

Countdown to Christmas Holidays!

The last day for children this term, will be **Wednesday 16th December**.

School Newsletter



Covid-19 - update...

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

Remember:

- only one adult should come on site with each child/family, to minimise congestion on site.
- vaping is not permitted on school grounds.
- all adults (unless exempt) are being asked to wear a mas in school. This is to protect children, staff, and other parents and adults in school.

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

Primary School Applications

Remember to apply for your primary school place by Friday 15 January 2021.

All children must apply, even if your child currently attends our nursery.

Remember that absences in nursery can affect acceptance to primary school.

More information and how to "Register for my school portal" can be found here:

<http://www.hull.gov.uk/.../primary-school-applications>

Reading Corner

www.authorfy.com

This website is free for all parents to sign up, and gives children access to videos of their favourite authors speaking about their books, their inspiration and even reading extracts of their own books.

Click on "classroom", to find the videos.

This page can take a little while to load, but please be patient - it's worth it!

Important Information

School times: 8.55am - 3.30pm

Thursdays: 8.55am - 1.45pm

Gates open at 8.30am and 3.15pm daily

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.

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!

On Twitter This Week

There have been several tweets about Christmas Cards this week, from across the school.

Reception classes have been reading "Happy Birthday Winnie!" and have made predictions based on the title.

Year 1 have been learning about adjectives, in Little Red Riding Hood.

Year 3 learned how to send out emails - Mr Mackinder enjoyed receiving lots of funny jokes from the children this week.

Year 4 learned all about Christmas celebrations in a video call with Vicar Aian.

Year 5 won the Times Tables Rock Star - Rock Out 2020 competition at Griffin!

Year 6 have returned to school ready to learn. They even got to perform a jazz ensemble!

Well done all!

Nursery Applications Open!

We have spaces in our nursery for January. Applications can be collected from the school office.

Remember to recommend Griffin to your friends and family!

Welfare Calls

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.



Attendance and Punctuality

Please ensure you inform school if your child will not be attending due to illness or appointments. Local authorities are continuing to take an interest in persistent absentees, so please speak to us if there are any concerns about your child's attendance.

If the absence is due to Covid-19, we may need to see evidence of this. We also need to know if a child or any member of their immediate family is having a test. These steps will help us to ensure that all children, staff and parents are kept safe.

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)	Mediterranean pasta bake	Vegetable korma with rainbow rice	Quorn mince beef & potato pie	Vegetarian Quorn 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	Jelly & peaches	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

Physical Education

Please remember to continue sending unbranded, plain jogger bottoms and appropriate trainers for children to wear for PE outdoors. Whilst the weather permits, we will continue doing as many outdoor activities as possible to keep Griffin Covid-secure.

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

Christmas Events!

Full school - Christmas Dinner - full school on **Thursday 10 December**

Full School - Christmas themed clothing / non-uniform - **Wednesday 16 December**

Nursery sing-a-long

Reception Nativity sing-a-long

Year 1 and 2 - Christmas songs performance

Year 3 - Festive afternoon on **Tuesday 15 December**

Year 4 - Christmas limericks performed on **Tuesday 15 December**

Year 5 - Details to follow

Year 6 - Details to follow

More details will follow about all of these events next week. Some of these performances will be available to view as recordings, whilst others are going to be performed live online.

In response to some of the questions we have received from parents:

- Children **can** give Christmas **cards** to other children in their class/'bubble' only.
- Staff **can** accept **Christmas gifts** from their own class/'bubble' only.

