

# PHOENIX INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

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It's the end of another school term and the first relatively normal one we have had for some time! We have welcomed our new F1 and F2 children to school and what a wonderful addition they have all been. They appear to have settled in so well and are so happy and inquisitive in school already.

We have also seen the gradual return of parents and families into school. In-school parents' evenings and special assemblies have brought a degree of normality to school and have allowed some of our parents into school for the very first time. We hope that restrictions allowing, we can begin to increase the number of opportunities for families to engage in school activities. For us to do that we would encourage everyone to follow Government guidance so we can continue to keep everyone safe. The Governing Board have continued to meet virtually to reduce the risk to school staff and we will minimise any future visits until the situation improves.

This term we have also said a very sad goodbye to Mr Dunn our site manager. For the last 7 years he has been an ever present, friendly face at school – always willing to undertake any task no matter how obscure! He has left very big boots to fill but we are delighted that he has agreed to remain on the Governing Board – he hasn't escaped completely! We also say a sad goodbye to Ms Young this week, she has been a wonderful addition to the foundation units over all the years she has been at Phoenix. Her dedication to outdoor learning has seen the continued development of outside areas in both foundation areas – they are now engaging and fun areas for our children to learn and play. Ms Young's love of nature also led to her running our gardening club and her obvious passion helped nurture many budding gardeners – teaching them how to grow and care for their plants and vegetables has started the journey for many future Monty Don's! We will certainly miss her artistic flair around school. We wish them both all the very best in their new endeavours.

We have three new very welcome additions to our Governing Board – Mrs Sarah Anjorin joins us as a parent governor, Mrs Nikki King as a co-opted governor and Mr Jack George as an associate governor. They will each be a wonderful addition to our school and will help us to continually improve.

On a final note, I would like to publicly offer our thanks to Mrs Harper, Mrs Broad, and the whole staff team for their continued hard work. There continues to be so much hard work going on in the background, but they make it look effortless! To our wonderful families who continue to support us to provide the very best educational opportunities to all and finally to our lovely children who make all the hard work worth it with their smiling faces, enthusiasm to learn and wonderful senses of humour. They continue to show that they make the weather at Phoenix and the sun is always shining even on the coldest of days.

Merry Christmas everyone! We look forward to welcoming you back in the spring term

Sonya Hand

- Chair of Governors on behalf of the Governing Board