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*Creating opportunities
for everyone*

Tuesday 7th November 2017

Last week was Friendship Week and the children spent the week looking at the book 'Have You Filled a Bucket Today?' This is all about encouraging positive behaviours and showing children how easy it is to express kindness, appreciation and love.

In our Friday Celebration Assembly, children from each class shared their work and this was lovely to see, especially as I'd spent half of the week at Rolvenden. I'm exceptionally proud of all the work that the children produced and I know that Miss Leavey will be collating this to make into a display. If you're interested in seeing the story, you can find this on YouTube.

At the end of this coming week we will be saying goodbye to Mrs McGrath. I very clearly remember interviewing her over the phone whilst walking down the road in Folkestone in the summer holiday before I started as headteacher; she has been an amazing addition to the Phoenix team. I'm very sorry to see her go but I'm pleased that she is leaving with happy memories and hope that we'll continue to see her as she'll be driving our minibus for us on occasion. I am sure you will all join with me in wishing her every success (before she eventually realises what a huge mistake she's made and wants her job at Phoenix back!)

Thank you.

James Tibbles

Movie Night

Rotakids have changed the movie for Movie Night to Finding Dory. Sorry for any inconvenience caused. All tickets have now been sold.

School Nursing

School nursing will be visiting school on Tuesday 14 November to carry out height and weight checks for the Year 6 children. If you do not want your child to take part (and you haven't already done so) please let the school office know.

Maths Competition

4 children from Year 6 will be attending a Maths Competition at Sainsburys on Wednesday 8th November, I'm sure we all wish them good luck but having fun is the main objective.

Mile Run

As the weather is changing unfortunately we will have to cancel this event until the spring. Thank you to all the parents who have supported us with this event in the past.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast club starts at 7.45am until 8.40am when the children go to class. However any children arriving after 8.15am will be too late for breakfast but can join in the activities. Breakfast club is £1 per day regardless of when you arrive.

As the weather is changing please ensure your child has a coat in school everyday.

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.



Winter Warmer Fun Week

Week commencing Monday 20th November Contract Dining will be providing the children with a special menu. This menu has been emailed to all parents for you to look at with your child. If your child normally has a packed lunch but would like to take advantage of one or more of these special meals they are more than welcome to join in. Meals cost £2.20 per child per day. All money needs to be paid in advance in cash in a named, sealed envelope and posted in the dinner money box in the school office.

Quiz Night

The PTA are holding another quiz night on Friday 10th November at 7.00pm in the school hall. There are still a few tables left; if you would like to join in. If we are unable to sell enough tables then this event may have to be cancelled. Each team can be for up to 6 people at a cost of £3 per person. If you would like to book a table please let the school office know as soon as possible. All tables will need to be booked and paid for in advance.

Orchestra

On Saturday 4th November, the Phoenix Community Primary Jazz band performed in the Spiegeltent at this year's Canterbury festival alongside children from primary schools across East Kent. Schools involved were: Herne Bay Junior School, Bridge and Patricbourne CofE Primary School, Priory Fields Primary School (Dover), Phoenix Community Primary School & Goat Lees Primary School. We were also joined by special guests from the Simon Langton Girls Grammar School Jazz Band led by Mr Peter Cook.

The impressive Jazz Orchestra made up for over 60 children performed a selection of music exploring the theme of Jazz and improvisation. They entertained parents with songs such as latin favourite 'Oye Como Va', the 'Peter Gunn Theme' made famous in the film Blues Brothers and originals composed by Mr Peter Cook.

Ruth also performed a solo jazz piece on Guitar. She played 'Sonny Moon for Two' by Sonny Rollins impressing the audience with a confident improvisation in the middle.

The concert was brilliant and hopefully all the children really enjoyed performing. Thank you to all the parents for your commitment to the orchestra; for getting the children to Canterbury and for all your support.

PTA

Thank you to all the parents who attended last week's PTA meeting. 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.

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
Plimsolls	10, 11, 12, 13, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5	£2.50
Water bottles		£1.00

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.

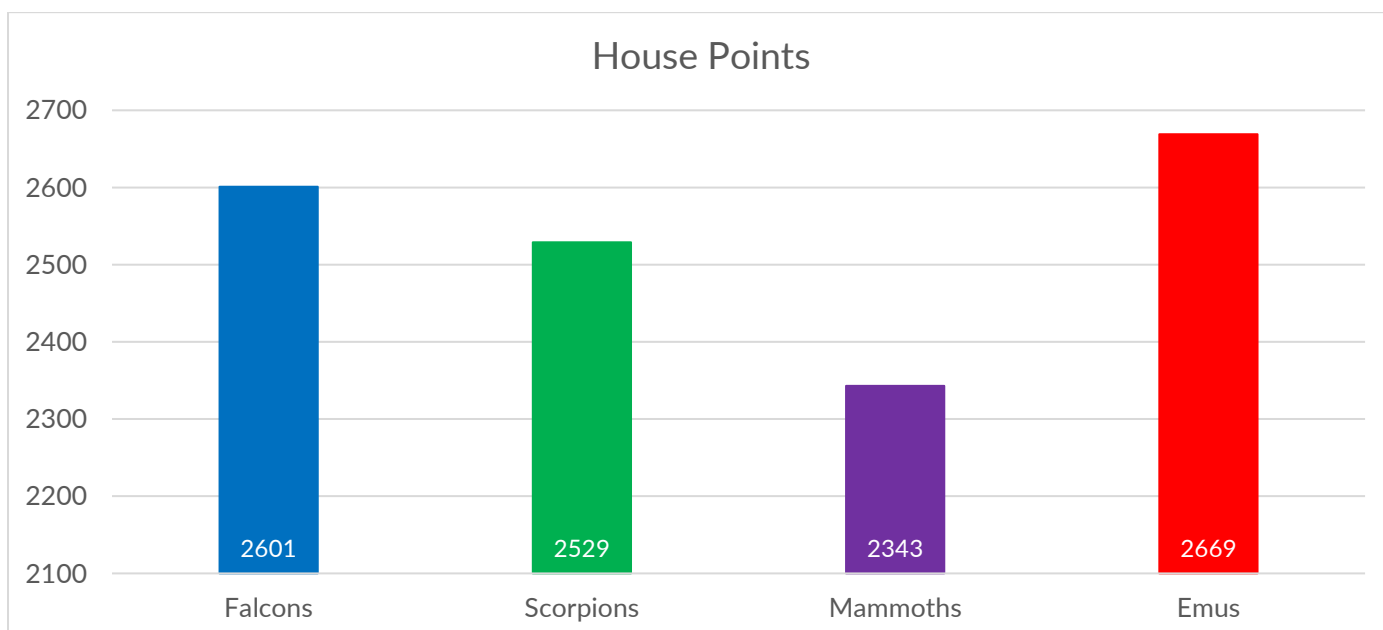
Monday 6th November			3.15pm Rotakids to Gerlach House
Tuesday 7th November			
Wednesday 8th November		11.30am Yr 6 Maths competition at Sainsburys	3.30pm Yr 6 Volleyball at North School
Thursday 9th November	9.00am Yr5 to Cineworld Whitstable		
Friday 10th November	9.00am Yr 1 to Cineworld Ashford		7.00pm Quiz night

Monday 13th November			3.15pm – 5.30pm Movie Night – Finding Dory
Tuesday 14th November	9.00am Height and Weight check for year 6		
Wed 15th November			
Thursday 16th November			
Friday 17th November			

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!



Resilience ~ Reflectiveness ~ Independence ~ Collaboration ~ Courage ~ Responsibility



Phoenix Community Primary School
PTA

QUIZ NIGHT

**Friday 10th
November
2017**



7.00pm - 10.00pm

**Teams of up to 6 people
£3.00 per person**

**Bring your own drinks
and refreshments**

**Entrance by ticket only
and will be on sale at reception.**