



Phoenix Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter
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As Christmas fast approaches, this week's newsletter is packed with all the essential information you need to stay up to date! From festive activities and important dates to reminders about school events, there's so much to look forward to as we celebrate the season. Let's embrace the holiday spirit together as we share in the joy of this magical time of year. Happy reading, and may your December be filled with excitement and cheer!

Despite the challenges posed by the ongoing building works, we are delighted that we are still aiming to put on a Christmas performance for each year group. Currently, Year 2 is using the hall as their classrooms are being renovated, but our school community has been remarkably adaptable and resilient, and the staff team have devised creative solutions to ensure that our children can still showcase their talents. Your understanding and support in this matter are greatly appreciated!

Individual year group detailed information will be shared via Tapestry and Seesaw, but please see below for the schedule of performances:

- **Nursery:** (Will be held in Nursery -two performances with tickets to enable everyone to get a space)
Thursday, December 12th - 10am and 2pm
- **Foundation 2 (Classes 1 and 2):** Festive songs outside the Forest School Lodge - wrap up warm and get into the festive spirit with our children!
Tuesday, December 10th - 2pm
- **Key Stage 1 (Classes 3, 4, 5, and 6):** Held in the school hall (Year 1 as choir/Year 2 performers)
Tuesday, December 17th - 2pm
Wednesday, December 18th - 9.30am

We aim to keep as much structure and continue learning right through to the end of term but on the last week we will also include lots of Christmas activities - and as part of this we have our school party day on Friday 20th December. Our morning will be filled with excitement as Chaplin's Theatre Group will be performing the enchanting tale of *Beauty and the Beast*. This is a wonderful opportunity for our children to experience live performance by talented actors, and we can't wait to see their faces light up with joy!

As previously communicated, we kindly request a contribution of £3 towards the performance costs, which total £966. The remainder has been generously subsidised by the school. Thank you for your support in making this experience possible!

On Party Day, children are invited to wear their party clothes. However, please remember that they will still enjoy outdoor playtime, so we recommend suitable footwear and warm clothing to keep them comfortable.

Additionally, this day coincides with our Christmas Dinner Day, adding to the festive celebrations.

For our Nursery children, please note that their Party Day will be on Thursday, 19th December. More details will be sent separately to families regarding the nursery party. We are looking forward to an unforgettable Party Day filled with lots of great memories for our children.

Christmas Jumper Day - Thursday 12th December! Due to popular demand, everyone is invited to wear a Christmas jumper or, if you prefer, come in non-uniform. Remember, there's absolutely no obligation to purchase anything new! If you're feeling creative, why not check the Save the Children website for some fantastic ideas on how to craft your very own festive masterpiece? Christmas Jumper Day is a wonderful initiative organised by Save the Children, helping to raise funds for those children who need our support the most. Every December, millions across the United Kingdom, and beyond, don their festive knits at schools, workplaces, and gatherings—all while making a donation to help provide children with the magical futures they truly deserve. By dressing in your comfiest, most amusing Christmas jumper, you'll be playing a part in helping youngsters facing significant challenges such as war, hunger, and poverty. If you are able, please consider making a direct donation here:

<https://tinyurl.com/yckx9sjh>

You can now sign up to the Friends of Phoenix PTA website at <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofphoenix/> where you can purchase tickets for Santa's Grotto experience on Saturday 7th December -

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofphoenix/?event=event&eventId=89763>



Ho, Ho, Ho! We are thrilled to announce our very first Grotto event for the children this festive season! Join us on Saturday, December 7th, for an enchanting experience filled with holiday cheer. We kindly ask that you arrive 20 minutes before your scheduled time. Please enter through the main entrance where our friendly staff will greet you.

Upon arrival, your little ones will be treated to a delicious hot chocolate and scrumptious cake to warm their spirits. Once everyone is ready, our dedicated staff will lead the children through our wonderful forest school in small groups, creating a magical journey to the lodge where Santa awaits!

Each child will have the opportunity to meet Santa individually, ensuring a special moment filled with joy and wonder. After the experience, families will exit through the main gate, allowing for a smooth flow.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to our incredible staff for their invaluable support in organising this event; we genuinely could not have done it without your dedication. As this is our first time hosting such an exciting occasion, we kindly request your patience as we navigate the day. We are committed to making this event run smoothly and to providing a memorable experience for everyone involved.

Don't miss this chance to create magical memories with your children! We can't wait to see you there and share in the festivities together

We genuinely appreciate your support in making these occasions memorable for our children. All monies raised will go towards enhancing the opportunities in school - eg paying for the cost of coaches for trips, books for our library and end of Year 2 leaver T-shirts. If you have any questions or need assistance, please don't hesitate to reach out.



This year, we are also selling tea towels that every child has drawn their portrait, on for £5 <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofphoenix/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=90668&isProductGroup=true> They will arrive in school next week and we will start giving them out as soon as they come in. They make a great memento or perhaps a Christmas gift.

Diary dates

- Saturday 7th December - **Santo's Grotto**
- Tuesday 10th December 2.00pm - **F2 (Classes 1 and 2) Christmas Performance**
- Thursday 12th December -**Nursery Christmas Performance (10am /2pm)**
- Thursday 12th December **Christmas Jumper day**
- Tuesday 17th December 2.00pm and Wednesday 18th December 9.30am KS1 (Classes 3,4,5, and 6) **Christmas Performance**
- Friday 20th December **Pantomime / party day (including Christmas dinner)**
- Friday 20th December - end of term
- **Back to school: Monday 6th January Spring term**
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Spring

- Friday 31st January - Parent/carer coffee and chat - **School coffee morning - all welcome**
- Tuesday 11th February 2024- **Safer Internet Day**
- **Half term: Monday, 17th February 2025 to Friday, 21st February 2025**
- **Monday 24th February 2025 - First day of term**
- Thursday 6th March 2025 - **World Book Day**
- Monday 24th March and Wednesday 26th March 2024 - **F2 Parents evening (Classes 1 and 2)**
- Tuesday 25th March and Thursday 27th March 2024 - **KS1 Parents evening (Classes 3,4,5 and 6)**
- **Friday 4th April 2024- Last day of term**

Summer

- **Tuesday 22nd April - First day of summer Term**
- Half term - Monday 26 May 2025 to Friday 30 May 2025
- W/C 9th June 2024 - **Year 1 Phonics Screening**
- Thursday 12th June 2025 - **Year 2 Residential to Gulliver's Valley - details to follow (please note change of date)**
- Wednesday 18th June 2025 9.30 am - **KS1 Sports day 9.30am**
- Tuesday 25th June 2025 - **F1/F2 Sports day 10.00am / 2.00pm**
- **Friday 4th July 2024- INSET DAY**
- Thursday 24th July 2025 - **Year 2 Leavers assembly 2.00pm**
- **Friday 25th July 2025- Last day of term- END OF ACADEMIC YEAR**

Have a great weekend! Mrs Harper and the Phoenix Team