

Wednesday 24th April

Diary Dates:

Thurs 25th Apr - Y2 Class Assembly with Parents Fri 26th Apr - Y4 Holy Communion Celebration with Parents Fri 26th Apr - Football Tournament at Coagh Football Club Tues 30th - Thurs 2nd May - Y6&7 Residential Trip Wed 1st May - Jo Jingles Nursery & Y1 Mon 6th May - School Closed Bank Holiday Tues 7th - Tues 14th May - Assessment week in school <u>Thurs 9th May</u> - Food & Fitness Programme in school for Y5&6 Thu<u>rs 23rd May</u> - Y1&2 end of year trip to Peter Pan Land Portadown Mon 27th - Fri 31st May - School Closed half term Tues 4th June - Y5 end of year trip to cinema Thurs 6th June - Provisional Sports Day at Cookstown Hockey Pitch Tues 11th June - Y3&4 end of year trip to The Jungle <u>Fri 14th June</u> - Hand Over date for the new school Mon 17th - Fri 21st June - School Closed for children. Mon 24th June - School will re-open for all pupils in the new building Tues 25th June- Y7 pupils and parents leavers celebration

<u>NEW SCHOOL</u> PANTS Fortnight

Dear Parent/Carer,

This May we will be supporting the first ever NI wide Talk PANTS fortnight in school. Through discussions and activities in class we will aim to teach our pupils important safety skills without giving explicit information or telling scary stories.

The main thing we will be focusing on is teaching our pupils the NSPCC's Talk PANTS rules using the 'PANTS' acrostic, which is like a green cross code message, designed to help children stay safe from sexual abuse. PANTS stands for: Privates are private Always remember your body belongs to you No means no Talk about secrets that upset you Speak up, someone can help If you would like to know more about the NSPCC's PANTS campaign you can access a free parent webinar, available any time on demand via this link from 17th April 2024: https://bit.ly/pantsparentsession Further information and advice are also available online at www.nspcc.org.uk/pants If you any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us Thank-you Mrs C Martin (DT Child Protection)

SUMMER TERM

As the good weather arrives, please remember to send a water bottle with your child. You may also want to apply sun cream in the morning when warm weather is forecast.

ATTENDANCE

Reminder for all families that it is your legal responsibility to promote regular attendance. This encourages a positive attitude towards school and learning. Please ensure children arrive to school on time as it helps them settle in the morning. We review attendance regularly and will be in touch if we have concerns.

STANDARDISED ASSESSMENTS

Every year we carry out a number of standardised assessments with pupils from Year 2-7. These assessments are part of a whole school approach to assessment and help us to gauge how well we have covered curriculum areas. They also help us to plan ahead for the following year. They are a normal part of the school year and are used in every school across NI and the UK. The reason they are called standardised assessments is because the outcomes are measured against children of the same age and give a bench mark for a child's learning journey.

We plan to hold the assessments from Tues 7th May and complete by Tues 14th May. If you want, you can talk to your child and reassure them that it is not TEST. Of course we want them to try their best, but they are not something to get anxious about. Teachers do not see the assessments beforehand and most classes will complete these in the hall as there is more space.

AWARDS RE-CALL

Could anyone who received a cup or large shield last year please return it to the school office. Thanks

Parents' Council 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.

Y7 LEAVERS MORNING IN NEW SCHOOL

We look forward to welcoming the Year7 pupils and their parents/carers into our new school building on Tuesday 25th June. We plan to have a coffee morning and go on a tour of the new building as the pupils' time at Phoenix comes to an end.

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