

Dear Griffin Parents/ Carers

It's a pleasure to send you a very quick email today – first of all, as always, thank you for your support this half term. We really hope you and your families are well and that the Omicron Covid strand has left us all at Griffin or will do so very quickly now!

I am proud of our students and staff who have managed journeys in and out with infection and the changes needed – we're all having a positive time and learning more each day.

Last week Data Capture week gave us another marker and indicator of the academic standards of all of our students. Formal assessments: Tests and Teacher assessments are always useful as a checking point to see any learning gaps we need to work on next half term and where every individual student is at right now.

As we head to the half term holiday, I wanted to share some dates & information ready for our return:

1. Mornings and afternoons

Please see a repeat of information already shared - we hope this will be a permanent change!

From Monday 7th February:

EYFS families are invited into the front playground to drop off and collect their children at the classroom doors.

From Monday 21st February (after the half term holiday):

- At 8.55am, KS1 and KS2 students will go directly into class at the beginning of the day - we ask families to continue to drop students at the gates.
- At 3.30pm, parents/ carers are invited into the KS1 and KS2 playgrounds to collect students from their class teacher.

2. Events involving families

I have included a Family Calendar below – of course all events are subject to Covid related changes but we hope our plans will not be altered from this point on. Some of the events are open to our parents/ carers so we hope many of you will be able to join us for some or all of them.

I'd like to draw your attention to 3 particular events:

a) Friday 25th February – Learning Walk/ Visit Classes

It's been ages since we have been able to invite you all to visit classes. We will visit Nursery – Y6.

If you would like to join us: 9.00am – 10.15am, please come along bright and early to the Hall where we will begin our tour.

b) Tuesday 1st March – Phonics

We would welcome parents/ carers from Nursery, Reception, Y1 and Y2 to join us to find out more about how we teach Phonics at Griffin and how you can support at home - please meet at 9.00am in the Hall.

c) Tuesday 29th March - Friday 1st April - Class Sharing Assemblies

Each morning, different year groups will share their learning and golden moments with their families - please see the schedule below and make a note in your calendars!

That's all from me today – I'd like to wish you all a wonderful half term (sun and snow I hope!) and see you all on Monday 21st February.

Karen

Karen Bastick-Styles (Executive Head)

GRIFFIN Family Calendar 2021-2022		
Please note in the current Covid climate, all dates are subject to change at short notice		
Spring Term 2		
Week 1		
Monday 21 st February	8.55am	Students return from half term holiday.
Friday 25th February	9.00am	Families invited to join us for a Learning Walk/ visit to classes
Friday 25th February	3.30pm	Class Newsletters sent home

Week 2		
Tuesday 1st March	9.00am	Phonics session - N, R, Y1 & Y2 families invited
Friday 4th March	All Day	World Book Day celebration at Griffin
Friday 4th March	All Day	Y3 Trip to The Science Museum
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Week 3		
Tuesday 8 th March	9.00am	International Women's Day celebration at Griffin
Friday 11th March	8.00am	LG Newsletter sent home
Week 4		
Friday 18 th March	All Day	Comic Relief Day – details to be shared
Week 5		
Monday - Thursday	All Day	Data Capture 4
Week 6		
Tuesday 29th March	9.15am	N & R Sharing Assemblies - N & R Families invited to join us
Wednesday 30th March	9.15am	Y1 & Y2 Sharing Assemblies - Y1 & Y2 Families invited to join us
Thursday 31st March	9.15am	Y3 & Y4 Sharing Assemblies - Y3 & Y4 Families invited to join us
Friday 1st April	9.15am	Y5 & Y6 Sharing Assemblies - Y5 & Y6 Families invited to join us
Friday 1 st April	3.30pm	Easter Holidays begin
Easter Holidays	TBC	Y6 Revision Days – to be organized with families
Summer Term 1		
Week 1		
Tuesday 19 th April	8.55am	Summer Term begins for all students at Griffin!