



Phoenix Infant and Nursery School Newsletter

Flying High at Phoenix! 12th January 2024



Happy New Year to you all!

Welcome back to a new term and a New Year. We are glad to have the children back at school and we have a very busy term ahead. The children are pleased to be back with their friends and are already working hard. Thank you to the children who have sent in some Brilliant Beginnings research conducted during the holidays -this is being displayed in each classroom. This term we will send out a fortnightly newsletter on alternative weeks to the Priory Junior School newsletter.

The value for the month of January at Phoenix is 'Determination' and the children will take part in an assembly on Monday

We will be thinking of Determination as 'not giving up when things get difficult'. Many of us make New Year's Resolutions in January but we can make resolutions at any time of the year. Determination is key to our success in making the changes we are wishing for. Whether you have made a resolution or not, the value of determination will only help in a positive way. For our children, we encourage them constantly to try their best, to not give up when they find things difficult and to welcome challenges. We teach them strategies to help them when they get stuck and to persevere when things get tough!

Determination is fuelled by a 'growth mindset'. When children have a growth mindset, they understand that intelligence can be developed. Children then focus on improvement instead of worrying about how smart they are. They work hard to learn more and get smarter. We explicitly teach these skills to our children throughout their time here at Phoenix. There is a really useful article here that explains Growth Mindset.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/grownups/help-your-child-try-new-things>

A favourite saying at Phoenix is..." It's not that you can't do it - you just can't do it YET!!!"

The Spring term is an incredibly short period in the academic year but a time when children make so much progress. It is important that your child's attendance is as close to 100% as it can be. Like every other school, the impact of the last few years has been significant on our children, and we have to make sure that every day counts. Of course, we understand that children at this age do get lots of bugs and will need time of school if too unwell to attend. This website is really useful in giving advice about then your child is too ill to come to school.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/> However, we have a small number of families where despite taking this into account attendance is very low. Letters will go out to families where there are significant concerns and a meeting arranged in school to enable actions to be put in place together to maximise attendance for the rest of the academic year. A huge thank you to our families that work hard to ensure the best possible attendance and ensure that the children come to school on every day that they are well enough. We also ensure we recognise good attendance, and this is done on a termly basis. Certificates have gone out today to acknowledge attendance above 97% for the Autumn Term - the next certificates will go out at the end of the Spring Term. Thank you for your

help and support with this.

A huge thank you to our families who do park considerately and safely, however we have some families who are currently making the site unsafe before and after school. Parents and carers have a responsibility to park safely - our staff, myself included, are often busy with reading groups before school and cannot always patrol. However, this should not be necessary if **ALL** families were respectful of the importance of safe parking. This week in particular we have been made aware of some families thinking it is acceptable to park on the single yellow lines or the zigzags - it is not. A short video explains safe parking around our school. Parking | Phoenix Infant and Nursery School (secure-primarysite.net)

The school is on the top of a hill, on a bend and this can impair visibility to other drivers and families crossing the road. We will be monitoring and working closely with **Notts Parking Partnership** to ensure parking enforcement is in place - this is to keep our community safe.



Please do not use the school car park at all. It is not a safe area to be driving in or out of at busy times.



Stay and play - dates and times

(Please note new times)

Saturday 27th January 11- 12.30 pm

Saturday 2nd March 11 -12.30pm

Diary dates

Spring

- Tuesday 6th February 2024- Safer Internet Day
- Friday 9th February 2024- INSET DAY & Last day of term
- Monday 19th February 2024 - First day of term
- Thursday 7th March 2024 - World book day
- Monday 11th March and Wednesday 13th March 2024 - F2 Parents evening (Classes 1 and 2)
- Tuesday 12th March and Thursday 14th March 2024 - KS1 Parents evening
- Friday 15th March 2024 - Easter disco for children
- Thursday 28th March 2024- Last day of term

Summer

- Monday 15th April - back to school
- 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

- 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
- Wednesday 3rd July - Visit new classes morning
- 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

Have a great weekend everyone!