

## Welcome Back



I would like to warmly welcome you all back to the academy! It has been an absolute joy to hear the children's happy voices around the academy. I am delighted to see how settled the children have been and become throughout this week.

On behalf of the staff, thank you for your support and understanding and we are extremely excited about building on these successes to ensure the children feel safe and continue to be ready to learn. As ever, if you have any queries please ask by sending a question to the academy office ([office@phiacademy.org.uk](mailto:office@phiacademy.org.uk)) or you can speak to myself or a member of staff at drop off and collection. I wish you all a relaxing weekend and we look forward to seeing you all next week.

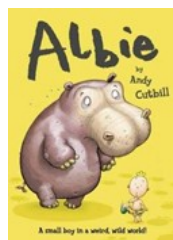
Mr Tom Jordan, (Interim Principal)

## Recognition Awards

**Year 1:** Louie C, Yina L, Stanley K, Ilori W.  
**Year 2:** Jessica B, Mia F, Maisy H.

## A Good Read

At PHIA we love books and every week will be talking about books or featuring our favourite books and authors. A firm favourite last year and recommended by Mrs Makuch Meteor class is 'Albie' by Andy Cutbill - It seems like just another ordinary day to Albie until he finds ... a hippo in the paddling pool, zebras up the tree and his sister, Mary, on the warpath! What else could possibly go wrong? Supermarket zoo, space school, pirates and the dinosaur one are all firm favourites in the **Albie series**.



## We're Going . . . On A Bug Hunt



Our Year 2 children have taken delivery of some very special visitors as part of their topic of creepy crawlies.

Each class have been entrusted with looking after a collection of Painted Lady caterpillars and watching them transform into butterflies. This particular species are the latest hatching and so the butterflies will be some of the last released into the wild this year.

Mrs North, teacher of Rocket class said the children had already noticed how much the caterpillars, supplied by the Butterfly Conservation Trust, had grown just in the last few days.

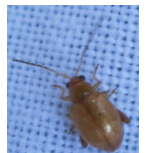


## Absence messages

Thank you to parents who have been contacting the absence line with regards to their child being unwell and not attending school on any particular day. Could we please ask – particularly under the current situation – that you are specific with the reason for the absence. Rather than 'feeling poorly' could you please indicate whether your child has 'a headache', 'feels sick', has 'a temperature', has 'developed a rash' etc. Can we also ask that you say your child's name slowly and clearly and give either the class name or the name of the teacher. Thank you for your assistance.



Some of the children went out into the playground on a bug hunt, searching the grass, trees and cubby holes to see what they could find, and take notes about the creepy crawlies they unearthed.



## School Lunches

Please don't forget to register your choices for school lunches via the website:

<https://www.poundhillinfantacademy.org.uk/school-life/school-dinners-survey>

if your child wants to have a school meal at any point during the rest of September/ October.



You can order for some days and not others dependent on the menu preferences and please indicate any dietary limitations owing to medical conditions or religious beliefs. This change is to help ensure sufficient food is available to each class each day as the children are being served in their class bubbles.

## New Starters

Welcome to all our new starters in Reception. We hope you have had an enjoyable first few days.

For any parents who have not yet completed a photo consent form, we will make some available in the classrooms—please ask if you need one. Also, we can provide paper copies of Special Diet Request forms if your child has any requirements regarding allergies, following a vegan diet or suffers from a gluten or dairy intolerance.

## Reminders

Please remember that going forward we would like the children to come dressed in PE kit on the days they have PE rather than keeping their kit in school and needing to get changed to and from normal uniform. For those who may have missed the letter yesterday here are the basics:

### PE Days are:

**Reception: Wednesday**

**Year 1: Thursday**

**Year 2: Tuesday**

Each class bubble will have a designated time slot for their PE lessons during this day.

### What PE kit could my child wear?

- Maroon Shorts (or if not yet acquired, plain PE shorts)
- Plain white round neck T-shirt
- Plain dark jogging bottoms and a sweat top as some PE lessons take place outside (weather permitting)
- Trainers – suitable for sports. E.g. black plimsolls or lightweight trainers with Velcro fastening.

Children do not need **book bags** in class

Back gate by Reception will be open for **drop off** each morning from 8.30am -8.55am