



Phoenix St. Peter Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers

Staffing & School News

We have had lots of activities so far this term including the Year 3 & 4 educational visit to the Suffolk School's Farm Fair, a great result for our Year 5 Handball Team who came 2nd place at the North Suffolk Sports Partnership's Handball Tournament, a lovely farewell assembly for Mrs. Cox, and two amazing Celebration Assemblies - the children have done incredibly well in their learning, attendance and Dojo points! We still have lots of learning to enjoy before half term, as well as Woodpecker Class's exciting Beach Clean on Friday 20th May, the Queen's Jubilee celebration, and the Year 6 residential visit (see below).

Year 6 SATs

We would like to thank all of the parents and carers who have been so supportive of the school and the children leading up to, and during SATs week. Miss. Khatri and all of the staff have been incredibly impressed with the children's attitude, resilience and determination. Miss. Khatri has been very proud of their maturity, which this shows they are getting high school ready, and is looking forward to the rest of the summer term with them, including their residential trip to Ringsfield Hall next weekend.

Jubilee

To mark the Queen's 70th platinum jubilee in June, the children will be learning about the queen and her reign in class over the next week, culminating in a lovely afternoon-tea style lunch on the meadow (weather permitting), on Thursday 26th May. The children are able to bring a home packed lunch if they prefer; please note that jacket potatoes and school packed lunches will not be available that day.

September PD Days:

We have lots of training scheduled including our annual safeguarding update, continued professional development for our classroom staff and first aid training for our support staff. Therefore, the school will have 3 PD/INSET Days to facilitate these, being:

1. **Thursday 1st September 2022**
2. **Friday 2nd September 2022**
3. **Monday 5th September 2022**

We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Tuesday 6th September.

Term Dates for 2022/2023

We are pleased to attach our term dates for next year, for your information.

Teaching Assistant News

Two of our Teaching Assistant's and their families will be welcoming new arrivals very soon, so we would like to wish them all the very best; Miss. North will be starting her maternity leave after half term, and Mrs. Sneller at the end of June. To continue with their excellent support in class, I am pleased to welcome Mr. Gordon to Phoenix from Monday 6th June as Learning Support Assistant, until Miss. North and Mrs. Sneller return. Mr. Gordon joined us on Monday in Eagle classes, and had a really successful and enjoyable day.



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Welcome to Mrs. Buck

As you may have seen, we recently advertised for an experienced Upper Key Stage 2 Class Teacher to join the Phoenix team. I am delighted to advise that interviews were carried out early May, and that we have successfully appointed an excellent Class Teacher from September 2022. Mrs. Buck is a highly experienced teacher and subject leader, and is relocating to Lowestoft from London with her family. She is very excited to be joining the Phoenix family; and really enjoyed teaching Year 5 in Eagle 2, her tour of the school, and interview with the School Council. We will be confirming which teachers will be placed with which year group with our transition arrangements in July.

Uniform

We recently shared with you all the visual guides for our summer and winter uniform which the children have been incredibly engaged in choosing. We will of course let you know the timetable for P.E. with our transition arrangements, so that parents can assess how many P.E. and Uniform garments are needed. Uniform can be purchased by Screens at: <https://screensschoolwear.co.uk/product-category/primary-schools/primary-schools-phoenix-st-peter-academy/> or suitable alternative garments from high street stores.

Reception joiners

For families with children joining us in Reception, you will be able to order a Uniform Bundle of 1 item per garment. An Order Form will be included in your Reception Welcome Pack, and Mrs. Cordeaux will also be arranging transition sessions for the children too. You will hear further about these early next half term.

One-Way System

Due to the reducing levels of covid, we have removed the one-way system. Parents and carers can freely use the three access/exit points, being:

1. Pedestrian alleyway off Enstone Road.
2. The path next to the School Car Park (*the school car park is for staff and disabled parking only*).
3. The Bridge from Tom Crisp Way.

Next half term will come around incredibly quickly and we have lots of exciting events and celebrations to look forward to. Please keep a look out for our Dates for your Diary, as well as Facebook and Website feeds for updates and school news.

Yours sincerely

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