



March 2021 Newsletter

We are looking forward to welcoming you all back next week! It's been a long lockdown..

The FA have issued new COVID guidance. The link can be found on the front page of our website. Please do cast your eye over this before we restart.

We are recruiting!

After being one of the founder members in 2012, Clare has sadly decided that it is time for her to take a step back from her role as Club Welfare Officer. We would like as a club to take this opportunity to say a massive THANK YOU to her for all her efforts. We would not be the club that we are without her input, and she has worked tirelessly to ensure that all our children are safe and happy with our club. We will miss her. She will leave a rather large hole, which we need to fill – as we are now a big club, we are potentially looking for 2-3 new Club Welfare Officers to share the workload. A background in safeguarding is beneficial, but not totally necessary as the club will arrange and pay for all training. If we don't have a named Club Welfare Officer for the club **we will have to close down** so recruitment is extremely critical.

We are also recruiting for a Charter Standard Officer. This is more of an admin role to ensure that we meet the Charter Standard guidelines and is not too onerous. Someone who is good at organisation (and nagging coaches!) would be ideal.

Finally, we are hoping to start our new U5 reception group on 5 June. We have pushed this back a little bit from Easter as we are somewhat behind on our coach recruitment drive. As always, if we can't recruit the coaches, we can't run the sessions, so we need people to step up. It is a commitment, but it is also super fun.

If you think that you could help with any of these positions, please e-mail

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Subs

Unfortunately, we have not been able to run as many sessions as we would have liked to this season! In the interests of fairness, the committee have agreed the following:

- Subs this season will be HALF PRICE (so if your subscription amount is £90, the amount charged will be £45 etc..) This reflects the fact that we are probably going to run for 4-5 months rather than the usual 8 ish

- The discount on this season's fees will be applied to next season's fees to anyone who has paid in full this year

- Anyone who has only paid half this season does not need to pay anything further until September, but will be charged the full amount of subs next season

- Anyone who has not settled at least half this season (thankfully not many of you!) should expect a chaser from me over the coming days. There will be a short grace period on return to football, but then if payment of half subs due is not settled, access to football with Phantoms will be withdrawn. As ever, if you are struggling to pay we will endeavour to help, but you need to do a formal request for reduced fees to

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- Anyone leaving the club this year can choose to either donate anything paid over half (to which we would be super grateful) or can apply for a refund via

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- Any joiners from April will be charged a flat fee of £10 to the end of the season (including the new reception group) and will pay full subs next season.

Thank you to the number of you who have reached out already following this announcement to confirm that you are happy to donate this season's fees as is, and will not be taking the discount for next season. We really do appreciate this.

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

We are holding our AGM on 8 April 2021 sadly via zoom rather than as we traditionally do at the pub. Every parent/carer who has a child at the club is entitled to attend. If you wish to know the zoom log in details, please e-mail huw.roberts@prestburyphantoms.co.uk

And finally..

Here's hoping to a good end to the 2020/21 season and our best ever 2021/2022 season. The club will officially be 10 years old next year, so we will be starting to plan a BIG event for 2022 to celebrate. If anyone wants to get involved in the planning or has some great ideas of what we could do, please e-mail jon.craxford@prestburyphantoms.co.uk