

# School Newsletter



## Children in Need Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November

This year marks 40 years for this amazing appeal and it is one that children always look forward to. Whilst Covid prevents us from celebrating as normal, we will still be holding celebrations and activities.

All children will be invited to attend school in **non-uniform**, and bring in a small donation. Teachers will collect this money in class.

## Physical Education

We are continuing to do as many activities outdoors as the weather permits. This is part of our measures to keep Griffin Covid-secure.

Remember to send your child with unbranded, plain jogger bottoms to keep warm when doing outdoor sports activities.

## Christmas 2020 - Cards for the Family!

This year, each child will have the chance to create their own Christmas card, which will then be sent home for you to order as many as you like. This is a fantastic opportunity for the children to get creative and festive this year.

This Christmas will be a tough one, not being able to see all of our family and friends, but now the children will be able to send a very special card to their loved ones.



## Covid-19 - during half term...

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

## Parent / Teacher Meetings

Teachers have started contacting parents this week, to talk about children's progress in class.

Remember to email us if your contact information changes, and also let us know if you haven't heard from your class teacher by the end of next week.

## 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](mailto:griffin.enquiries@vennacademy.org)



## On Twitter This Week

Some of our tweets this week include 5ZM Bollywood dancing practice, 2OC reading and reviewing Funnybones by Janet & Allen Ahlberg, 6JS learning about classification in science, and 1KS performing poetry. Follow us for more updates.

## Anti-Bullying Week

On **Monday 16th November**, children are invited to wear **odd socks** with a **£1** donation, to recognise that we are all different and should be confident in expressing ourselves, and to tackle bullying in a positive way.

## Important Information

School times: 8.55am - 3.30pm

Thursdays: 8.55am - 1.45pm

### School Doors

- Red Door - Reception
- Green Door - Year 1/2
- Yellow Door—Year 3 and 4KR
- Blue Door - Year 5/6 and 4DG

Late arrivals will be escorted to their class by a staff member.

## 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!

## Nursery Applications Open!

Application forms are available in the front office, for any child turning 3 before Christmas to join our nursery.

Remember to recommend Griffin to your friends and family!

## Attendance and Punctuality

We are continuing to make welfare calls to keep in touch with children who are not in school.

Thank you to all parents for your support in ensuring children are able to continue coming to school for quality education.

WEEK 2 MENU	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Hot Menu	Cheese & tomato pizza Wedges Baked beans	Chicken korma with rainbow rice Naan bread Vegetables	Beef & potato pie Cauliflower & green beans	Roast chicken dinner, roast potatoes, with vegetables and gravy	Battered fish with chips and peas/beans
Vegetarian Substitutes (Jacket Potato & Pasta available daily)	Ratatouille pasta bake	Chick pea & vegetable korma with rainbow rice	Quorn mince beef & potato pie	Vegetarian sausage, roast potatoes	Cheese & onion 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)	Chocolate marble cake Custard	Pineapple upside down cake Custard	Banana bread Custard	Sponge cake Custard	Chocolate biscuit 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

## Reading Corner

### Class Reads

Year 1 - Wild

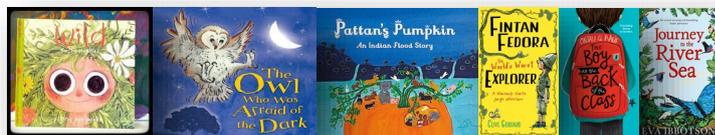
Year 2 - The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark

Year 3 - Pattan's Pumpkin

Year 4 - Fintan Fedora

Year 5 - The Boy at the Back of the Class

Year 6 - Journey to the River Sea



This half term, we are focussing on retrieval skills, the author's use of language, and summarising and sequencing information. Remember to have regular conversations with your child about their class reading book, so they can show off what they know at home as well!

## Flu Vaccinations! - Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November

The link to complete the consent forms for the flu nasal spray vaccine, has now closed. The school nurses team will be attending Griffin Primary on Monday 9th November, to vaccinate as many children as possible.

They also plan to return on Wednesday 25th November to vaccinate any children who are not in school on the first date. If you have any questions, please email us on [griffin.enquiries@vennacademy.org](mailto:griffin.enquiries@vennacademy.org) and we will respond to you directly.