



Coming soon

Exciting times! As part of Nottinghamshire County Council's School Building Improvement Programme (SBIP), we will be having extensive improvements to our school building - this includes replacing the roof, windows, external doors, facias and soffits as well as a new ceiling in the hall. The works will begin during the summer holidays but will then take up to 12 months until completion. As much as it is very exciting we have to be prepared for some disruption to the school site during the next academic year. I will keep you fully informed during the process with updates about the works.



Interested in volunteering - why not consider becoming a school governor?

Becoming a governor is a very rewarding and enriching role. As part of the Full Governing Body team, you will provide support and challenge for the school in order to ensure that all decisions made are in the best interest of the pupils. You will be supported both by Governor Services, who have a wide range of training courses available covering all aspects of school life, and by our governing body who will be able to answer any other questions you may have.

Many people feel that they do not have enough time to become a governor, but it is a role that allows you to give as much time as you can offer. The aim is to get to know the school well which can be done by coming into school or reading documentation passed to you to help you make informed decisions at the meetings.

As a governor at Phoenix you will:

- meet as part of the Full Governing Body once every term. Meetings are typically from 6.30pm.
- sit on one of the two committees which meet once a term. Meetings are typically from 6pm.
- Visit the school as regularly as time will allow you in order to be able to understand the 'life' of the school.

All vacancies for parent governors are advertised via newsletters, text messages and on the website. We will be advertising soon for a school governor so in the meantime if you would like to have a chat about the role then contact Mrs Harper via the school office

office@phoenix.notts.sch.uk. You can also find out more about being a school governor here <https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/education/school-governors/what-being-a-school-governor-involves#:~:text=Ensure%20clarity%20of%20vision%2C%20ethos,the%20light%20of%20that%20progress>

Thank you to all the parents and carers who have supported us this year with making sure their child is at school more than 95% of the time and that they are on time each day. You are supporting your child in making sure they don't miss out on important learning experiences throughout the year.

Thank you also to those parents who have improved their child's attendance following a letter to say that their child was persistently absent (at school less than 90% of the time)

We have had good overall attendance this academic year but we have a number of children with attendance below 90% and this is unacceptable. We are looking at strategies to reduce this in the next academic year and this may include fining but we really need our community to work with us on this. We are also noticing lower attendance in the past couple of weeks - this term does matter - it is a vital time for consolidating learning, transition activities and assessments. Please ensure that your child is in every day possible.

FACT

365 days in a calendar year
190 School days,
175 non-school days for shopping,
holidays and appointments!

Going to school - Why it's so important!

- * Every child has a right to education and to have the best possible life chances. By attending school daily and on time they learn the importance of commitment and being punctual, a life skill which will serve them well as they grow into the next generation of working citizens.
- * Many people think that the odd day off here and there does not matter, but even these odd days can have an impact on a child's learning. Learning about any topic doesn't happen all in one day, therefore when a child returns to school the class may be continuing their learning from the day before which will put the absent child at an immediate disadvantage.
- * At the time of school assessment it will be hard for children to achieve their best results if there are gaps in their learning.
- * Not being at school regularly also has a negative effect on the social aspects of school. It is hard for children to build and maintain good friendships if they are not in school regularly.

Attendance Ladder

How close is your child to 100%?

0 days off school

100%

Perfection

Equates to 2 days off school each year

99%

Excellent

Equates to 5 days off school each year

97%

Good

Equates to 10 days off school each year

95%

Slight Concern

Equates to 20 days off school each year

90%

Concerned

Equates to 30 days off school each year

85%

Very Concerned

Summer Term Diary dates

- W/C 10th June 2024 - Year 1 Phonics Screening Week
- Thursday 20th June 2024 - Year 2 Residential to Gulliver's Valley
- Tuesday 25th June 2024 - F1/F2 Sports day 10am / 2pm
- Wednesday 26th June 2024 - KS1 Sports day 2pm
- Thursday 4th July - Visit new classes morning (note change of date - children first starting school in F2 will have their Transition morning on Wednesday 3rd July)
- Friday 5th July - Children's carnival
- Monday 8th July 2024- INSET DAY
- Thursday 25th July 2024 - Year 2 Leavers assembly
- Friday 26th July 2024- Last day of term- END OF ACADEMIC YEAR 2023/24

Wednesday 4th September 2024 - Back to school for children

(Monday 2nd September and Tuesday 3rd September - return for school staff)

Mrs Harper and the Phoenix Team