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Creating opportunities
for everyone

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Welcome back and I hope that you all had an enjoyable Christmas with family and friends. We have a lot planned for the coming term: the children will be starting their new topic, 'Words, Wonderful, Words'; there is our annual Born to Shine talent show and once again, we'll be sharing our learning with the parents at our end-of-term Learning Exhibition which will take place on Monday 26th March from 2pm. I know it's a long way off but please do put this date in your diaries.

We would also like to invite you in for our regular parent-teacher consultations so that we can explain what the children will be learning and how you can best support your child. There will also be the opportunity to ask your child's teacher any questions you may have.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to welcome Lisa Bowden to the school as our new Family Liaison Officer. Her role is to support the children and families of Phoenix School and I know that some of our families already know her from her previous work at the Sure Steps Children's Centre. She'll be out and about on the school gate getting to know the children and parents.

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Born to Shine Competition

It's that time of year again where we ask the children to showcase any talents that they may have and even have a go at teaching them to a member of staff! It's '*Born to Shine*' – our talent show with a twist.

In a few weeks, children will be able to audition to take part in Born to Shine. They will be given just two minutes to display their talent and, if they are selected, they will display their talent to the whole school in a special assembly. At this assembly, names of staff members will be drawn randomly, and the child will have to teach that member of staff their talent!

After just four weeks of practice, the adult and child will have to perform together in front of the school, parents of performers and a panel of expert judges (which will include past winners).

This is an excellent event and enables children to demonstrate their unique talent as well as having the chance to teach their talent to an adult. It also makes the adults appreciate how difficult it is to learn something new as well as often being very out of their own comfort zone. It is an enriching experience for all!

Clubs

At Phoenix School, we try our best to offer a wide range of clubs to our pupils. This term clubs will start from Monday 15th January and will run for nine weeks until Friday 23rd March. We do ask that children commit to all nine sessions as it is unfair on those children who do not get a place. A letter detailing all clubs will be coming home next week.

Please check your child's bag daily for important letters and communications.

Don't forget to listen to your child read at least three times this week. A good reader is a good learner!

Please ensure that PE kits are in school everyday. Children need good PE to stay fit and healthy.



Responsibility ~ Courage ~ Collaboration ~ Reflectiveness ~ Independence ~ Resilience

