



# School Newsletter

## Attendance this week

### Full School

91.46%

### EYFS/KS1

#### 1KR

94.22%

#### KS2

#### 6ZM

100%

## A Message from Miss Pitts

It has been great to see the KS1 Science after-school club up and running over the last two weeks. Mr Havercroft and the Year 5/6 Science ambassadors are planning some interesting activities which are really engaging the pupils to think scientifically.

Our Year 1 and 3 pupils have worked with the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust over the past couple of weeks to plant trees and bulbs at Alderman Kneeshaw Park. They are all looking forward to re-visiting in the Spring to look at the progress of what they have planted.

This half term ends on Friday 22nd December 2023 at 1.50pm. There will be more information about the Christmas events shared each week with you.

Miss Pitts, Head of School



Griffin's X page

## 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)

## Important Information

School doors open at 8.40am.

School ends at 3.30pm, except on a Thursday when it ends at 1.50pm.

**Gates open at 8.30am and 3.10pm daily.**

**Gates close at 8.55am daily.**

**On Thursday, gates open at 1.25pm.**

### School Doors

- Red Door - Reception
- Green Door - Year 1 and 2
- Yellow Door - Year 3 and 4TH
- White Door - 4SS
- Blue Door - Year 5 and 6

## Christmas event dates

### Christmas T-shirt decorating - Friday 8th December 2023

On Friday 8th December 2023, we will be hosting parents/carers in school to help decorate a Christmas t-shirt with your child. This will take place from 1.30 until 3.30pm.

Please use the main Barham Road gate to enter the school site and then wait at the door where your child normally enters and leaves school. At 1.30pm, a member of staff will open the doors and direct you to the right classroom.

For parents/carers, there will be a raffle, tombola and refreshments available in the school hall.

For more information, please see the letter sent out via Parentmail earlier this week and follow the link to indicate if you will be attending.

## Griffin Tots

On Thursday 7th December 2023, Angela and Alicia from the Unintentional Injuries and Safer Sleep Team at 0-19 Service will be attending Griffin Tots and their focus this month will be safety around Christmas.

## Flu Nasal Vaccination - Catch Up

They will be a Flu Nasal Vaccination Catch Up held at Acorns Children Centre on Wednesday 13th December 2023 3pm-4.30pm. You will need to ring and book an appointment. The contact number is **01482 453690**.

## Times Table Fact of the Week

Each week we will be sharing the fact of the week for the school.

Our Times Table fact of the week is ...

$$3 \times 9 = 27 \quad 27 \div 3 = 9$$

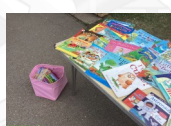
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## Reading Corner

Weather dependent, Thursday 7th December will be our last book swap of 2023! Thank you for all of your donations this year; please keep them coming. Have a good sort out over the holidays and we will take any pre-loved books for the book swap in 2024.



Thank you -  
Mrs Mitchell  
(Reading Leader)



## Mrs Allen's retirement

Yesterday we said goodbye to one of our Teaching Assistants, Mrs Allen, who has retired after 20 years working at Griffin.

Mrs Allen has worked with lots of pupils over the years and in lots of our classrooms - she will be missed by us all. We wish her all the best for her retirement!

## Free School Meals eligibility and vouchers

Please use the link below to check if you are eligible for free school meals:

<http://www.hull.gov.uk/education-and-schools/schools/free-school-meals>

Pupils eligible for free school meals will receive vouchers for the Christmas holidays to the value of £15 per week per pupil.