



Phoenix
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NEWSLETTER

Thursday 3rd October 2024

Diary Dates:

Fri 4th - Jo Jingles in Nursery & Y1

Mon 7th - Whole school individual, family and class photographs (full school uniform)

Thurs 10th - Mental Health awareness day - Pupils wear yellow. No charge.

Mon 21st - Wed 23rd - Parent teacher meetings in school

Thurs 24th - Halloween Disco

Fri 25th - School closed for pupils for School Development Day

Mon 28th - Fri 1st - School Closed Half Term

Mon 4th Nov - School re-opens for all children

Parents' Council

Thanks to the Parents' Council who achieved their target of raising ten thousand pounds last year. This money has gone towards some of the costs for the new 2G pitch. This would not have been possible without the support from all our families and school community. Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to another successful year.

Rights Respecting Schools

This year all classes will be working on the UNICEF Rights Respecting School Programme. This work commenced in September with 'class charters' being agreed. This programme will help the pupils understand that they have rights, which should be respected, and they also have responsibilities. If you want to find out more about this, you can visit the RRS website <https://www.unicef.org.uk/rights-respecting-schools/>

Free School Meals you MUST apply every year. This can now be done online via the Education Authority website. You need to check to ensure your child is on our Free School List **before** you send them for a cooked meal. Dinners should be paid for until you are sure your FSM application has been granted. Check in with Mrs Purvis at the office.

Parents Interviews

Letters with dates and times of parent interviews will be sent home soon. Interviews will take place in person, please take a note of the times. This year we are inviting pupils in P6 and P7 to attend the interviews with their parent/carer. Please note that pupils will finish school at the following times on **Monday 21st, Tuesday 22nd and Wednesday 23rd**

Nursery 12noon

Years 1-3: 12.45pm

Years 4-7: 1pm

On Thursday 24th school will finish at the normal time.

Friday 25th October is a school development day and school will be closed to all pupils.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Everyone looks very smart in their school uniform. To support the school please ensure your child wears correct school uniform at all times including the correct shoes, which should be black.

- Children should not wear any type of "labelled" tracksuit bottoms for PE days. Plain black bottoms only - no sports brands.
- We notice some children wearing coloured trainers in their day uniform. Shoes must be all black or trainers that are all black.
- Jewellery should not be worn (except plain stud earrings).
- Both boys and girls with long hair should have it tied back.

Teachers will be in contact to discuss any uniform issues.

Thank you for your support with this.

Please label uniforms with your child's name. So many sweatshirts and jumpers go missing and it is very difficult for us to monitor this!

Pupil Council

All classes have now selected their representatives for the pupil council. The pupils have been presented with their badges in assembly and have held their first meeting. The pupil council will meet fortnightly, and we look forward to seeing their ideas have a positive impact at school!

Car Park

Please remember and inform anyone collecting your child that the car park is a one way system. You must access all parking and drop off spaces by turning left and driving around the car park. There have been several incidents where cars that are reversing have nearly collided with another car coming in the wrong way.

Sports Kits

We are hoping to provide new sports kits for our teams. To do this we would require sponsorship from local businesses. If you know of any businesses that may be able to support us with this, please speak to Mrs Mullan or Mr Crooks.

Sacraments

Please see dates below for sacraments:

First Holy Communion - Saturday 3rd May at 11am

Confirmation - Sunday 2nd March at 3pm