



Newsletter

FRIDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER 2018

Dear Parents/ Carers,

I would like to start by welcoming all children and families back to a fresh new year. It is such a pleasure to see the children starting straight back into their learning and there is a really positive buzz around the school—and an outstanding sense of purposeful learning already taking place.

I would like to extend my welcome to all new members of staff who have had such a positive impact on the outstanding provision we provide for children. We have a wide cross section of teaching and support staff who already are working so hard to make children's school experience as positive as possible. I know that you will continue to work in positive collaboration to ensure that all children have the most successful year.

The remainder of this newsletter sets out some general reminders in order to support your children achieve the very best during this year. If you have any questions, then please do not hesitate to contact a member of staff who will be willing to provide you with further information.

Thank you for your continued support,
Mr Assig

Key Dates

Wednesday 26th September, 3:30pm

Y6 Parents: Secondary School Transfer Meeting (Upper School Hall)

Monday 15th October

School photographs

Tuesday 16th October

Autumn Term Parents' Evening Meetings

Monday 22nd October —Friday 26th October

School Closed: Half Term

Monday 29th October

School Closed: INSET Day

Friday 14th December

9:30am: Y2 Hawk, Y2 Parrot & Y1 Puffin - Christmas Performance

2:30pm: Y2 Firecrest, Y2 Skylark, Y1 Woodpecker & Y1 Cuckoo - Christmas Performance

Thursday 20th December

9:15am: Y3 Christmas Carol Concert

2:45pm: Y4, Y5 & Y6 Christmas Carol Concert

Friday 21st December

End of Term—Finish at **2:00pm**

School Uniform—KS1 and KS2

At Phoenix, we very much take pride in our smart school uniform. Visitors, members of the public and many parents/ carers always comment on how smart and appealing the uniform looks. Please can we all make a conscious effort to ensure that **plain black school shoes** are worn by all children; that our children are in **white collared shirts**—not white polo shirts; and that jewellery is kept to an absolute minimum, but definitely **no hooped earrings**. Finally, please do not forget your child's tie!



Attendance and Child Absence

At Phoenix we truly believe that every day in school counts. All teachers plan thoroughly to ensure that children have purposeful learning journeys throughout their topics every day. By missing just one day, makes a huge difference to a child's understanding. We also believe that every second counts in class. Children are engaged in learning activities from the moment the door is open so being punctual into school also makes a big difference to the progress children can make. Please be reminded that the gates open at 8:45am and children are expected to be in their class by 9am. On the rare occasions when your child is unable to come to school, please ensure you call the school office and leave a message stating the reason why your child will not be in school for that day.

Parking

Please make sure that you are adhering to the parking restrictions in the surrounding areas of the school. This is really important to keep our children safe. Try as much as possible to adopt a healthy walk to and from school—or park further away in safer roads to avoid congesting Marlborough Grove. Please be mindful of our local residences. Please also note that the car park next to Phoenix Upper Site is for staff only.



Reading

All children read in school every day. However, this is not enough to ensure that children become strong, confident readers. In order to make a big difference, reading with your child every day—or asking another relative or older sibling—will support children in primary school really find a passion for reading. Finding 20 minutes to read every day with your child, will go a long way not only supporting your child to learn to read, but will also help them with all areas of the curriculum that we teach in school. If you would like further information about supporting your child with reading at home then do not hesitate to speak to our Reading Recovery teachers—Mrs Fenton and Ms Robertshaw, who are more than happy to share their expertise with you.