

# School Newsletter



## Thank you

Thank you to the parents and pupils that I have met so far for making me feel welcome at Griffin Primary School. It has been wonderful to see so many children coming into school, or logging into Teams every day this week to access learning at home.

Please can I remind you that for those children in school, the gates open at **8.35am**, and children are able to go straight into their classes from that time until the gates close at **8.55am**. All children are ready to go home from **3.15pm**.

I look forward to meeting more of you in due course. Miss Pitts, Head of 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](mailto:griffin.enquiries@vennacademy.org)

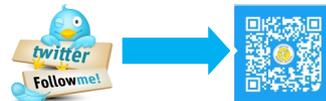
## PE Lessons

PE lessons will continue to take place outdoors whenever the weather permits.

Please remember to send your child to school in PE clothes, on their PE day.

Children should also come to school wearing appropriate trainers / sand shoes on their PE day.

This is to help avoid additional bags coming into cloakrooms and classrooms, and also to avoid children having to get changed whilst in school.



## Twitter News

**EYFS** have been exploring the ice in their outdoor play area, after some of the cold nights from last week. They have also set up a new farm shop in the role play area!

**Reception** practiced construction with wooden blocks.

**So far this week, all of our year groups are getting involved either on Teams or in school, with lots of different activities...look out for more updates in this Friday's newsletter!**

## Important Information

School times: 8.55am - 3.30pm

Thursdays: 8.55am - 1.45pm

**Gates open at 8.35am 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

## Reading Corner

Children can be encouraged to do more reading at home during this lockdown. You can read books, magazines, ingredients and receipts. You can also use <https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/> to access free reading books online for ages 3-11!

## Microsoft Teams

Using MS Teams is just like being in school, so please remember to be dressed appropriately for your online lessons.

You can access MS Teams on your phone, tablet, laptop, computer, Xbox and Playstation, and there are lots of helpful videos on YouTube that will help you get set up.

When you first log in, you may be asked to change your password.

If you need any help, please contact the school office.

## January 2021 Covid-19 - update...

During this lockdown, please remember to keep yourself and others around you safe by sanitising hands and maintaining social distancing when you go out, and by avoiding non-essential travel.

### Remember:

- only one adult should come on site with each child/family, to minimise congestion.
- vaping is not permitted on school grounds.
- all adults (unless exempt) are 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.**

## 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!

## Welfare Calls in January

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 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Hot Menu</b>	Mac 'n' cheese Garlic bread Seasonal vegetables	Beef burger Chips Coleslaw & sweetcorn	All day breakfast Seasonal vegetables	Roast chicken dinner, roast potatoes, Yorkshire pudding, vegetables and gravy	Battered fish with chips and peas/beans
<b>Vegetarian Substitutes</b> (Jacket Potato & Pasta available daily)	Mediterranean pasta bake	Vegetarian burger	Vegetarian breakfast	Quorn roast	Broccoli & tomato crustless quiche
<b>Individual pots available with hot menu</b>	Salad / pasta / rice	Salad / pasta / rice	Salad / pasta / rice	Salad / pasta / rice	Salad / pasta / rice
<b>Desserts</b> (fruit & yoghurt served daily)	Butterscotch filled tart With custard	Rice pudding with mandarin With custard	Chocolate crunch With custard	Chocolate sponge With custard	Chocolate vanilla swirl
<b>Packed lunch option</b>	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

## Important School Reminders

If you are still struggling to access MS Teams, or you have not had contact from your child's teacher, please email your teacher directly, or [griffin.enquiries@vennacademy.org](mailto:griffin.enquiries@vennacademy.org) for further support.

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](mailto: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.

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.



**Welcome back!**