



Phoenix
INTEGRATED
PRIMARY SCHOOL
Achieving & Celebrating Together

Wednesday 28th February

Diary Dates:

Wed 28th Feb - Y5 class assembly for parents @ 9.30am

Sun 3rd March - Confirmation 3pm

Mon 4th - Fri 8th March - School Nurse in for Y1 reviews

Tue 5th March - Yr3 Shared Education lesson

Wed 6th March -Nursery & Y1 class assembly for Parents @ 9.30am

Wed 6th March - Y4 going to Cookstown Library

Thursday 7th March - World Book Day

Fri 15th Mar - Jo Jingles for Nursery & Y1

Mon 18th Mar - School Closed for St Patrick's Day

Wed 20th Mar - Odd Sock Day for Integrated Education Month

Fri 22nd, Mon 25th & Tues 26th March - Parent Teacher Meetings - Children finishing early.

Wed 27th Mar - School closing half day for Easter Holidays

Mon 8th April - School re-opens

Car park!

Firstly, thank you for working with us to try and keep traffic in the car park moving at pick up times. Staff have been trying to keep areas that cause congestion clear, and we appreciate your patience and support.

We now need your help to keep access to the car park clear at lunch time. As you know the carpark is closed at set times during the day so we can use the space for play. Please inform extended family/grandparents that they should NOT park at the temporary gates when they are closed during the school day. Parking here creates a health and safety issue and prevents emergency vehicle access. We have spoken to anyone parking here and sent messages home; however, the entrance continues to be blocked. If this continues, we will have to close the gate on the Fountain Road.

World Book Day

For World Book Day we are aiming to do a book swap in each classroom. We would ask each child to bring in 1 book of good quality, that they no longer want. The books will be put into a box in the classroom and then on Thursday 7th March (World Book Day) each child will be allowed to choose a new book to take home and enjoy. As part of our World Book Day celebrations, we would love to ask for some parent volunteers to send through a 30 second video, sharing what their favourite book was as a child and why. The aim would be to put two parents from each class into an iMovie to be shared at our whole school assembly on Thursday 7th March. If we have more than two volunteers the videos will be saved in a folder and each class will get to view their parents!

If you are happy to do this, please send the video through to your child's class teacher by Friday 1st March.

NEW SCHOOL

The new building is progressing well! They are working on the plastering, and the underfloor heating is being installed. As soon as all the floors are dry, we hope to get groups of children up onto the site to have a look around. We have hard hats and hi vis vests and will be guided by Barry, the Site manager.

The completion date has been delayed, partly because the bad weather has caused disruption. We are now looking at a potential completion date in May. Once the final date and arrangements have been agreed we will share this information with you. In preparation for moving to the new school we wanted to make you aware as to what may be involved in moving to the new site. The move will be planned in conjunction with the Construction Team and the Department of Education, and it is likely that school will be closed to pupils for a week. Time will be needed to move equipment, furniture, resources, and technology. This time out of school will involve learning packs prepared by your child's teacher and will also mean classes will come into the new school throughout the week to become familiar with the new setting and new routines.

Parent/Teacher Meetings

The second set of interviews will take place on Friday 22nd, Monday 25th and Tuesday 26th March.

These will be held over the telephone and not in person.

Teachers will send home your interview time. Children finish school on 22nd, 25th and 26th at the following times:

Nurs - 12noon

Yr1-3 - 12.30pm

Yr4-7 - 12.45pm

Pupils in Yr1-3 with older siblings be collected at the later time of 12.45pm.

Easter Holidays

School will finish at the following times on Wednesday 27th:

Nurs-3 - 11.30am

Yr4-7 - 11.45am

If you have children in both groups, you may wish to collect them all at 11.45am School will reopen for all children on Monday 8th April.

Sacraments

Please see dates below for sacraments:

First Holy Communion - 20th April at 11am

Confirmation - 3rd March at 3pm

Parents' Council

An active Parents' Council exists within the school, which promotes various educational, social and funding events throughout the year. The Council plays an important role in encouraging other parents to become actively involved in their child's education. The Parents' Council is open to all parents and we encourage all existing parents to use this as a way of being involved within the life of the school as well as forming friendships with others.

We would encourage anyone who is interested to attend any of our meetings. We do not ask anyone to give us any more time or commitment than that which fits comfortably into their own life. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact any of the members:

Nursery: Emily Quinn and Victoria McIvor

Year 1: Emma Kilpatrick and Lynda Junk

Year 2: Gemma Donnelly and Pat Quinn

Year 3: Alona Udre and Joanne Gordon

Year 4: Katrina Smith, Katrina Hughes and Kelly Carlton

Year 5: Georgie McDevitt and Fiona Wylie

Year 6: Carrie Brisbane, Janine McGarvey and Jo McDonald

Year 7: Gemma Maynes

School Reps: Mrs Mullan and Mrs Henry

Dates for Your Diary

14.03.24 Y1-Y3 Easter Movie Night 6pm-7.45pm

21.03.24 Y4-Y7 Bunny Bingo Loco 6pm-7.30pm

FUNDRAISING UPDATE

Our target is....

This is our target for the

2023/2024 school year,

get involved and help us achieve it!!!

If you have any fundraising ideas please let us know. We are open to all suggestions. We can work together to bring your idea to life. This year we are focusing our efforts on raising funds to help with the costs of the MUGA pitch for the new school build.

Pupil Council

The pupil council have met on a number of occasions and have provided each class with a suggestion box so each child has a voice, and they can share ideas of what they want to see happen. One of the activities we will be taking part in as a book swap. This will be part of our World Book Day celebrations.

GO FOR THE GOAL!
Our Goal: **£10,000**



