

NEWSLETTER

Current Attendance
97.4%

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Stars of the Week Hall of Fame



Friday 26th February 2016

6P Rosa Luther
6C Louie Ferris
6S Sophie Bradley
5CH Elizabeth Luxton
5S Scarlett Howard
5C Esa Ahmed
4P Aaron Ravalia
4T Evie Joyce
4CK Samuel Diggins
3RS Jessica Gooday
3V Kazuma Evans
Mid-day Star Solomon Moore

Playground trials

Some of you will be aware from your children that we have piloted some different organisation of the playgrounds at lunchtimes in the last two weeks. This has been in order to provide a variety and richness of play opportunities that pupils have at this time, with suggestions made at Parent Voice in October being trialled. These include playing with children in the same house group, choosing particular playground environments (e.g. a 'run and fun' playground and a 'walk and talk' playground) and playing with children in other year groups they are not normally grouped with (e.g. Years 3 and 6 together). Additional play equipment has been bought and used this week and dates are confirmed for the replacement of other playground fixtures, such as the shade sails and the basketball hoops. We are working through the various combinations on one or two days per week and seeking feedback from children through class and school councils.

Polling days information

Please read the detailed information on the reverse of this newsletter concerning upcoming polling days in May and June, the implications they have for school and how we are responding to this.



World Book Day

Our children and staff enjoyed a fun day celebrating books and reading, with opportunities to share in a special assembly, take part in partnered reading across year groups and dress up as favourite book characters. Well done to everyone for using their imagination, skill and effort—you all looked wonderful!



House Points Update

Congratulations to Phoenix House who were our Week 7 winners.
Here are the totals so far:



Weeks won

Griffin
Phoenix
Pegasus
Dragon

2
3
2
0



Easter Performance clarification

While the whole school are taking part in this production by supporting the singing, any individual participation will be from Year 5 only and therefore **priority for seats will be given firstly to their parents** when tickets become available. This is Year 5's opportunity to demonstrate their collective performance skills, as Years 3 & 4 have done at Christmas and as Year 6 will do in their end of year production in July.

Wednesday 9th March: drop-in cancelled

Please note that the usual Wednesday drop-in opportunity will not be available on this date.
Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

Year 6 Mock SATS week

Well done to all of our Year 6 pupils for a successful trial of Mock SATS papers and exam conditions this week.

There are still some tickets available (via ParentPay) for the Spring Craft Morning on Saturday 5th March 10-12. Perfect for Mother's Day!



Phoenix Friday Cake Sale

Friday 11th March will be our second House fundraising day towards our multi-use games area project. Our first sale last week (of pizzas), led by Griffin, raised £140 - thank you to all who advertised, organised, sold, bought and ate on the day! Next week's sale will be of Cakes and all contributions from families of any House will be gratefully received next week (those with cream, please bring on the day). These will be on sale in the Barn after school from 3:15pm onwards. Please join us!



Other Key dates

Thurs 10th Mar	Sponsored Skip Day— <i>please continue to raise sponsorship for this event!</i>
Fri 11th Mar	Phoenix Friday Cake sale
Thurs 17th Mar	4P Class Assembly
Thurs 17th Mar	Y5 Easter performance at Church of Our Saviour (pupils only)
Fri 18th Mar	9am Y5 Easter performance to parents at school
Fri 25th Mar	Good Friday—school closed for Spring break
4th-6th April (am)	Y6 Easter Booster School
Mon 11th Apr	Summer Term begins