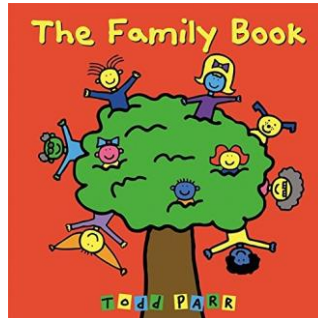




29<sup>th</sup> September 2023



This week we sent out a text message reminding everyone about an art project we are working on to create a whole school display of all our families and staff that form our community. To support this, we requested a photograph of your child and their family. Thank you for all the images that have been sent in so far. This can be as a hard copy or added onto the Learning Platforms and we will print it off. The images will be used for the children to draw their families as well as forming part of the display too. We did request them by this Friday but please still continue to bring them in if not so already. Please do not hesitate to ask if you have any questions.

Phoenix Infant and Nursery School

### NEW PARENT OPEN EVENT

SATURDAY  
21<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER  
10am-12pm

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](mailto:office@phoenix.notts.sch.uk)

School is looking great and after only a few weeks we have lots of learning on display. We have an Open Morning on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October for families looking for a school place for September 2023. This will take place from 10am until 12pm. Please come along if you have a child in Nursery due to start and also let friends know who are looking for a school place and who might not know about the hidden gem that Phoenix is!

## School Photographer



The school Photographer has been booked for Thursday October 12<sup>th</sup>. These will be for individual photographs within the school day and an opportunity to book an after-school slot for family photographs including pets. Letters will be sent out later next week.



As Winter fast approaches, it can be more of a challenge to find ways to keep the children entertained without feeling the need to spend money. Continuing from our success of last year we will hold our first Stay and Play session this academic year on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2.00pm - 3.30pm. The sessions are completely free of charge with refreshments provided. The hall will be available and if the weather allows outside too. You will be able to come along, have a chat with other parents and let the children have fun together - during the sessions you will be responsible for supervising your children.

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2.00pm - 3.30pm  
Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2.00pm - 3.30pm

## School meals

As you are aware all children at Phoenix are entitled to a universal free school meal. We aim to encourage as many children as possible to have a school meal as they are delicious as well as being healthy and well balanced. Information about the school menu can be accessed on our website

Please be aware that to enable our cook to accurately order the food we ask that children do not have a mixture of dinners and sandwiches during a week. Your child needs to stay one or the other.

## PUPIL PREMIUM

Although you have a child who will be benefiting from a 'universal free school meal', your child may also benefit from additional funding from central government known as Pupil Premium Grant (Free School Meals). If your child has started in F2 this year it is important that you apply if eligible as we think some families may be missing out. The government introduced the Pupil Premium to help children from low-income families reach their full potential. Your child will also benefit from free school milk and half price clubs/trips during the year.

In order to determine if your child qualifies and to allow us to claim the funding it is important that all parents and carers who feel they may meet the criteria apply. To do this you will need to go online and access the Notts CC Citizens Portal (put this as a search into Google) or ring Tel: 0300 500 80 80

### Attendance Matters



Our whole school attendance expectation is 97%. This week the class with the highest attendance is Class 1 with 99.3%. A huge well done.

## Diary Dates

- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October – School Photographs
- Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October and Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2023 - F2 Parents evening (Classes 1 and 2)
- Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October and Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2023 – Key Stage 1 Parents evening (Classes 3, 4, 5 and 6)
- **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023- Last day of term**  
Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2023 – Open Morning for families starting September 2024 (Moved from 11<sup>th</sup> November)
- **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023- INSET DAY**
- Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2023 – Children in Need (Details TBC)
- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2023 – Christmas Jumper day
- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2023 – F1 (Nursery) Christmas performance 10.30am / 2.00pm
- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2023 – F2 (Classes 1 and 2) Christmas performance 2.00pm
- Week Commencing 18<sup>th</sup> December 2023 – Christmas dinner (Date TBC)
- Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2023 – KS1 (Classes 3,4,5 and 6) Christmas performance 2.00pm
- Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2023 – KS1 (Classes 3,4,5 and 6) Christmas performance 9.30am
- Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2023 – Pantomime in school and party day
- **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2023- Last day of term**
- Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2024- Safer Internet Day
- **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024- INSET DAY & Last day of term**
- **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024 – First day of term**
- Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024 – World book day
- Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March and Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2024 – F2 Parents evening (Classes 1 and 2)
- Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March and Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2024 – KS1 Parents evening (Classes 3,4,5 and 6)
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024 – Easter disco for children
- **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024- Last day of term**
- **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024- Bank Holiday- School closed**
- **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024- Last day of term**
- **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024 – First day of half term**
- W/C 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024 – Year 1 Phonics Screening Week
- W/C 10<sup>th</sup> June 2024 – Year 1 Phonics Screening Week
- Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2024 – Year 2 Residential to Gulliver’s Valley
- Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2024 – F1/F2 Sports day 10am / 2pm
- Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2024 – KS1 Sports day 2pm
- Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July – Visit new classes morning
- Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July – Garden Party
- **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2024- INSET DAY**
- Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2024 – Year 2 Leavers assembly
- **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2024- Last day of term- END OF ACADEMIC YEAR 2023/24**

**A huge thank you to the community for their support over the past few weeks.**

**The whole staff team and Miss McPhilbin as Deputy have been incredible and the school has been in very safe hands. I am looking forward to returning next week and being with our wonderful children once again as I have definitely missed them! I will be around before and after school so please do not hesitate to come and see me for a chat.**

**Have a great weekend everyone!**

**From Mrs Harper and the Phoenix Team**

