

School Newsletter



A Message from Miss Pitts

We are really pleased with the number of pupils who are accessing online learning via Teams each week in each year group. The teachers are enjoying delivering the live online lesson introductions each day and getting the opportunity to see pupils from their class joining the lessons. We hope you are finding these useful to support learning at home.

From Monday, teachers will be delivering feedback from the previous day's lesson for each subject in the live lesson introductions. They will be identifying some positives from the work handed in and some ways forward that pupils can act upon.

We are keen for pupils to be uploading evidence of work completed each day for the teachers to see. If you need help with this, please contact the class teacher.

Thank you for your continued support. 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

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

PE Reminder

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 worked on their phonics skills this week, and have also practiced writing some tricky words.

Reception have made bird feeders.

Year 5 made mod-roc bowls in RE lessons, and learned an Adele song in Music this week!

Reading Corner

Using Bug Club, you can help your child improve their reading skills at home, alongside any English activities they are doing in school, or as part of their home learning package. See overleaf for more information about this.

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!

If you would like your child to attend Griffin Primary, please contact us today, to arrange a safe time for you to come in and collect an application form.

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 1 MENU	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Hot Menu	Quorn chicken dippers with wedges and beans	Meatballs in tomato sauce	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)	Vegetarian wrap	Quorn meatballs	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



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Dear Parents / Carers,



Bug Club's online reading world helps children to improve their reading skills at school or home with exciting eBooks and fun rewards. It also enables teachers to monitor children's progress, providing valuable evidence of their reading, as well as providing another way of encouraging reading in the home. Bug Club can be accessed from PCs, tablets, iPads and has been up graded for all hand-held devices.

Step 1

Log onto
<https://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk/login?c=0>
which will take you to the Bug Club homepage.

Step 2

Enter your child's username and password which will have been sent to you by your child's class teacher.
Griffin's school ID is: sacl

Step 3

Select the 'My Stuff' tab and choose the book you want to read at the level selected by the class teacher. All the books pupils have read go into their library so they can go back and read them as many times as they want.

Step 4

Whenever pupils see the little green bug, they need to click on this and answer the question (this will help them to gain rewards for their avatar). Teachers will then track how well pupils are doing with the range of questions and tasks they are asked during reading.

Bug Club is a fantastic online world of reading and one the pupils will love!

If you have any problems logging onto the website please contact Miss East via our Griffin support email at Griffin.Enquiries@vennacademy.org