



It has been a pleasure to welcome the children back for the summer term! This term is always very busy so please take a look at the diary dates at the end of this letter.

Starting school in September

How quickly has this year gone! We now have our list of children starting school in September and are busy planning for their transition. There is some information on the website to help you start to prepare and you will receive a letter shortly detailing the transition activities and process and you will already have had a phone call from Mrs Henson and an email. We really work hard to make the transition into school as calm and smooth for our children. Take a look at the webpage here - [Starting School in September 2024 | Phoenix Infant and Nursery School](#) Information will be added onto the webpage over the coming days.

If you (or someone you know) has not applied for a school place for September, then they need to do so as soon as possible by calling admissions on Tel - 0300 500 80 80.

Just to reassure you, we are now busy behind the scenes working on transition for all our children and ensuring that the children settle easily into their next stage of learning. This involves lots of careful planning to ensure that the children continue to thrive and enjoy school. Staff meetings will focus on this and give the teachers and teaching assistants chance to discuss each child both academically as well as pastorally. We will provide more information as we move through this term and you will be informed of your child's class teacher for next year on Friday 28th June and final year end reports will be sent out on Friday 12th July.

We will be supporting the Year 2 children make the transition to Priory Junior School and you will receive information in the next few weeks about important dates and opportunities to get to know Priory and prepare your child for their next steps.

Nursery places

If you are wanting a Nursery place for your child in the next academic year, please apply by collecting a form in school or completing this online form. <https://forms.gle/d8RrpgpVMnX3d9U76> We will then contact you with full details and information ready for your child starting our wonderful nursery!

GARDEN PARTY

Friday 5th July 3.30 pm until 5.30pm

Our annual Garden Party is being planned by a small but committed PTA team and we know that this will be a great event for our community to get together and have some fun! We will need some help to enable this event to go ahead. Please take a look at this questionnaire for ways in which you can get involved - just sign up and let us know. <https://forms.gle/kH9tGGdybxKaZmj6> We will hold a PTA meeting in school on Wednesday 8th May at 6pm. These are informal and friendly meetings and give us chance to organise the event. Please come along to support if you can.

We are now asking for donations for our stalls in preparation. We are looking for-

- Teddies/soft toys in good condition for our Teddy Tombola
- Alcohol (eg wine, beer etc) or soft drinks (bottles of water or fizzy drink) for our version of a wine or water stall
- Donations of smaller items for our Tombola - if you have any spare items lying around which we can use for prizes we would be very grateful. eg gifts sets, tubs of sweets/chocolates etc.

If you can make any donations, then please send into school from Monday. We will also be holding a raffle. If you know any companies that might donate a prize, then please let us know. We have a letter that we can provide if you are able to ask on the PTA's behalf.

More information will go out in the newsletters over the coming weeks about the event.

I am pleased to announce that Mrs McArthur will be returning from her maternity leave on Monday 29th April in Year 2. We will be delighted to welcome her back to the team and I am sure that the children will very much enjoy working with her again. A huge thank you to Mrs Stuart for her dedication and commitment during her time in Year 2 covering for Mrs McArther - we wish Mrs Stuart all the very best.

Summer

- Monday 6th May 2024- Bank Holiday- School closed
- Friday 24th May 2024- Last day of term
- Monday 3rd June 2024 - First day back
- W/C 3rd June 2024 - Year 1 Phonics Screening Week

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- 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 - Garden Party
- 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



STAY AND PLAY DATES

Saturday 27th April 11 - 12.30pm
Saturday 18th May 11 - 12.30pm

Have a great weekend!