

## Phoenix Academy – Autumn Term 2020 Newsletter

### Back to School

After such an unexpectedly long break, it is wonderful to welcome so many of you back into school. We have missed you all so much over the last few months and we are delighted to be getting our school back to as near normal as possible in these strange times. A huge well done to everyone for coming back into school so calmly, sensibly and with such joy! We are so proud of how the children have returned and thrilled at how pleased they all are to be back with their friends and teachers. Thank you to parents and carers for all your support that has really helped us to welcome everyone back safely.



You may have heard in the national media that there has been a real and particularly concerning viral post on TikTok. The company are dealing with the situation and it should be cleared within the next few days.

Please be aware there have been reports that this post has also been embedded into seemingly innocent videos on other platforms including Facebook, Twitter and YouTube.

### Online Safety Tips

We would advise you to:

- Talk to your child about what they would do if they see concerning content online and who they would talk to.
- Be curious – ask your child where they have seen this content? Can that channel/account be blocked? Do you know how to report inappropriate content?
- Don't treat 'online' different to real life - to children, online is real life. In the same way that we would talk about their day at school, their friends etc. we should have regular discussions about what they are doing online and what to do if something is concerning or upsetting them.
- Refer to our safeguarding page on our website for further advice/signposts. <https://phoenix.atrust.org.uk/>
- Download the Safer Schools App. Search "Safer Schools". Open the app and type in Phoenix Academy and finally enter the code 7440. This app has a wealth of safeguarding information and focusses on current online challenges.
- If you have any further concerns, please contact the academy and ask to speak to a member of the Safeguarding Team.

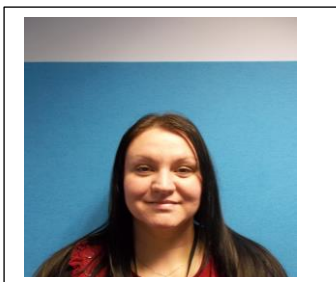
### Remember:

**The age restriction for most social media is 13 and above, but we know how easy it is for younger children to sign up too.**

## Family Intervention

We would like to welcome Mrs Kelly Oakes who will be joining Mrs Stephanie Edwards as our new Family Intervention Worker.

Mrs Edwards



Mrs Oakes

**“Our role in school is to provide support, advice and information to the families within our school community. We can help you with any worries that you may have in relation to your child’s education, behaviour and wellbeing. We can offer a wide range of support to children, parents and carers. While we may not have all the answers ourselves, we can work with you to help you find what you need.”**

### FIW Support for Pupils Includes:

- Promoting self-esteem and confidence.
- Promoting positive behaviour and positive attitudes to learning.
- Providing one-to-one support and individualised interventions.
- Promoting good attendance and punctuality.

### FIW Support for Families Includes:

- Providing information and signposting to other services in the local area.
- Attendance and support at school and other agency meetings.
- Liaising with a range of external services such as Health, Housing and Social Care.
- Advice and support in promoting positive behaviour at home.
- Assistance in completing paperwork and forms e.g. housing, special educational needs, school places and benefits.
- Guidance and access to resources and workshops in school on a wide range on subjects including online safety, healthy relationships, managing emotions and healthy lifestyle.

**Please call the school office on 01922 712 834 or pop in to make an appointment and we will be happy to help.**

## What’s Happening this Term?

**28<sup>th</sup> September - 4<sup>th</sup> October** – Healthy Eating Week.

**9<sup>th</sup> October** – World Mental Health Day. Young Minds. #HelloYellow

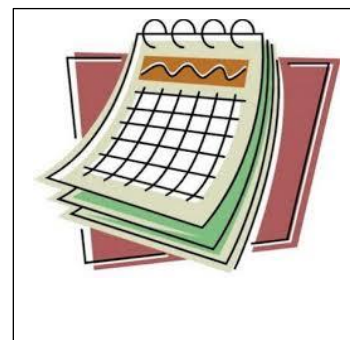
**13<sup>th</sup> November** – World Kindness Day. (Kindness Challenge).

**9<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> November** – Children in Need Fundraising Week.

**16<sup>th</sup> November** – Odd Sock Day.

**16<sup>th</sup>- 20<sup>th</sup> November** – Anti-bullying week.

**11<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Jumper Day.



**Please note due to social distancing and guidance changing regularly, further details of events within school will be released closer to the time.**