



Phoenix
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PRIMARY SCHOOL
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NEWSLETTER

Thursday 4th October

Dates:

Wed 4th Oct - Harvest Assembly in school

Thurs 5th Oct - Parents Council meeting in school at 6pm. All Parents Welcome

Fri 6th Oct - Jo Jingles in Nursery & Y1

Mon 9th Oct - School Photographs

COOL FOR SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

The photographer will be back in school on **Monday 9th October** to take individual photos and family photos as well as class photos for Nursery, Year 1 and Year 7.

Please ensure that you register your child(ren) through the registration process provided separately on SeeSaw. All children should wear **FULL SCHOOL UNIFORM** on Monday. Family photos with siblings not at school can be taken in the hall from 8.30am

SCHOOL HARVEST & FOOD BANK APPEAL

Our Harvest Assembly is taking place in school on Wednesday 4th October. Thank you to all the parents who have donated towards the Food Bank and baby supplies appeal

HOLIDAYS DURING TERM TIME

To date we have been contacted by 7 families who have booked holidays during term time.

This is to inform you that you should NOT book holidays during term time - all absences of this type will be registered as UNAUTHORISED. The correct procedure for contacting the school is to speak directly to the Principal (either Mrs Watson or Mr Kelly). It is not enough to ring the school office or tell the teacher. We are duty bound to inform you that you must NOT take your

child out of school for a holiday. It is so important that children attend school regularly to get the best out of their education, especially in the early years where important basic skills are being taught. If a parent takes a child out of school during term time for a holiday, we will not provide school work for this absence.

Many parents have the attitude that their child is not missing much - "Sure they're only little, a few days out of school won't do any harm" In our experience absence from school can have a big impact on children, especially those in the younger year groups. Important skills are missed, bonding with friends and learning new things in class. In addition, it does not give any space for genuine absence due to illness. Attendance % are then low and the Education Welfare officer will be involved. We want children to get the best from their education and it is vital they are at school regularly. Cost implications have been given as a reason to take children out of school, but this is not an acceptable reason. We try our best to ensure our school closures provide opportunities for parents to book a holiday if they want a week away.

Please ensure you read and understand this to avoid difficult conversations with the school about attendance.

ABUSE AGAINST STAFF

All staff at our school work hard to ensure we have a welcoming, positive environment for pupils and families. As you know we are currently building a new school which has led to disruption to our space. We try to keep you up to date with changes and appreciate your patience. We will not accept ANY abuse against our staff and will deal with this directly when it happens. Abuse can come in many forms, for example, bad language, dismissive behaviour, racial comments and rudeness. If a member of the community behaves in an abusive way towards our staff we will deal with this and give a warning. If it persists our Governors may have to take action to exclude the person from the school site. The majority of our school community are extremely supportive, thank you! Please make sure you share this information with those who pick up your child. - extended family, childcare etc.

CAR PARK SAFETY

The car park can get very congested and although it only lasts for a short time, we would ask you to park and walk if you are able. The leisure centre is only 2 mins walk away.

If your child is cycling to school, they must NOT enter the car park where the cars drive. They must use the footpath. Please ensure you walk to the gate to meet your child so they are not walking through traffic. If you cannot leave your car please speak to your child's teacher about giving permission for them to walk to the car (see below). Children **MUST** use the designated crossing areas. **Abuse of staff who are out in car park to help with congestion and parking at home time will NOT be tolerated.**

NO SMOKING

Reminder for all parents, carers and extended family members - **Phoenix Primary & Nursery is a NO SMOKING zone.** To smoke or use an e cigarette you must be outside the school gates. We have noticed a few adults smoking or using E cigarettes in their car or standing beside their car. **Please respect our approach to smoking and ensure you share this with anyone who picks up your child.**

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

To date we have a reduced number of children who are on our Free School Meals list. We urge you to apply urgently to ensure your child(ren) can have a cooked meal every day at school. School Dinner Costs- School dinners this year will be £2.60 per day, £13.00 per week paid via the school money app.

HEALTHY BREAK!

<http://www.childrensfoodtrust.org.uk/childrens-food-trust/parents/>

As the school participates in Healthy Break Programme which is encouraged by the Dept of Education please support us by sending in fresh fruit, fresh vegetables or plain bread-based snack for your child (Y2-7). In line with healthy eating guidelines for Primary Schools, the snack should be fruit, vegetable or bread based with no sugary spreads. Crisps, bars, etc are not acceptable as break choices but can be eaten at lunch time. In addition, it is **water only** at school - no juice in water bottles. Check out the School Food Trust website for support with healthy snacks and lunchboxes.

NUT FREE ZONE. Please respect this when you are preparing lunch boxes and snacks.

SACRAMENT DATES

First Communion - Sat 20th April at 11am

Confirmation - Sun 3rd March at 3pm