

# Phoenix Newsletter

## Autumn Term 2018



Dear Parents,

Welcome to Phoenix class! The children have settled in well and are getting used to our new classroom. There are a lot of exciting activities and events planned this year and we are looking forward to many new experiences. The children are currently enjoying learning about life during World War 2.



Phoenix Class  
learning the  
importance of  
warming up  
before Physical  
Education  
lessons!

### Key Dates:

Phoenix Class' first excursion this year will take place on **Monday 8th October** with a visit to Bletchley Park. The trip will be a fantastic enrichment to our World War 2 topic.

Next month we will be celebrating the harvest with a performance at the church. All parents are welcome to join us on this special occasion. The date and time will follow shortly in the school Newsletter - please be sure to read this regularly for important updates.

The Autumn term parent consultations will be held on **Tuesday 16th October from 5.00pm** and **Thursday 18th October from 3.30pm**. Booking sheets will be available via the office closer to the dates.

### Homework

Children in Phoenix are expected to complete the following Learning at Home on a weekly basis:

- Reading at home: daily (5 minutes each time)
- Maths Whizz: 3 times a week (5 minutes each time)
- Home Spelling book: 3 times a week (5 minutes each time)
- Learning Log activities (optional)

For more information please see the Parent Information Leaflet.

### Values:

Respect, Hope, Peace, Love

### Star of the week

Each fortnight, teachers choose a child from their class whom they feel has shone to receive the 'Star of the Week' Teacher's Award. The child receives a certificate in our Celebration Assembly and an announcement in the newsletter soon after. On alternate weeks our Teaching Assistants decide which child has been their 'Star of the Week'.

# Learning Enrichment

Bletchley Park is a historical gem that we are fortunate to have on our doorstep. During the trip the children will take part in a code breaking challenge using their mathematical skills to solve codes and learn what life was like for a spy during World War 2. The children will be given a guided tour of the Park which will consist of the role of the code breakers, the huts and the work undertaken there, the mansion house, the enigma machine and the impact of Bletchley Park on the war effort.



## School Uniform

Our PE lessons continue to be on a Tuesday and Friday although we do appreciate PE kits being available in school all week. Please ensure that your child has the correct school PE kit and uniform. Please have a look at our website for details of the essential items for your child's uniform.

<http://www.houghtonconquest.beds.sch.uk/node/33>

To order uniform visit  
[www.schooltrensonline.com](http://www.schooltrensonline.com)

## Drinks and Healthy snacks

Children should have a named water bottle in school every day that will come home each day to be cleaned and refilled. Children are allowed to have a drink, when required. Please note, children are not allowed juice or flavoured water in school (except for packed lunch).

As children move into Key Stage 2 (Years 3 and 4) they are no longer entitled to the government's free fruit and vegetables scheme at break time. We ask that you provide a healthy snack for your child to enjoy at break time, for example a piece of fruit, as it can be a long morning between breakfast and lunch!

## Reading:

Children earn a sticker towards a reading reward every time they read three or more times per week at home. I would encourage you to help the progression of your child's reading by asking them questions about the book regularly, examples of questions can be found in your child's reading record.

## Curriculum:

Please find attached our curriculum map taking us up to the end of the first term.

## Attendance:

Every half term the class with the highest attendance is awarded the attendance bear! Lets see if we can win!



In Mathematics we have been learning Place Value in 3 and 4 digit numbers.

Thank you for your support,

Mr Hetherington