



# Phoenix St. Peter Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

## School update for September 2023

I am pleased to confirm our class structure and staffing for the next academic year. **We will be having a whole school transition week commencing Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July**, to enable the children to move up into their new classes and for our new Reception children to join us. We look forward to welcoming our new families to Phoenix!

I am very pleased to tell you that Miss Cooke will be joining the team at Phoenix St. Peter Academy in July from Gunton Primary. Miss Cooke is a very experienced class teacher and subject leader, who will further strengthen our team and help us prepare for September. Mixed-age classes are a provision that teachers from Gunton Primary have a lot of experience of and Miss Cooke will be able to share that with our team. Our Academy Trust, like many others locally, are keen to share staff expertise and skills across schools to benefit as many children as possible.

Year Group	Class Name	Staff name	Role	Learning Support Assistant	Class Room
Reception (for September)	Robin	Mrs. Hayes	Assistant Head	Mrs. Morgan	Current Reception classroom
		Mrs. Gloss	Class Teacher		
Years 1 & 2	Kingfisher	Miss. Panayi	Class Teacher	Miss. Harvey	Miss. Panayi's current Year 2 Classroom
Year 3 & 4	Woodpecker	Miss. Cooke	Class Teacher	Miss. North & Mrs. Sneller	Miss. Smith's current Year 4 classroom
Year 5	Finch	Miss. Smith	Class Teacher	n/a	Miss. Khatri's current Eagle 1 classroom
Year 6	Owl	Mrs. Buck	Class Teacher & Senior Leader	Mrs. Everett	Ms. Huxtable's current Eagle 2 classroom
Whole school		Ms. Huxtable	Academic Mentor	n/a	Mrs. Buck's current Year 3 classroom
Whole school		Mr. Russell	P.E. and Forest School Instructor	n/a	n/a
Whole school		Ms. Mizeret	Class Teacher for French and R.E.	n/a	n/a

Once the children are settled into their new classes, we will invite families into class for an informal 'Open Afternoon', after school. We will let you know in September when this will be.



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**Miss. Smith and our current Year 4 Finch Class** have had a very successful year and I am sure you will be pleased that they will continue with Miss. Smith in Year 5. They will also be looking forward to starting swimming lesson in Autumn Term, further information to follow.

**Mr. Russell will be teaching P.E. and starting our Forest School provision.**

**Ms. Huxtable will be the school's full-time Academic Mentor next year.** This is a significant additional role which will help us to increase our capacity for tutoring but also small group work.

**Sarah Newman from Reset Counselling** will continue to work with some children (with parental consent).

## **Improvements to our school facilities**

During this academic year we have been able to refurbish the Pirate Ship and Trim Trail area; thank you to everyone who has supported our fund-raising efforts. We have also improved our Early Years outdoor provision, which has received positive praise from our Trust advisors and parents. Fencing in the car park and meadow has been replaced! After a lot of hard work by staff and children our Allotment area has returned to being a flourishing garden and it was praised this week by 'Lowestoft in Bloom'.

Next year we will be developing our Forest School provision, including the installation of fencing to ensure the children can enjoy this safely. We will be replacing the doors on the 3 'playground' classrooms during the summer, and there is a planned upgrade to classroom lighting.

## **Year 6**

Of course, our Year 6 classes will be leaving us this term, we are all very impressed with the progress they have made and the confident people they are growing into. They were a pleasure to be with in London recently and the City financiers who worked with them were extremely impressed with their behaviour and ideas. A school improvement advisor who works with our Trust by coincidence was on a train with our school and made a point of emailing me and saying the children were "delightful". They will be very much missed by our whole team, but we are proud of the fact they are ready for High School.

## **Thank you**

Once again for your continued support, I can assure you we are ambitious for your children and focused on Phoenix continuing to grow and improve next year. Our team share both Mrs. Freeman's and my commitment to this vision and improvement. We are very proud of your children, the progress they are making and our school.

Yours sincerely,

*Mr. M Jordan*

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