



PHOENIX FLYER

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MESSAGE FROM HEADTEACHER



Whilst it may appear that this is a time of significant change, learning at Phoenix has remained at a high standard. Even with one bubble of children isolating, children's learning did not stop - thanks to the hard work from parents and staff.

We are in a fortunate position to have secured great teachers to cover the maternity leaves; Mrs Cordeaux and Miss Martin. They have joined the Phoenix team and have enabled us to establish a dedicated, energetic and talented team to move the school forward. I would like to assure you that during this transitional time your children and their learning is our main priority.

Myself and senior staff are working very closely together to secure a smooth transition through these changes. We are in the process of interviewing to secure a new Headteacher to complete our staffing team. We have appointed Miss Khatri as Interim Assistant Headteacher which is fantastic news.

When we are in a position to do so, we will communicate the finalised staffing. In the meantime, I would like to thank you for your continued support of Phoenix through this transitional period.

Miss Hunter, Acting Head Teacher

Sporting Success

These children represented us in the rugby and cross country virtual games competition that takes place at lunchtime.

They have to complete different challenges and their score is submitted to the north Suffolk sports partnerships and eventually we will find out where we finished once all schools submit their results.



School Christmas Lunch

16th December

We have sent out a google form via arbor for you to confirm if your child would like to have a school Christmas dinner - it is vital that you do this for the veggie option but would help if everyone could reply! Many thanks.

Turkey and stuffing • Sausage • Roast potatoes
Brussels • Carrots • Yorkshire pudding • Gravy
Christmas cracker

Vegetarian Options

(this will need to be pre-ordered)

Quorn fillet and stuffing • Quorn sausage
Roast potatoes • Brussels • Carrots • Gravy
Christmas cracker

Dessert

Mince pie and cream • Ice cream tree
• Festive cookie



COVID RELATED ABSENCE

if your child has a persistent cough (more than 3 coughing fits in 24 hours), a high temperature or loss of taste or smell you must follow government guidance and book a test. Please always call into the school office to let us know if your child is unwell and unable to attend school. We will send work packs out to any students self isolating and you will be expected to complete work each day and send it in via email to your teacher.

FUND RAISING

We have had 2 non-school uniform days recently to raise funds for math resources in school and Children in Need. Well done to all who took part! We raised £201 for Math equipment and £168 for Children in Need. Great work everyone!!!



PHOENIX MILE

From Monday 9th November we have introduced the 'Phoenix Mile' which takes place on the upper meadow every lunchtime. The daily Mile is a safe, simple and measurable way to improve health and physical activity. Every pupil can get involved by walking, jogging or running around their track within the safety of the school

grounds. This is to encourage all students are moving for 15 minutes each day.

Health Advantages for Children

When taking part, by running, walking or jogging the students see a benefit to their physical capability and it helps them concentrate in the classroom. It will boost students overall health whilst allowing them to enjoy being outside and socializing with their friends. It is therefore not categorized as an exercise, but more as an enjoyable activity both for pupils and even teachers. This is because there is no requirement of age within completing and anyone can enjoy the need for being physically healthy.

Improvement on Concentration in Schools

As it has already been integrated in a selection of primary schools, studies have shown that children now have significantly better concentration levels and classroom behaviour and better physical fitness than ever before. The improvement on concentration in schools is a great benefit that OFSTED look for when carrying out their inspections. This means participants now have better focus; this can also assist with studying and giving youngsters more chances to achieve in life. With lockdown children have become less active, I believe getting children active will be beneficial for all of our students behaviour and their learning.

Mr Carver, PE Lead

PENGUINS NURSERY

St Peters Penguins Pre-School is up and running at Phoenix.

Penguins are a small friendly committee run Pre-School. The sessions are Monday to Friday 9.00am -12.00pm. Monday to Wednesday 12.30pm - 3.30pm term time only. Currently all sessions are full but if you are interested in a place then please fill out an applicant form to be placed on a waiting list.

The starting age of our children can be from 2 years old and they can stay with Penguins until the term before they are due to start Reception. We accept children that are not potty/toilet trained.

penguinspreschool@yahoo.com

Telephone no: 07765198523

HELP & SUPPORT

Many families are finding things tough during Covid. You might not be able to work whilst having to isolate and we have some advice on extra help that's available:

Whether you meet the criteria or not set by Government, there is help available for those facing financial difficulty or needing support. **The Suffolk Support and Advice Service** helps people across the county access information or support relating to debt, benefits, housing or employment. You can contact the service on **0800 068 3131** between 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday or visit the Suffolk Support and Advice Service website.

If you are required to self isolate but do not fulfil all the requirements of the Track and Trace payment scheme you may still be able to get other support.

Cleaning & Hygiene Packs

We have been donated by a local charity, a number of packs containing essential cleaning products and hygiene items like washing powder, kitchen cleaner, shampoo, toothpaste & shower gel. If anyone is struggling to buy these items please get in touch and we will pass on the items - it will be first to ask will get them but we will do what we can to get more for those that need them.

Way Up High

Are a non for profit organisation based in Lowestoft. If you and your family are going through difficulty due to the current climate and are struggling to afford

childrens clothing and uniform Way Up High can help.

You may be expecting your first child or you already have children to care for. They offer clothing, toys, bedding, furniture and baby hampers as care packages to those that need a little help. Warm coats are available for all age kids so if you are in need of any children's clothing or uniform please let the office know and we will arrange for the items you need to be delivered to school. email office@phoenixstpeter.org for more details.

KEY DATES THIS TERM

Flu Nasal Spray: 11th Dec (*Only for those that have booked online*)

School Christmas Lunch: 16th December

Christmas Jumper Day: 18th December

Term ends: Friday 18th December 2020

School Closed for Staff Training: Monday 4th January 2021

Term Starts: Tuesday 5th January 2021.

CHRISTMAS @ PHOENIX



I know we can't do Christmas the way we usually do at the moment, but we still know it's an important time for our children to celebrate. Have a look at the events we have planned this year!

Christmas Events

Magpie class (Reception) will still do a **Nativity performance in school** and this will be recorded and uploaded to Tapestry on Tuesday 15th December. We will let you know when this is up and available to view..

Christmas lunch on Wednesday 16th December - remember to book before 9th December!!

Year 4 Christmas performance (recorded and shared with parents) Thursday 17th December. We will email you more details of how to watch this.

Miss Paczuska visiting on Thursday 17th to say goodbye to staff and pupils.

Christmas jumper Day on the 18th December. Pay a donation to wear your Christmas Jumper to school.

We will have some lovely Christmas related activities happening in class on Thursday 17th and Friday 18th. Please remember that our children need structure and so sticking to our timetable will support their learning and behaviour.

Christmas Cards

This year is a little different so will have an effect on sending class mates Christmas cards. Details below:

- Bring into school between 1st December and 11th December.
- Please note these will need to be quarantined for 72 hours before being shared.
- We will have Christmas Post boxes in the front reception area so if students bring their cards in they will be collected up in class and bought down to the postbox.
- They will then be kept and quarantined for 72 hours to limit risk of contamination.
- Please can you ensure the recipient child's **name and class** are clearly written on the envelope so we know which class to assign them to.

Penguins Pre School are in need of a 10X8 wooden shed to store all of our children's outside toys and equipment in. In order for us to be able to buy one we are fundraising.

Gary James Bennett has chosen us to be his fundraising beneficiary for 1 week.

If anyone has any scrap metal that they need to get rid of, please contact via FB and mention Penguins..

Our last day of term for our little Penguins is Tuesday 15th December.

If your child was born between 1 Sept 2016 and 31 Aug 2017, you must apply for a full-time school place by 15 Jan 2021

You must make an application even if your child already has a place in a nursery class, pre-school or children's centre. To apply for a place or for more information you can visit:

www.suffolk.gov.uk/admissions

Or from: The Admissions Team on 0345 600 0981.