


School Newsletter



Parent / Teacher Meetings

Teachers will start contacting parents from Tuesday 3rd November, to talk about your child's progress in class. This will be instead of a parent's evening this year, due to Covid-19.

Teachers will be using emails and telephone numbers. Remember to email us if your contact information changes. 

Contact Us

Call 01482 794122

Select **option 1** to report absences.

Select **option 2** to speak to a member of staff.

Email:

griffin.enquiries@vennacademy.org

Half Term Holidays

We are closing on Friday 23rd October 2020, and will be reopening on Monday 2nd November 2020.

We wish all parents a pleasant half term, and hope everybody stays safe and has the opportunity to enjoy some pumpkin carving at Halloween as well.



Twitter

Keep up to date with things happening in school, on Twitter!

We post lots of exciting things online, including PE achievements, reading and writing activities, and our weekly celebration assemblies.

Follow us today to keep up to date with all that we do.

Attendance and Punctuality

Parents are reminded that from next half term, attendance will be more closely monitored, as the Local Authority will once again be responding to regular absenteeism and other concerns raised by our welfare team.

It is every parent's responsibility to ensure that children attend school regularly and on time.

New Dinner Menu!

We have a new exciting dinner menu for the next half term. The week 1 menus is included with this newsletter, and the full menu's will also be posted on the website for you to view online.

Nursery Applications Open!

Remember, if your child is going to turn 3 before the Christmas Holidays, then they are eligible to start nursery from January 2021. We have application forms available for you to collect from the front of school.

If you know anybody who is due to start nursery soon, remember to recommend Griffin to them too!

Nursery

School times: 8.45am - 3.30pm

School Doors

Use the nursery entrance on Griffin Road

Please remember to call the school if you are going to be late!

Harvest Celebration

We have received lots and lots of donated food items from our parent and staff community, and we are sure the local food bank will be very appreciative of this.

Reading

Book Bags

Remember that all book bags will be collected this Friday 23/10/20, and quarantined over half term.



Physical Education

In the next half term, we will continue to do as many activities outdoors as the weather permits. Remember to send your child with unbranded, plain jogger bottoms to keep warm when doing outdoor sports activities.

Covid-19 - during half term...

Keep yourself and others around you safe, sanitise your hands, maintain 2m social distancing.

WEEK 1 MENU	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Hot Menu	Meat free Bolognese, garlic bread and seasonal vegetables	Chicken chow Mein, with stir fry vegetables	Braised sausages, creamed mashed potato, with broccoli and carrots	Roast turkey dinner, Yorkshire pudding, potatoes, with vegetables and gravy	Battered fish with chips and peas/beans
Vegetarian Substitutes (Jacket Potato & Pasta available daily)	Pasta pomodoro	Vegetable chow Mein	Quorn sausages	Quorn roast dinner	Mediterranean crustless quiche
Individual pots available with hot menu	Salad / pasta / rice	Salad / pasta / rice	Salad / pasta / rice	Salad / pasta / rice	Salad / pasta / rice
Desserts (fruit & yoghurt served daily)	Toffee apple cake Custard	Flapjack Custard	Lemon drizzle cake Custard	Chocolate orange brownie Custard	Sponge cake Custard
Packed lunch option	Bread bun sandwich (ham, cheese) Tuna wrap	Bread bun sandwich (ham, cheese) Tuna wrap	Bread bun sandwich (ham, cheese) Tuna wrap	Bread bun sandwich (ham, cheese) Tuna wrap	Bread bun sandwich (ham, cheese) Tuna wrap

Harvest Festival 2020

Friday 23rd October



Rev Aian MacPherson from St Philips, our local community church, has prepared a harvest video message for all of our children to watch in this week's assembly.

You can watch the video at home, using the link below:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WTWFqTDeII&feature=youtu.be>

Look out for pictures of all the food donations we have received, on Twitter tonight!

We have also received a generous offer from the food bank, to support families in receipt of free school meals. Every Friday between 10am-12noon, anybody experiencing hardship can access a food parcel containing fresh fruit and vegetables.

All they ask is that you take along evidence of your free school meal entitlement. This can be a printed letter, or electronic, on your phone.

At the height of lockdown, this food bank was feeding 80 households, and 180 people (half of whom were children). They are supporting our community, and ask that if parents are in need, or know anybody who is, to please help them access this service.

Flu Vaccinations! - Monday 9th November

Remember to fill in a consent form online, if you would like your child to receive the nasal flu vaccine in school please follow this link to complete an online consent form; <https://www.nhsimms.uk/FLU/information?id=144605&Type=FLU>

The link will close on 2nd November. If your child has already had the Nasal Flu vaccine since Sept 2020 please disregard this msg. If you have any problems accessing the link please telephone 0333 358 3397 (Opt9, Opt1)