



Phoenix Primary School

Where we rise to the challenge

Dear Parents/ Carers,

With the start of December next week, I wanted to share some dates with you as we are heading into the busy festive season!

Tuesday 10 th December	School Photographs – Individual children plus siblings (a letter will be sent out soon with details and prices)
Wednesday 11 th December	Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper/ Accessory Day
Friday 13 th December 9:15am	EYFS Christmas Performance (for parents/carers)
Monday 16 th December 9:15am	KS1 Nativity Performance (for parents/carers)
Monday 16 th December 2:30pm	'Carols and Cakes' - Enhanced Provision (for parents and carers)
Tuesday 17 th December	Christmas Discos: Enhanced Provision – 2:00-3:00pm EYFS/KS1 3:20 – 4:10 KS2 4:20 – 5:20
Wednesday 18 th December	Phoenix's Got Talent
Thursday 19 th December	Santa's Grotto
Friday 20 th December	KS2 'Countdown of Kindness' celebration day Last day of term – finish at 1pm (children can be collected at 12pm or stay for lunch)
Monday 6 th January 2025	Children back in school

Cinderella

Our first Christmas treat was yesterday, with our yearly pantomime, delivered by the fantastic M&M Productions. The children thoroughly enjoyed Cinderella - in fact, they joined in so loudly, I am surprised you couldn't hear them from your houses! 😊 We have already booked them again for next year, when they will perform Beauty and the Beast.

Infection Control

Some of you will know - there is a particularly contagious bout of Diarrhoea and Vomiting going around the Enhanced Provision. We have taken advice from both the School Nurse and also the Health Protection Agency. They strongly recommend that we put in place the following measures in order to stop transmission as quickly as possible and also prevent the reinfection of pupils and staff across the school.

We kindly ask for your support in strictly following the steps below:

- All children are being supported to wash their hands with soap and water in the first instance. Hand gel is good for stopping the spread of respiratory illness, but not as effective for D&V.
- Enforcing a **strict** 48-hour absence from the last occasion of diarrhoea and/or vomiting.
- They have also asked that at this time if a child feels unwell in the morning that they stay at home, rather than wait and see if they feel better once at school.
- No soft toys to be brought to school.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Pokemon Cards

There has been some upset and arguments at school over Pokemon cards, and they have also been distracting children from their learning. Therefore, children are not to bring Pokemon cards to school. I would appreciate your support with this. Thank you in advance.

Pupil Voice at Phoenix

At Phoenix, children know that their views matter, and that their opinions and ideas help shape what we do at Phoenix. This week we had two important meetings: one with our School Council, led by Mr Kelly, and one with a brand-new group – the School Food Ambassadors, led by Mrs Wright. Thank you to our children who have volunteered to be in these groups; Mr Kelly and Mrs Wright said you were all brilliant and came up with some great ideas. Here are some of the things that were discussed:

School Council	School Food Ambassadors
Review of our rewards system for positive behaviour that follows our rules of Ready/Respect/Safe /Trust, and that demonstrate our Phoenix Values of: responsible/resourceful/reflective/restorative and resilient	What makes a healthy lunch – what makes an unhealthy lunch – what a balanced diet looks like – how we can monitor what children have in their packed lunches - how we can improve them so they are healthier – how we can celebrate healthy food choices

Keeping Active at Phoenix

There are lots of opportunities at Phoenix to have fun and keep fit. We have dodgeball competition, Miss Ainsworth led a dance club, and