

Phoenix Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter

1st December 2023 www.phoenixinfant.co.uk

Winter bugs

Attendance levels at this time of year can be affected by illness. We would therefore encourage all parents to make sure children routinely attend school for every day possible when their child is well. If they then do have a short period of illness and need a little time off attendance remains high.

There is a link below to the NHS website that explains when children should be off and when they should still attend and also a poster with explanations. Minor ailments, such as a headache or slight cold, are not acceptable reasons for failing to attend school. Whereas, if they have been ill with sickness and/or diarrhoea, please keep them off school until they have been symptom free for 48 hours to prevent the bug spreading throughout the school community. **We do have some families where attendance is below 90% - this is classed as persistent absenteeism.** Our aim is to always work with our families to improve children's attendance and explore strategies but there are clear guidelines in place for schools whereby if after working with families attendance does not improve. We will always make contact if attendance dips below 90% and work to resolve this. [School attendance, absence and truancy | Nottinghamshire County Council](#)

The majority of families do ensure that their children attend everyday possible, and we see the impact on children in terms of friendships, learning and enjoying school. A huge thank you for your support with this.

Flu vaccinations are being offered in school - the link below is where you can sign up for this. This closes on the 6th December so please remember to sign in and give consent if you would like you child to have this.

<https://nhsImms.azurewebsites.net/session/c5354ad2>

The vaccinations will take place at your child's school on the 11th December

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>



Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

	Until...
Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



SCAN ME

Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for **health protection in schools** or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.



Winter has arrived....

As you will be aware, there has been a significant drop in temperature over the last week. Please can you ensure that your child wears additional layers, e.g. coats, hats and gloves, over the coming weeks so that they are best protected against the cold as they arrive and leave school and also play out during break times. Please ensure that you name items so that we can return to the owner if misplaced!

(if you have any spare items that we can support our families with to keep warm then please donate and we will ensure they get put to good use)

Friday 8th December

The Christmas tree is up and rehearsals are fully underway meaning the season is now fully upon us! Next week is Christmas Jumper day in aid of Save the Children and your child is invited to come to school in their Christmas or winter jumper and non-uniform. If you would like to, and are able to make a donation to Save the Children this can be done through the website www.christmasjumperday.org.

(Please note that Priory will be holding their Christmas Jumper day on Thursday 7th December- meaning siblings might be able to share!)



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NEW PARENT OPEN EVENT

SATURDAY
2nd December
12-2PM

Will your child be starting school in September 2024?

Come and join us for a look around and for more information about Phoenix.

For further information or to register your interest contact
Phoenix Infant School on 0115 9539927
 or email office@phoenix.notts.sch.uk



Saturday 2nd December 2.00pm – 3.30pm

Diary Date

Autumn

- Friday 8th December 2023 - Christmas Jumper day - children can wear a Christmas Jumper or non-uniform
- Wednesday 13th December 2023 - F1 (Nursery) Christmas performance 10.30am / 2.00pm
- Thursday 14th December 2023 - F2 (Classes 1 and 2) Christmas performance 2.00pm
- Monday 18th December 2023 - KS1 (Classes 3,4,5 and 6) Christmas performance 2.00pm
- Tuesday 19th December 2023 - KS1 (Classes 3,4,5 and 6) Christmas performance 9.30am
- Wednesday 20th December 2023 - Pantomime in school and party day
- Friday 22nd December 2023- Last day of term

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

Have a

- 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 - from Mrs Harper and the Phoenix Team!