



Flamingos Class Newsletter

Year 5 Staff
Mrs Foreman



Diary Dates

25th September - Parent Consultations
30th October - Friendship Week
16th November - Individual Photos
14th December - Pantomime
18th December - Learning Exhibition
20th December - Last Day of Term

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome the children back to Phoenix after the summer break. I hope they are as excited as I am about the challenges and rewards this new school year will bring and whilst it will be hard work I am sure we will make some wonderful memories together.

We look forward to meeting you at our first Parents' Consultations which will take place during the week commencing the 25th September. These meetings will consist of discussions around how you can play an active role in your child's education through supporting them at home; further details will follow in the school newsletter - available on Mondays. In the meantime please feel free to call in to discuss any questions or issues you may have.

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Reading

Children will be bringing home bookmarks to encourage reading at home. Each time your child reads with you please sign and date their bookmark. Reading can include texts from school or home, so try to encourage your child to broaden their reading choices. Children with signed bookmarks will be rewarded with a Dojo.



Parent Involvement

Following on from the successful Learning Exhibitions last year, parents will again be invited into the school for an afternoon so the children may share their fantastic learning from the term. We hope you will join us on the 18th December.

PE

PE will take place on a Wednesday afternoon and is a compulsory part of the school curriculum. Lessons will be outside, unless the weather is bad, so please ensure your child has appropriate kit in school.



End of the Day Routines

As your child is now in Year 5 the routines for the end of the day change slightly. Children are dismissed from the classroom door and are expected to walk sensibly to the side gate at the front of the school to meet whomever is collecting them. Children are expected to return to Reception if a trusted adult is not present to meet them.

Should you wish your child to walk home alone, please provide the school with written consent, detailing the days that this is to happen.

If you know you are going to be late, please inform the school as soon as possible.

Remember, school provides a paid for after school club in the form of OWLS for any child requiring after hours care.

Topic

Our new topic for the coming term is 'Changes.' This topic starts with a scientific focus with the children learning about the natural changes which occur throughout life.

Following on from this, the class will have the opportunity to explore how these changes are celebrated by both the Jewish and Christian faiths, learning about the celebrations which take place at key points within the lives of their communities.

As the term progresses, we hope to explore other historical events which have occurred within living memory, particularly cultural and social changes by learning about the life of Nelson Mandela, a key figure in world events.

The children will also have the opportunity to raise their own questions surrounding the topic of 'Changes' and it is hoped that we will have time to delve deeper into exploring these.



Family Learning

This year children will bring home a family learning task each week. This will be an activity which you can complete as a family linked to the children's learning in class.

