



Our values: Resilience, Kindness, Responsibility, Ambition



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✿ Weekly Roundup ✿

Our focus value for this half term is: **Responsibility**

This week, we have really enjoyed facilitating trips to the local library. Although this is a very local visit, it is one that we feel is incredibly important in encouraging a love of reading beyond the school gates. Experiences like this help our children to see reading as something to be enjoyed everywhere, not just in the classroom.

Last week, I introduced our new value for this term: **Responsibility**. It has been wonderful to witness the many ways our children are demonstrating this across school. Examples include helping others with their learning, supporting staff by tidying classrooms, and consistently showing high standards of behaviour and effort in their work. These everyday actions truly bring our values to life.

I would also like to take this opportunity to say a huge well done to our Year 3 and Year 4 Highland Games Team, who took part in a multisport event last Friday afternoon. The children competed with great energy and enthusiasm, displayed our school values throughout, and showed respect to all participants. A particular highlight was a very spirited tug of war against another school! We are extremely proud of all our children and the way they continue to represent Phoenix so positively.

I must finish with some sad news regarding long serving member of staff. Many of you will remember Mrs Barr who served the school and community for many years. Sadly, during the Christmas break Mrs Barr's husband passed away. Mr Barr was an experienced and well-respected primary school teacher who positively influenced the lives of many children within our city. I know you will share my deep condolences. Our school staff have supported the family and will continue to keep them in our thoughts during this difficult time.

Morning routine for Y3 – Y6

We have made a small change to how children in Years 3 to 6 enter school in the morning. At Phoenix, we value every learning opportunity and do our best to maximise the learning time available to our pupils during the school day.

From now on, children who enter school via the main yard (Years 3–6) will come straight into school rather than lining up outside. Class teachers will be in the hall from 8:45am, ready to welcome the children and take them directly to class to begin their morning activity. These activities are often linked to mathematics, handwriting or reading.

These morning sessions are an important part of the school day and, over the course of a week, amount to an additional lesson for our pupils. We kindly encourage parents and carers to ensure that children arrive at school no later than 8:50am, so they can fully benefit from these learning opportunities and begin their day positively.

Key Dates/Events



16/1/2026 – Y3 Library Trip

19/1/2026 – Y4 Library Trip

10/2/2026 – Safer Internet Day

9/2/2026 – Children's mental health week

★ Attendance Stars ★

Our whole school target is 97%

Weekly Class Attendance Winners

7A- 95%

Y2- 95%

Y5 – 98%



Parent Pay

I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents and carers to please check that their **ParentPay** account has been activated. **ParentPay** is used for payments and communications, so it is important that accounts are set up and accessible. In addition, please ensure that your current contact details, along with those of an alternative emergency contact, are up to date and shared with the school office. If you are unsure whether your account is active or require any help or support, please come into school and speak with **Miss Hathaway**, who will be more than happy to assist.