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*Creating opportunities
for everyone*

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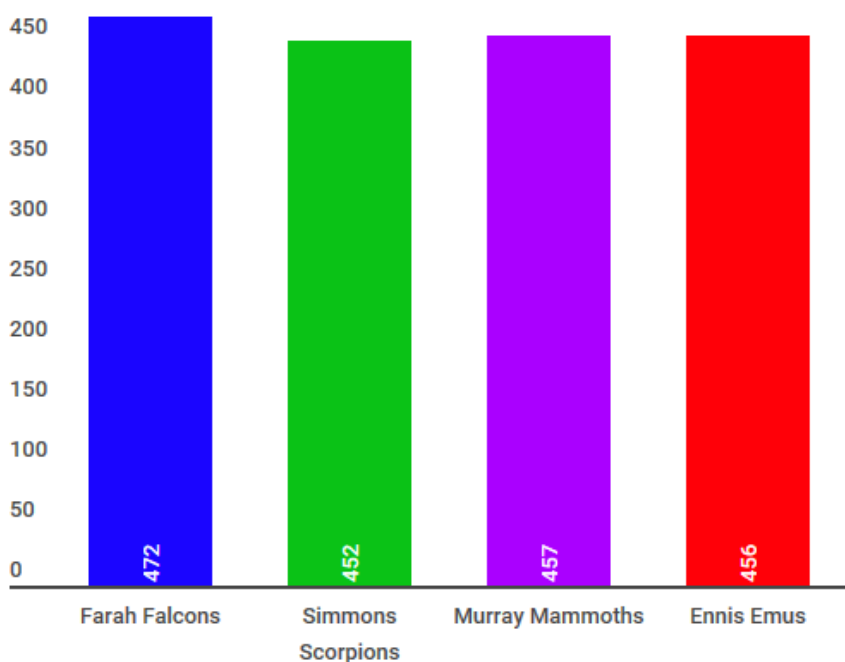
Following nominations last week, today we held elections for our School Councillors and, for the first time, we have included Year 2 pupils.

The children were all invited to state why their classmates should vote for them before ballot papers were distributed and each child voted for their preferred representative.

Congratulations to the successful candidates and Mr Tibbles will be meeting with the school councillors next week.

Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Sam	Destiny	Kara	Olivia	Connie
Charlotte	Ella-May	Bailey	Summer M	Theo

House Points & Class Dojos



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Punctuality

Please remember that the children should be in school by 8.50am in order to avoid a disruptive start to their day. Gates open at 8.40am every morning.

Breakfast Club

Our breakfast club is the cheapest in Ashford (that we know of) at just £1 a session and runs from 7.45am to 8.40am.

School Dinners

The Contract Dining Company provide excellent food for the children and we would encourage all parents to sign their children up for school dinners, especially those in Key Stage 1 as it's free.

Owls Club

We will continue to run our after-school Owls Club at just £5 a session. Please speak to the school office for more information.

PESE (Kent Test)

Results from the Kent Test will be sent to parents to Thursday 12th October.



Responsibility ~ Courage ~ Collaboration ~ Reflectiveness ~ Independence ~ Resilience

Parental Consultations

These will take place across three days on Tuesday 26th to Thursday 28th September.

What will we discuss?

Many parents worry about what to ask at the Parent/Teacher consultation, so we have some questions which you may wish to ask your child's teacher.

- Is my child happy at school when he/she is learning?
- Do they join in the lessons?
- How does my child learn best?
- Does my child ask for help when stuck or having problems with the work?
- Compared to the national average, how are they doing academically?
- What does my child need extra help in?
- How can I help my child at home?

You may also wish to ask questions about your child's behaviour in school. You know their behaviour better than anyone but sometimes their behaviour is different in school. Does their behaviour sound like them?

- Does my child get easily distracted or do they distract others?
- Does my child follow the rules when playing games or do they make up their own?
- How does my child sit when they are learning, do they chat, sit quietly or play around?
- Does my child have friends?
- When they are near/with other children at break-time do they play with the children or by themselves?
- How does my child react when they are told that they have done something wrong or the work is wrong?

Making an Appointment

1. You can make an appointment through our booking system: <https://phoenixashford.parenteveningsystem.co.uk/> and log in by entering your details and those of your child. If you have more than one child then you will need to log in separately for each child.
2. Book your appointment time and, if you entered your email address, you will receive an email confirmation.

There will be an opportunity to look through your child's books prior to your appointment so you may wish to arrive 5/10 minutes early.

PESE

Well done to all those Year 6 children who took the Kent Test (11+) last Thursday. The whole process of selecting a secondary school for your child must be very stressful and I would sincerely recommend parents taking the time to consider and look around all of the local secondary schools.

Each of these schools hold open sessions for parents and these can usually be found on their school website. We will also publish this information on our school newsletter if we are informed.

Applications are via the Kent website: www.kent.gov.uk/ola and this is now open.

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School	Sessions
Highworth Grammar School	Open Eve 20 th Oct, 6pm to 8pm; Open Morning 21 st Oct, 9am to 10.30am
Homewood School	Open Evening 20 th Sep, 4pm to 8pm; Open Mornings 25 th - 27 th Sept
John Wallis C of E Academy	Open Evening 3 rd Oct; Open Morning 4 th October.
North School	Open Eve 4 th Oct 5pm to 8pm; Open Mornings 2 nd to 13 th 9am Oct (not 5 th)
Norton Knatchbull	Contact school for details
Towers School	Open Eve 28 th Sept 4.30pm to 7.30pm; Open Morn 2 nd to 6 th Oct, 9am
Wye Free School	Contact school for details

After-School Clubs

At Phoenix School, we try our best to offer a wide range of clubs to our pupils and below you will see a list of clubs which are on offer this term. Clubs will start from Monday 18th September and will run for 10 weeks until Friday 1st December.

Clubs have been allocated and letters would have come home on Friday.

There may still be spaces available in certain clubs so speak to the school office if there is a club you would like your child to attend.

Please remember that **your child does not have a space unless you receive a confirmation letter**. The letter will ask if you will be collecting your child at 4.15pm or allowing them to walk home. No child will be permitted to walk home without consent. All clubs finish at 4.15pm and we would ask that children are collected promptly.

Please note that we have the same expectations of behaviour at clubs as we do at any other time in the school day and that if children are not behaving appropriately, then they may find that their place is offered to another child. We would also expect children to commit to attending all ten sessions.

Thank You

On behalf of the Year 4 children, I would like to say thank you to Sonny from Dhanda Stores for donating the materials needed for their team-building activities last week. I know that the children really appreciated this.

From Ann, Chair of Governors

Last summer, the school raised a large sum of money for the NSPCC. The governors of the school would like to express their thanks to all who contributed to the effort.

It is really lovely that in times of financial anxieties we can still find an element of generosity for others. Our children and parents are really something to be proud of with their fund-raising efforts.

Thank you all once more.

Ann Burgess

A very proud Chair of Governors.

Stars of the Week

Every week, a member of staff can recognise a child as their 'Star of the Week'; someone who has impressed them by showing one of the learning behaviours we encourage.



- ☆ Alex D (Year 1) – for resilience, Alex didn't give up when trying to work out the patterns on the stile tiles until she had solved it. *Mrs McGrath*
- ☆ Julia R (Year 1) – for showing great responsibility and caring for our school environment. *Mrs Bebell*
- ☆ Oliver T (Year 1) – for taking responsibility for his own learning in ICT and focusing on the task set. *Miss Turner*
- ☆ Marley S (Year 2) – for independent learning with bossy verbs and number bonds. *Miss Holmes*
- ☆ Ryan J (Year 2) – for fabulous independent work on number bonds. Very well done Ryan – you really impressed me. *Miss Murphy*
- ☆ Amy H (Year 4) – for taking on the responsibility of welcoming a new child to the class. You've been a great friend. *Miss Humphreys*
- ☆ Darush F (Year 4) – for displaying perfect behaviour in the classroom. I am proud of the responsibility you're showing. *Miss Leavey*
- ☆ Josh A (Year 5) – for making a fantastic choice and taking responsibility for his behaviour. *Mrs Foreman*
- ☆ Ninsang S (Year 6) – for his incredible, detailed setting description using an impressive number of hyphens. *Miss Downey*
- ☆ Connie M-R (Year 6) – for independence and courage in Maths – always choosing challenge questions and pushing herself. *Mrs Godfrey*

Parental Language

I have had some complaints (understandably) from some concerned parents about the language that children are exposed to outside of the school.

I certainly would not wish my daughter to hear so]me of the language that I hear parents using and completely agree with those parents that have come and spoken to me.

I have no doubt that this is only a small minority of parents who feel that certain words and phrases are acceptable. All I can ask is that you all give due consideration to the people and children around you

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 25 th September	Resilience Training for invited parents		
Tuesday 26 th September	Parental Consultations		
Wednesday 27 th Sept	Parental Consultations	Royal Opera House Trip	
Thursday 28 th September	Parental Consultations		
Friday 29 th September	1.30pm Children leave for PGL		

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Headteacher Surgeries

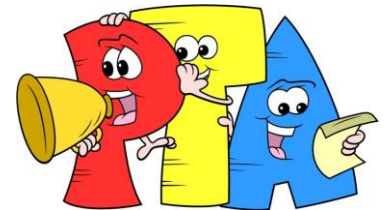
We deal with most problems promptly and efficiently but we also know that from time to time some of you may have a problem that just doesn't seem to get sorted out.

The Headteacher's Surgery offers parents and carers an opportunity to meet with Mr Tibbles on a one-to-one basis to discuss your child's education and experience of school. Whatever the reason, a surgery slot will give you time to talk effectively about issues that are important to you. These slots can be booked via our online booking system which you can access [here](#).

However, if at all possible, please raise your concerns via the usual route of contacting the school and speaking with a member of staff who will be able to help you. We are confident that this will be quickest and most efficient way to resolve your queries.

PTA

The PTA arrange a lot of activities for the children over the course of the year and they are looking for more members to support them in this. Ideally it would be great if we could have two parent representatives from each class.



Please consider if you could volunteer to support our PTA, and the children.

Upcoming Dates:

- Friday 29th Sept: Pocket Money Stall
- Wednesday 18th Oct: Cake Stall
- Friday 20th Oct: Halloween Discos
- Friday 24th November: Pocket Money Stall
- Friday 8th Dec: Christmas Discos
- Friday 15th Dec: Christmas Fete
- Wednesday 18th Dec: Pocket Money & Cake Stall