



Newsletter

Winter Coats in School

Please ensure your child brings a warm coat to school every day.

Personal Belongings

We ask that children **must not** bring toys, pencil cases or other personal items from home. Things can get lost and it can cause upset. Children are provided with all the stationery they need in school.

China Class

On Tuesday 24th January, after lunch, China class will be going for a walk around Sutton Bridge. Please ensure your child has a coat and appropriate footwear for the walk.

School Meals

Just a reminder that the deadline for ordering is Wednesday - you should receive an email reminder. If you are not getting these, please let the office know. We also ask that over the weekend or on a Monday morning you check what meals you have ordered for your child for the upcoming week and ensure you provide a packed lunch for days you haven't booked a meal.

Illness

Can we please remind parents that while we want to encourage good attendance it is imperative that children who are too ill for school do not attend. We are aware that children have diarrhoea and sickness for a number of reasons - sometimes this is due to a sickness bug, due to coughing or something they have eaten. If your child has a high temperature, diarrhoea or sickness they must not be sent to school. We require a minimum of 24 hours clear of diarrhoea and sickness and be showing no other signs of illness such as a temperature or feeling poorly. If your children are still feeling unwell or have a temperature then they must stay off for 48 hours following diarrhoea or sickness.

Change to PE Days – Brazil Class

Brazil Class have changed their PE days to Wednesday and Friday.

Strike Action

Following recent ballots by teacher unions, I am writing to inform you that the National Education Union (NEU) intend to carry out industrial action over the national pay offer and their members plan to strike over a number of days in the coming months.

The dates are:

1st February

1st March

15th and 16th March

I wanted to get in touch with you promptly as the impact of the industrial action may mean that you will need to consider additional childcare arrangements on these dates.

At the moment, I am assessing the impact this may have on our schools and will inform parents of this at the earliest opportunity. Whilst as a school we regret any inconvenience this may cause, we must respect that members of any professional association/union have the right to take this action following a legal ballot.

I would like to recognise that I understand the frustrations of many teachers with workload and pay issues, something we have seen documented by recent strike action in other professions. The commitment of our staff to your children remains as high as ever and any decisions that staff make will not be taken lightly.

While trade unions have informed their members of their intention to strike, there is also the possibility that through ongoing negotiations the strikes may not take place. I will keep you informed as the situation develops before the first day of strike action on 1st February.

Diary Dates

24th January – China Class walk around Sutton Bridge

10th February – End of Term 3

20th February – Start of Term 4

31st March – End of Term 4

18th April – Start of Term 5





The Griffin Federation

Learning Together for Excellence

Support for SEND from the Lincolnshire Parent Carer Forum

Lincolnshire Parent Carer Forum (LPCF) is an independent charity that has been set up to support parents and carers of children with disabilities and/or additional needs in Lincolnshire.

Their website www.lincspcf.org.uk offers a wide range of information, workshops, latest news and events for parents and it is free to sign up. LPCF are also putting on a 'Week of SEND' beginning the week of 23rd January 2023 where they have a diverse range of services, organisations and support groups attending online Zoom sessions at different times throughout the day and evening (10.30am—9pm). The aim of the event is to give parents and carers of children with disabilities/additional needs as much information, support and help as possible.

Please see the attached flyer for more information and how to access these sessions but if you need any further information then please do not hesitate to contact our SENCOs, Miss Scarsbrook, eboney.scarsbrook@griffinfederation.co.uk (Westmere) or Miss Streets Kathryn.streets@griffinfederation.co.uk (GDE and HSM).

11+ Registration – Year 5 only

We have emailed a letter to all parents with children in year 5 which contains details of how to register your child for the 11+ test in September. Applications are made directly to Spalding high School and Spalding Grammar School and the closing date is **24th February**. If you haven't received the email, please contact the office.

Kind regards

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