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*Creating opportunities  
for everyone*

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2017

As you were dropping the children off at school this morning, you may have noticed that the gas works, which have been in the pipe-line for over a year, have finally started. This should not cause much disruption to the day-to-day running of the school and, as always, our prime concern is the children's safety. The teachers have spoken to their classes about keeping away from the red and white tape around the school and being careful not to run around the boards which are covering the open trenches. Please could you reinforce these messages to your children and to any siblings who come to the school during drop-off and pick-up times.

We'll keep you updated as the works progress as these are likely to last until January.



Thank you.  
James Tibbles

## 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 12 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. Thank you

## Children in Need

A big thank you to everyone who took part in the 'Wear your pyjamas to school day' on Friday 17 November to raise money for Children In Need. We raised an amazing £315.72. Hopefully the children enjoyed this as much as the staff.

## 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). Please get your tickets from the office as soon as possible. We cannot guarantee you a space if you haven't got a ticket.

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*

## Medication/illness

As the weather gets worse the children are likely to get coughs and cold. If you want your child to be given any medication (including cough sweets) you will need to bring them to the office to be administered. For your child's own safety, they will not be allowed to eat boiled sweets while on the playground. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

If your child has sickness and/or diarrhoea can you please ensure that they do not return to school until at least 24 hours after their last episode of illness. This is to ensure they do not pass on any infection to other children or staff.

## After-school clubs

Unfortunately, Maths club and Netball will both have to be cancelled with week (Thursday 23 November). Sorry for any inconvenience caused.

Last day for after school clubs this term will be Friday 1 December.

## 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.

## 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 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		12.00 Sportshall Athletics	
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> November			3.15pm Pocket money stall

Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	9.00am Year 3 trip to Capel le Ferne		
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	9.00am Year 4 trip to Capel le Ferne		6.15pm Infant Multi sports
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> November			
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> November			3.30pm Netball match
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December			2.30pm PTA meeting

## 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

## Term Dates 2017-2018

Term 1 – 1 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

## 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!

