



# Newsletter

MONDAY 18TH DECEMBER 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been such a successful Autumn Term here at Phoenix! Whilst it seems to have passed so quickly, I have managed to spend a significant amount of time speaking to children, watching them learn and seeing some of the most beautiful work being completed in classes. Also, it is greatly impressive just how much effort a lot of children are putting into their homework. This really does support their learning in the classroom and adds to the progress that children can make. I am so proud of the achievements that all the children have made so far this year and I know that teachers have many exciting plans to continue this into the new year. I hope that everyone has a lovely winter break and enjoy this time of year with friends and family.

I wish everyone a very happy 2018, Mr Assig

#### Key Dates:

**Wednesday 20th December**—End of Term: Children finish at 2pm

**Tuesday 2nd January**—INSET Day (School closed for children)

**Wednesday 3rd January**—INSET Day (School closed for children)

**Thursday 4th January**—Children return to school

**Tuesday 16th January**—Y5 Trip to the Imperial War Museum

**Wednesday 7th February**—‘A Winter’s Tale’ by Shakespeare- Y6 National Theatre Project

**Monday 12th February—Friday 16th February**—Half Term (School Closed)

**Monday 19th February**—Children return to school

#### Attendance for the Autumn Term:

At Phoenix, we take attendance very seriously and strive to maintain the best possible attendance in each class. In order to have Outstanding attendance, children should be aiming to be in school at least 96% of the time. Please make sure you take a clear note of term dates and school holidays to avoid taking children away during term time. Similarly, if for any reason your child cannot attend school, please contact the school office to explain the reason for this. A big well done to all the children who have managed to attend school for 100% of the Autumn Term. This is a fantastic achievement! Let's make it our Phoenix New Year's resolution to continue to improve attendance even further throughout the whole school. Below are the year group averages for attendance as we approach the end of term:

Nursery:	95%	Year 3:	97%
Reception:	95%	Year 4:	97%
Year 1:	95%	Year 5:	97%
Year 2:	96%	Year 6:	96%

It would be fantastic to see all year groups reaching 96% by the end of the Spring Term!

Well done to **Year 5 Partridge Class** who have the best attendance for the term at 98%!





### **'Seussical—The Musical'**

On a rather damp Monday afternoon in late October, Trinity Laban students came to perform 'Seussical' to all of Key Stage 2. Seussical is a [musical](#) by [Lynn Ahrens](#) and [Stephen Flaherty](#) based on the stories of [Dr. Seuss](#) that originally debuted on [Broadway](#) in 2000. The children watched as The Cat in the Hat narrated the story of how Horton the Elephant discovered and helped the Whos on their speck of dust, Miss Gerturde McFuzz discovered that she was lovely just the way she was, and how friendship is a powerful thing. It was an amazing performance that captured the audiences imagination.

### **Police Assemblies**

We often invite visitors to the school to talk to children regarding being a good citizen in the community. On Tuesday 7th November, the local police came to Phoenix to talk about keeping safe and responsible whilst out in public. This is part of our ongoing commitment to ensuring that children recognise their role they play in being not only an outstanding pupil at Phoenix, but a responsible citizen outside of school.

### **Seasonal Celebrations**

It has been such a delight to see how all the classes have been celebrating this exciting time of year. Whilst lessons have still been happening in order to make sure learning at Phoenix continues to the end of term—it has been lovely to see how the children have also participated in a wide range of creative, musical and imaginative activities throughout the school. A big thank you to all the parents who attended the events and donated so generously to our chosen charity—Save the Children. So far we have raised over £300!



### **Y5 and Y6 Athletics Competition**

A big well done to the children from Years 5 and 6 who took part in our borough wide Athletics competition on Tuesday 5th December. The children took part with such passion and it was really impressive to see such sportsmanship when competing against other schools in Southwark.

### **Road Safety**

In school, we regularly talk with children about dangers they may face in the wider world as part of your commitment to safeguarding children. This includes Road Safety and the Green Cross Code. Please also ensure you take your time to talk with your child about how dangerous the roads can be and how it is imperative that children keep themselves safe. If you would like more information about road safety and how best to keep your child safe, then please take the time to look at the following website:

<http://think.direct.gov.uk/education/early-years-and-primary/>