



# PHOENIX FLYER

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## MESSAGE FROM HEADTEACHER



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our first Newsletter with a full school!

Clearly, it has been overwhelmingly positive to have children back in school. I'm delighted how smart they look in their uniform and Year 3, at the time of writing, are winning the award for moving sensibly and quietly along the corridors!

It may be my age, but I constantly check on the weather and hope next week is less wet and less blustery. I want children to

be outside through the day and use our extensive grounds to help with the learning process.

I'm equally delighted that attendance has been very good since we resumed on Monday.

I should add, as my final point, that we are in the process of having a new website. This should be up and running immediately after the Easter Break, all being well

I wish you well and hope you have good weekends.

**Best Wishes,  
Mr 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.**

**YEAR 1 TEACHER - MISS KELLY:** I am Miss Kelly and I am very excited to be working with Kestrel class for the remainder of the year. I have been lucky enough in the past to work in the USA, Brazil and even here in Lowestoft. Although, I am still getting used to the chill again! I enjoy reading, baking, travelling and I am a competitive cheerleader in my few spare moments. I have enjoyed getting to know a few faces working online and look forward to getting to know you all properly over the rest of the year.



**MRS MORGAN - TEACHING ASSISTANT:** My name is Hayley Morgan and I have been working at Phoenix st peter for a year as Breakfast Club Leader. Recently I have also taken on the role of LSA, supporting children with SEND. After qualifying at Lowestoft college, I have worked in a variety of different settings and roles in the local area. Most recently I was Manager and SENCO at a nursery where I gained extensive knowledge and experience working with children with SEND.

My favourite hobbies include gardening, reading and outdoor adventures with my family.

My own children have been at Phoenix for over 8 years where I have watched the school grow in strength and I am excited to be supporting children in all classes.

*"We are confident, well educated and prepared for the future".*

# PENGUINS PRESCHOOL



Penguin's Pre School would like to make a safe play area in our garden with seasaws and slides. To do this we require about 12 square metres of child friendly play bark.

We are raising money to purchase the bark by holding an Easter Raffle the last week of term. We have a variety of Easter eggs and gifts to be won and a lovely child's Easter Hamper gifted by Morrisons. If any Parents/Carers would like to purchase raffle tickets, they are £1.00 per strip. Find a "Purple Penguin member of staff" at the gate in the morning or afternoon to purchase tickets.

We are currently full and already have childrens names on our September 2021 waiting list. If your child was born after September 2019 they may be eligible for a place at Pre School. Please contact us for further information or an application form to be put on our waiting list.

*St Peter's Penguins  
Pre School Team*

## FSM OFFER

If your financial situation has changed, you might be able to receive Free School Meals. We strongly advise you to apply as you might be entitled.

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

Children who get paid these benefits directly, instead of through a parent or guardian, can also get free school meals.

Please enquire using the following link:

<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/children-families-and-learning/schools/school-meals-uniforms-and-trips/apply-for-free-school-meals/>

## ARBOR APP - ALERTS AND MESSAGES

Sometimes, parents may stop receiving push notifications to their phones. Even though you may have enabled them, iOS devices occasionally block them if the phone is receiving a lot of them.

If you do stop receiving messages, you can complete the below steps to enable them again: Close the Arbor App. Go to your settings and switch OFF push notifications for the Arbor App. Restart your phone. Go to the settings and switch ON push notification for the Arbor App. Restart your phone again.

You should then be able to receive push notifications again. Click the Link below for full guide.

<https://support.arbor-education.com/hc/en-us/articles/360002598038-Parents-not-receiving-push-notifications>



# SUPERHERO RAINBOW DAY



*We had great fun in school and at home for rainbow superhero day... we even made into the local paper!!! Go Phoenix!*



## Safeguarding

We hope that every Phoenix family is in a safe and happy place during the lockdown but we are also mindful that for some people in our school and local community, there can be situations where they may not feel safe. Safeguarding children is a priority to us all and if you have any concern for a child please contact the school via the school office during term time and ask to speak to Designated Safeguarding Lead in our school. Our DSLs are:

Mrs Barnard, Miss Khatri and Mr Roberts. You can alternatively call Suffolk Social Services on 0808 800 4005. If there is a threat to someone's life, please call 999.

## TERM DATES:

Easter Lunch: **Wed 24th Mar 2021**

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**

Children return: **Monday 7th June 2021**

Term ends: **Tuesday 20th July 2021**

## CLASS UPDATES

**MAGPIE CLASS:** Returning to school this week, we begin our new 'Talk for Writing' unit on 'Mr Grumpy's Outing' by John Burningham. 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:** Owl Class have been enjoying their science topic on plants! We have dissected daffodils to learn about the different parts of a plant and experimented with food colouring and carnations to discover how food travels around a plant. In English, we have been studying letters from The Day the Crayons Quit, building up to writing our own persuasive letters, and in Maths we have continued our learning on measuring length to include measuring and calculating perimeter.

**HERON CLASS:** After half term, Heron class will continue their learning about decimals in Maths and then we will move on to learning about measurement - money. In English, we are going to learn about different ancient world tales, which will link to our new Horizon theme - History. In History, we will be learning about the Romans, understanding why they were so successful and how their success impacted Britain. Have a great Easter break everybody!

### **ROBIN CLASS:**

In Robins class, we are working hard in Maths with our decimals unit. In English, we are typing diary entries using a computer. In Art, we are looking at abstract art and using different colours to create vibrant pieces of art. In computing, we are looking at algorithms and rearranging instructions to ensure they are followed correctly. In Science, we are continuing with our conductors of electricity and are creating electric circuits online. The children are working incredibly hard and it's great to see them back in class.

**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:** 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.

## BREAKFAST CLUB

We have breakfast club running everyday during term time. It costs £2 a session - we have reduced the cost to make it more accessible for families with several children. This includes a breakfast for your child. We are open from 7.30am. Please book in via clubs on the Arbor app as you need to consent - any problems please call the office and we will be happy to help.



## EASTER LUNCH

As a lovely Easter treat Tracey will be serving a super yummy Easter lunch on Wednesday 24th March - the last week of term before Easter holidays. This is the normal price of a school lunch, £2.30, and can be booked via Arbor App or call the office to pay by card over the phone.



Roast chicken  
Egg shaped stuffing balls  
Fluffy roast potatoes  
Bunny favourite carrots  
Nest of cabbage  
Gravy boat

Chocolate nest cake or  
Melon basket or  
Jelly and Bunny cookie

### **Pack Lunch Option**

Easter Bunny sandwich  
Carrot and cucumber sticks  
Hopping Popcorn  
Chocolate nest cake



In 2021 World Book Day, just like everything else, was a bit different. At Phoenix we dressed up as a book character on Wednesday 3rd March - here are some pictures of your lovely outfits!



## PHOENIX WILDLIFE



During lockdown the children in school and Miss Khatri were super keen to see who our wildlife neighbours are so they set up a camera trap and discovered that a family of foxes and deer live right next door! The student's first spotted footprints in the snow which led to some detective work to see where entry points into the school grounds were before deciding where the camera traps would be best suited. The children have been learning so much more about the wildlife in their local area.

The school contacted Carlton Marshes and they were keen to come and see what the school were doing. They offered to loan another camera to the school to help capture more animals at night.

Miss Khatri and the Phoenix wildlife team will monitor the local wildlife over the next few weeks and hopefully unlock some more of Lowestoft's wildlife secrets.