

Last Week!

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

Merry Christmas!

School Newsletter

**Non-Uniform!**

On the last day of term (**Wednesday 16th December**), all children are invited to wear their favourite clothes.

Welcoming a new Head of School!

We look forward to welcoming Miss Louise Pitts, an experienced Venn leader, as the new Head of School at Griffin Primary from January. Miss Pitts will be supported by Mrs Paula Townsend, our Deputy Headteacher, and our Assistant Headteachers, Mr Dan Mackinder, Mrs Kirsty Roantree and Mr James Storr.

We are also sorry to say goodbye to our Executive Headteacher, Mrs Claire Patton. She has had a long and distinguished career working in different schools in Hull and Scarborough, and in recent years, within the Venn Academy. She has now made the difficult decision to retire and enjoy Christmas and the time ahead, with her loved ones.

Mrs Patton has expressed her thanks to everyone at Griffin, including parents and children, for making her time here such a pleasure, and for pulling together during this pandemic to support one another in making Griffin the fantastic school it is.

Mrs Hart will be taking on the role of Special Educational Needs Coordinator.

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

Important Information

School times: 8.55am - 3.30pm

Thursdays: 8.55am - 1.45pm

Gates open at 8.30am and 3.15pm daily

Gates close at 8.55am daily.

School Doors

- Red Door - Reception
- Green Door - Year 1/2
- Yellow Door - Year 3 and 4KR
- White (old breakfast club) door - 4DG
- Blue Door - Year 5/6

Reception Christmas Party - Monday 14th December

Children in RAW and RCM will attend school in Christmas clothes on Monday, so they can record their Christmas sing-a-long.

Non-Uniform - Wednesday 16th December

All children are invited to attend school in non-uniform next Wednesday. Since we are not taking part in Christmas Jumper Day, this would be a good day to wear Christmas / festive clothes to school!

**Do you have a 3- or 4-year old starting school in September?**

Remember to apply for your primary school place by Friday 15th 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>

Watching Christmas Performances

Nursery and Reception performances will be available to view on Tapestry.

All other class performances will be sent out as links or files on MS Teams.

Please do not share these videos outside the school community.

Reading Corner

All book bags need to be returned to school at the end of this week, so they can be quarantined during the Christmas holidays. New books will go home in January.

Nursery

School times: 8.45am - 3.30pm

School Doors

Use the nursery entrance on Griffin Road.

Nursery Applications Open!

There are still spaces left in nursery. Applications can be collected from the school office. Remember to recommend Griffin to your friends and family too!

Christmas Covid-19 - update...

Let's keep everyone safe by sanitising hands and maintaining social distancing during the holidays!

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 mask in school. This is to protect children, staff, and other parents and adults in school.

Thank you for your continued support.

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.

WEEK 1 MENU	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Hot Menu	Quorn chicken dippers, wedges and beans	Meatballs in tomato sauce	Braised sausages, creamed mashed potato, with broccoli and carrots	 <p>Merry Christmas</p> <p>Christmas Holidays!</p>	
Vegetarian Substitutes (Jacket Potato & Pasta available daily)	Vegetarian wrap	Vegetarian Quorn meatballs	Quorn sausages		
Individual pots available with hot menu	Salad / pasta / rice	Salad / pasta / rice	Salad / pasta / rice		
Desserts (fruit & yoghurt served daily)	Toffee apple cake Custard	Flapjack Custard	Lemon drizzle 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		

Important School Reminders for 2021

School reopens on Wednesday 6th January 2021 for the children

If you have not received your child's Microsoft Teams login details, please email the school, as they will be needed for access to Christmas productions and also for online learning if class bubbles are sent home.

If your child does not have consent for photographs/videos, please inform us in writing if you would like them to be included in our video recordings this Christmas.

If any of your contact information has changed, please email griffin.enquiries@vennacademy.org with the old and new details, or give the updated information to your child's class teacher when you bring them to school, and they will deliver to the school office for you.



All children should be wearing coats/ cardigans in the cold weather.

Long hair must be tied back at all times.

PE lessons will continue to take place outdoors whenever the weather permits. Please continue to send children to school in unbranded, plain jogger bottoms and appropriate trainers for all outdoor activities.

Please keep off the grass (including the fields), as it is slippery, muddy and wet.

Remember to continue maintaining social distancing on the school grounds in January, and wearing masks when you drop off or collect your child from school.

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from everyone here at Griffin.