

10th Feb 2023 - End of Term 3

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The newsletter is back!! It's also had a bit of a makeover. Let us know what you think!

## Attendance

Hi, I am Miss Hardinges the new Attendance Officer and PA to the Headteacher at Phoenix Primary. I will be closely monitoring and following the Phoenix

Primary Schools Policies and Procedures on Attendance.

Our current attendance is **91.02** - we need to be reaching at least **96.4** which is the Government Guidelines!

Please do let me know as soon as possible should your child not be attending school. If your child is absent please do provide Medical Evidence where possible this will help with absences being Authorised. Failure to let the school know your child is not in will be marked as an Unauthorised absence.

As a school we are working really hard to encourage children to come to school every single day. - Coughs and colds we cope with them all! All together we can improve the attendance of our school - If there is anything that I can personally do to help along the way then please do not hesitate to contact me.

I wish you all a lovely and safe half term.

Miss Hardinges



## Parents Evening

There are letters going home today regarding Parents Evening. It'll be on Wednesday 1st and Wednesday 8th March. Please make sure to return the slips to the class teacher by 24th February. Appointments are on a first come first served basis, so if you need a specific time, get your letter back quick!

## School Trips

As you may have seen we've sadly had to cancel a couple of school trips this term due to insufficient funds. This is never something we want to do. If you have any problems making contributions towards trips/activities please notify the school as soon as you can.

## Dates for the Diary

Mon 13th-Fri 17th Feb — Half Term

Mon 20th Feb — Start Term 4

Thurs 23rd Feb — Amber Forest School

Mon 27th Feb-Fri 3rd Mar — World Book Week

Wed 1st Mar — Parents Evening 3:30-6:30

Thurs 2nd Mar — Onyx Forest School

Fri 3rd Mar — World Book Day—Dress Up!

Wed 8th Mar — Parents Evening 3:30-5:00

Thurs 9 Mar — Onyx Forest School

Thurs 16 Mar — Opal Forest School

Wed 22 Mar — Year R&1 River Rodents

Thurs 23 Mar - Opal Forest School

Wed 29 Mar - Spring Disco

Fri 31 Mar — Tag Day/End of Term 4



# Term 3 Highlights

## Young Voices

Some of our children attended Young Voices in Jan! Young Voices is the world's largest school choir group, with over 150,000 primary school children involved at stadiums throughout the UK. Place2B has teamed up with Young Voices to raise awareness and funds to support the emotional wellbeing of young people.

At Phoenix, we were proud to take part in such an amazing event. The children experienced singing at the O2 with Heather Small and various other acts.

The children were exceptional, and all agreed that they had had experienced something wonderful - they were happy that they had participated and enjoyed every moment. **Watch out for next year!**



## Year 2 River Rodents

Year 2 were extremely lucky to be visited by River's Rodents. The children saw a lizard, snake, rat, tortoise and Guinea pigs. The children were able to hold and stroke them and ask questions. The children learned where the animals came from, where they lived and what they needed to survive. The children behaved beautifully, and River was extremely complimentary on how much the children already knew.



## NSPCC Number Day

**£153.10** was raised for the NSPCC this year. Every pound raised for the NSPCC helps protect Children and helps prevent abuse. The NSPCC provides support and advice for families. Thank you for your donations to this incredible charity, hopefully we can top this next year.

## WW1 Day

Year 6 are currently learning about World War One, and as part of their immersion into the topic, they took part in a WW1 day with Portals From The Past.

The children learnt what the conditions in the trenches were really like and just how stinky carbolic soap was...but nothing prepared them for the stench of

(synthetic) gas bombs being kept off in the classroom - they soon realised just how important gas masks were to the soldiers, but also how impractical the early designs were!

They were marched around the playground by their very own Sergeant Major and soon began to understand how tough life must've been for the soldiers during The Great War.



## Forest School

Forest School has continued this term with Year 3, Year 4 and Year 2 making a visit. They've come back to school **extremely muddy** every time! (Sorry about that) The children love being out in the open, running through the woods, building fires and making things out of anything they can find. Next term, Year 2 and Year 1 will be visiting.



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