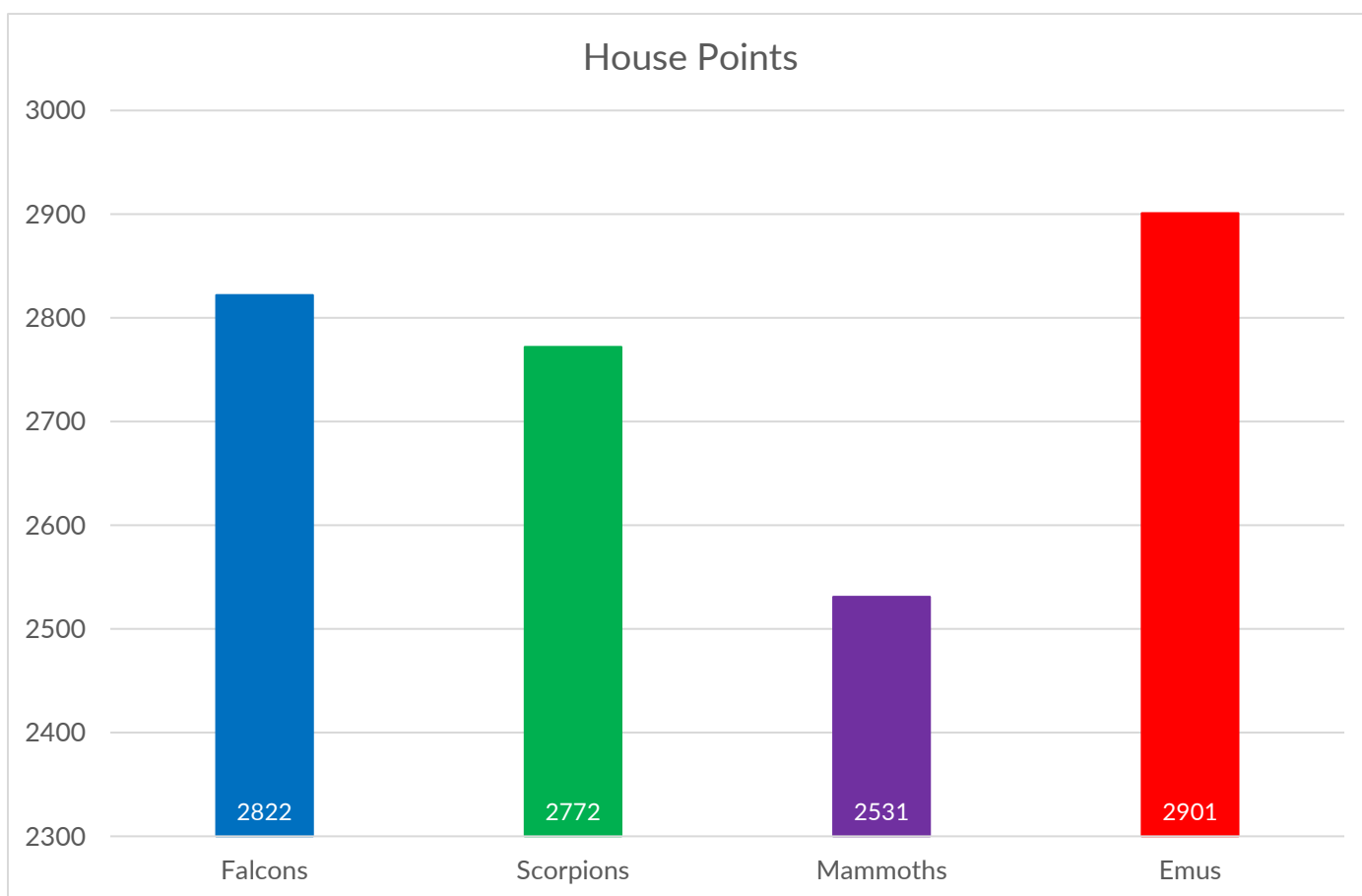
## Uniform Costs

Sweatshirt	24 26 28 30/32 34 S (adult) M L	£8.00 £9.50
Cardigan	24 26 28 30/32 34 S (adult) M L	£9.50 £10.00
Book bag		£5.00
P E bag		£4.00
P E shorts	18/20 22/24 26/28 30/32 34	£5.00
P E tops	24 26 28 30/32 34 S (adult) M L	£4.50 £5.50
Plimsols	10, 11, 12, 13, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5	£2.50
Water bottles		£1.00

## 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!



## Festive family fun – double bill

Get in the festive spirit with Festive Family Fun Double Bill on Saturday 25th November at St Marys' Church, Ashford Town Centre. Revelation, sponsored by Love Ashford, offer family-friendly film screenings of Christmas favourites Frozen Sing-along and A Muppets Christmas Carol for just 50p per film. Doors open at 12.45pm.