



PHOENIX FLYER

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MESSAGE FROM HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

I continue to be impressed by the efforts your children are putting into their work, either in school or at home. I have seen some great 'snow' videos and photos; I think it was important to give children the opportunity to break the working day a bit and enjoy some time in the snow.

We are about to reach the half term break, though I admit it will feel much the same for many of you. What a tough time! Staff at school are working hard to make things as easy as possible. As I have said before, often we will get it right, sometimes not. Within the newsletter is a link to OFSTED where you may wish to express your views. Please use this constructively as it will allow us to explore your thinking and for me, this is vitally important.

I hope Remote Learning is something, now established, we can use from time to time in the future and school will look at how we may do that. However, and please forgive the repetition, what I really hope for is a normal resumption very soon.

Again, I know no more than you, writing this today, and wait with anticipation for an announcement within the next few days. My guess is that we will stay as we are as 8th March edges closer and hope that day will bring us what so many of us want, and what our children need.

Hope you enjoy the newsletter.

*Best Wishes,
Rich Roberts - Interim Headteacher*

PHOENIX WELCOME

We would like to welcome our new members of staff. Here are a few words about them so you can get to know them a little more.

SPORTS COACH & LEARNING MENTOR: My Name is Nathan Russell and I have spent three years at the University of East Anglia studying Physical Education, gaining experience teaching in local high schools through work experience, but also working for a coaching company where I would go into high schools and coaching football sessions. I then progressed into working at the Community Sports Foundation for the schools department and coaching in the evening for the football department. My main job role was coaching/teaching in primary schools for the first 2 years, supporting students to develop their knowledge and technical skills in PE. Teaching in a range of schools allowed me to teach current and new sports, and helped develop my own knowledge within PE. My final two years at the foundation I taught a Premier League programme in high schools working to improve students attendance, attainment and behaviour through an enterprise programme and social action plan, again developing my knowledge in these important areas.. This job role also led me to becoming a mentor and working with students to help with their academic work and any others areas of self development.



My time at CSF also allowed me to work and coach some talented young footballers across Norfolk and Suffolk, working in the Elite Programme for the last three years. Playing and coaching football has always been something I have been heavily interested in, this has started from a very young age when I first started playing football myself. I am looking forward to continuing the work of Mr Carver at Phoenix, across all areas of P.E and Sport so that all children have an opportunity to develop their skill, confidence and healthy lifestyles.

MS MARTIN - YEAR 2 TEACHER: I love storytelling, art and crafts and board games. In my illustrious past, I have been a performance poet, a Jane Austen character and I even used to work at the London Dungeons. Like lots of teachers, I have a passion for reading and I am a big fan of Julia Donaldson and Michael Rosen. I am really enjoying working at Phoenix, this is a great school and Finch class are a joy to work with.

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PENGUINS PRESCHOOL



Penguins Pre School remains open to all Pre School children and are continuing to follow health and safety guidelines.

This term we are looking at zoo animals, and have been reading lots of lovely animal stories such as 'Giraffes can't dance'.

May we welcome our new apprentice Ella who has settled in really well with all the other Penguins, big and small!

We would like to thank everyone who contributed towards our fundraising for a garden shed which we now have and is being filled up and well used already! Thank you!

We are now completely full with only a few spaces for Tuesday afternoon sessions. We are starting to take names for our waiting list for September. Please contact us via our FB page or 07765 198523 for an application form.

Social Media

We hope you are enjoying all our posts about the wonderful achievements of our pupils on social media via Facebook. We thank you for getting involved and liking and sharing our posts!! we have a wonderful school and want to share it with as many children as possible!

FSM VOUCHERS

For those parents that claim free school meals (income related) for your child(ren) you will be receiving a link via email by the end of this week, just prior to half term for a voucher for £15.00 per child, to be downloaded for February half-term holiday. This will be from a company called Voucher Express on behalf of the Local Authority.

ARBOR APP -

CONSENTS AND CONTACT DETAILS

We have recently updated our Parental Consents list on the Arbor app. If you haven't already done so, please would you take a few minutes to log into your Arbor app and under 'NOTICES' will be listed to consent or decline. Please could you go through each Parental Consent and ensure that these are appropriately marked.

Whilst on the App could you also take a few minutes to check the information we hold on record for your child(ren). We would normally send out data collection sheets in paper form but due to lockdown we are asking that if there are any amendments to be made, for you to let us know in writing via the office email address. The School Office Team will ensure these amendments/additions are changed. For example, the sort of amendments we need to know about are:-

- Any change in mobile numbers for parents and other contacts
- Any change of address for pupils and emergency contacts.
- Any medical information or allergies.

If you wish us to add/remove an emergency contact, we will need name/address/contact number/relationship to child of the new contact.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you require any further information. If this could be done as soon as possible we would greatly appreciate it.

OUR LEARNING



As it has been Children's Mental Health Awareness Week our KS1 bubble enjoyed an afternoon of mindfulness and relaxation taking time out to complete some arts and crafts whilst listening to relaxation music....lovely!



In 2021 World Book Day, just like everything else, will be different. We've adapted to make sure that World Book Day sends a powerful and positive message about books and reading, even in lockdown.

At Phoenix we will be dressing up as a book character on Thursday 4th March, dress up as any character from any book you love - parents do not rush out and buy outfits, just use what you have at home but please do not feel the need to go out and spend money - even if its a hat or face paint just something to

join in. We will be using some of the live sessions put on by the World Book Day organisers and each class will have their own way of celebrating and joining in.



TERM DATES:

Last day of half term: **Fri 12th Feb**

Half Term: **Mon 15th Feb to Fri 19th Feb 2021**

Children return: **Mon 22nd Feb 2021**

'Rainbow Superhero Day' : **Thurs 25th Feb** - come to school/on remote learning dressed as a Superhero or in rainbow colours to celebrate the NHS & critical workers and all their hardwork.

World Book Day: **Thurs 4th Mar 2021** - come to school/remote learning dressed as your favourite book character.

Term ends: **Fri 26th Mar 2021**

Summer Term 2021

School Closed for Staff Training:
Monday 12th April 2021

Term Starts: **Tues 13th April 2021**

Bank Holiday - **School Closed May Day:**
Mon 3rd May 2021

Last day of half term: **Fri 28th May 2021**
(finish at 2pm for Staff Training)

Half Term: **Mon 31st May to Fri 4th Jun 2021**

CLASS UPDATES

MAGPIE CLASS: After completing Mavis the Magical Cat we will move on to a celebration of World Book Day. In Maths we will continue to develop and deepen our understanding of numbers within and beyond ten, as well as exploring shape and pattern. For Science, we begin a new unit on 'Glorious Growing', learning about animals, plants, environments and habitats. Whilst in D.T we start a new unit on structure, buildings and architecture.

KESTREL CLASS: Kestrel class will be learning all about Plants! The Talk 4 Writing cycle will be linked to the story 'The Tiny Seed' by Eric Carle, and children will be learning to write a set of instructions. Children will become scientists in order to investigate what plants need in order to grow and where they grow best.

FINCH CLASS: After half term we will be continuing our unit on Habitats in Science, expanding our understanding of the way animals interact with their environments. In Maths we will be learning about 3d shapes and we will continue our current English unit, exploring story writing with Pandora's box.

OWL CLASS: After half term, in English Owl class will be continuing their learning of The Stone Trolls and using it to plan and write their own story. In maths, we will be starting a new unit on statistics - looking at pictograms, bar charts and tables. We will also be looking at poetry and celebrating World Book Day.

HERON CLASS: Firstly, I would like to thank all of the children in Heron class for working so hard in your online lessons and to the parents/carers for supporting their children with this. Your hard work and determination is greatly appreciated.

In Maths next term we will continue to finish off our fraction work and then we will move onto learning about decimals. In English, we will continue to finish off our King of the Fishes work and then move on to looking at some more poetry. In Science, we will be starting a new topic, learning about how conductors are used to support electrical circuits. Have a great half term everybody! Miss Smith

ROBIN CLASS:

After half term we will be continuing our maths looking at Fractions. In English, we will be continuing with Talk for Writing for one week before focusing on a variety of different poems. In Reading, we will be starting the first week with fairy tale comprehension and then moving on to Poems. In Art, we will be looking at Kandinsky abstract art (that's instead of DT as can't teach that remotely).

KINGFISHER CLASS: In English we will continue to write our own story about a creature in a game that comes to life. We are developing the characters and creatures within our story. Following on from this, we will be exploring poetry, developing our understanding and enjoyment of narrative poetry.

Our maths will be continuing to focus on fractions, and fractions and mixed numbers - we will be comparing and ordering fraction as well as adding, subtracting and multiplying fractions. We will also be developing our problem solving skills with fractions of amounts.

In science we will be looking at the features of the Solar System and how these impact on the Earth. This will include describing the movement of the planets around the sun and the relative positions of the planets in relation to the Sun and each other.

WAGTAIL CLASS: After half term, Year 6 will be exploring the theme of 'Doors- a world of possibilities' where we will be getting creative and imaginative to write a story that transports us into another world! We'll also be continuing our learning about percentages in maths as well as electricity in science.



Your View



The views of our parents and carers are paramount to the success of Phoenix.

They help us be aware of what you think, good or bad, and give us the opportunity to improve systems or just continue doing a good job.

In addition to feedback given to staff directly throughout the year, at each Parent's Evening we ask parents and carers to complete the online Ofsted Parent View survey, and the results are reviewed afterwards. This can be completed at anytime during the year by parents and carers, asking parents to 'Give their Views' on how we have performed through lockdown, with the link below:

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/give-your-views/survey/131397>

Pancake Day

Pancake Day is on 16th February so any children making pancakes at home during half term please send in their Pancake Creations to office@phoenixstpeter.org. We will have some prizes for the best entries!

w/c 22nd February, in case any of our bubble children haven't had the opportunity to make any, or just for a bit more fun in school, we will make some pancakes in school this week and we will announce the Pancake winner by the end of that week.



COMPETITION WINNERS!

Tracey's Valentine Baking Competition

We had loads of fantastic entries for Tracey's Valentine Cookie Competition and it was really hard to pick a winner but Tracey has declared Harvey from Kingfisher class the winner!!! Congratulations!!! This was the first time Harvey has baked anything



so Tracey was very impressed with his efforts. You will receive a prize when we are all safely back in school.

Robin Class Bake Off Competition

Robin's class virtual bake off took place this morning. It was very difficult for the judges Myself, Mrs Harris & Mrs Sewell but the winners were announced as: 1ST PLACE - CAKE 4 HARRY. 2ND PLACE - CAKE 1 HARRIET & 3RD PLACE - CAKE 3 ALETHEA. Prizes will be given out when the children return to school, certificates were awarded to everyone who took part. Thank you to all the parents/carers that supported the children with this activity.

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