



# Little Phoenix

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Mrs Speight's message ...

Welcome back to another busy half term! I do hope you had an enjoyable break. I know that I certainly did accompanying some of the Prep School children on the annual Junior Ski Trip to Austria. The children were an absolute credit to themselves, their parents and the school. To coin a more succinct phrase - it was a pleasure. I'm sure you have heard me saying many times that good manners take you anywhere and everywhere and the children on the ski trip certainly did just that. The children in Year 1 and Year 2 thoroughly enjoyed Shrove Tuesday, they are now brilliant at tossing pancakes with gusto. I wonder whether the children can remember what they are going to do for Lent? I always think this sounds more positive than, "What are you going to give up?" Have a great weekend whatever you may be up to and I look forward to seeing some of our Year 2 children at the chess on Saturday morning.

Warmest wishes,

*Joanne Speight*



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## Computing

The children in Year 2 have been perfecting their programming skills during their computing lesson. Working in pairs, the children compared simple and complex algorithms using Scratch. They later programmed their own games using this exciting piece of software. Bill Gates will have some stiff competition in the future!



## We're Going on a Bear Hunt

During "Family Time", the children in the Nursery have been exploring the story, 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'. They had to sequence the events in the story as well as counting the places they visited on the way to the cave. Following this, some of the children chose to paint pictures of the story and others chose to write the story. Super work!



## Preparing for Spring

We have been investigating bulbs and seeds. The children enjoyed carefully observing (an important Super Scientist skill!) and discussing the bulb and roots of a daffodil plant. In preparation for Spring, we have planted some pepper seeds. They are warm inside the classroom for now and we are looking forward to monitoring their growth. Our gardening project involved counting the plant pots and writing information signs too. We would love to hear about any green fingered children who help in the garden at home.



## Perfect Pancakes

On Tuesday, Year 1 enjoyed making some delicious pancakes. We discussed the ingredients needed and how to make them. We measured out the ingredients and mixed them all together. The results were delicious and led to many discussions about the best pancake toppings!





### Holiday School Dates 2020 - 2021

#### Easter Holiday School 2020

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April – Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April (4 days)

#### Summer Holiday School 2020

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July (3 weeks)

#### Autumn Half Term Holiday School 2020

First week of the autumn half term

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October - Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October (1 week)

#### Christmas Holiday School 2020

**Please Note:** Due to the late finish of the Autumn Term (Friday, 18th December) and the timing of the annual closure of the School for Christmas (Wednesday, 23rd December), there will be **NO** Christmas Holiday School this year.

#### Easter Holiday School 2021

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March – Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April (4 days)

#### Summer Holiday School 2021

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> July (3 weeks)

### Junior Ski Trip

A special mention must go to Betty and Charlotte who were both in the Pre-Prep a little while ago and demonstrated a great growth mindset, even helping Mrs Speight down the slopes!



### 2019/2020 & 2020/2021 Term Dates

#### Spring Term, 2020

Finish - Wednesday, 1st April 2020  
(after school)

#### Summer Term, 2020

Pupils return - Tuesday, 21st April 2020

Bank Holiday - Friday, 8th May 2020

½ term begins - Thursday, 21st May 2020  
(after school)

INSET 4 - Friday, 22nd May 2020

Pupils return - Monday, 1st June 2020

Finish - Friday, 3rd July 2020 (12 noon)

#### Autumn Term, 2020

Pupils return - Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2020

½ term begins - Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> October 2020 (after school)

Pupils return - Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020

Finish - Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020 (after school)

### Looking Forward



#### **Thursday 5th March**



World Book Day

#### **Monday 16th & Tuesday 17th March**

Parent's Evening - Details to follow

#### **Friday 20th March**

Bring Your Mums and Grandmas to School Day

Nursery & Reception - 1pm till 3.30pm

Years 1 & 2 - 9am till 11.45am

#### **Tuesday 24th March**

Year 2 visit to Harlow Carr Gardens

#### **Wednesday 25th March**

Reception trip to Saltburn Beach

#### **Friday 27th March**

All clubs & activities finish for the term

#### **Wednesday 1st April**

**End of Term - No after School Care**