



# Griffin Primary School

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Deputy: Miss S Casey

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## GRIFFIN NEWSLETTER

Friday 8th September 2023

### Welcome

It is an absolute pleasure to be writing my first Griffin newsletter. Thank you to the children, staff and whole community for making me feel so welcome in my first week.

I do hope you received my welcome letter on Monday. Moving forward, newsletters will be published every other week, to keep families updated. Please ensure the school office has the correct email address for you.

Our new school website will be launched by next week. This will be a very useful resource for current and prospective families. Please do have a look. This will be regularly updated with important information and news about each class' learning, as well as having all calendar and event dates.

This week, I have been asking staff and children what it means to be a Griffin learner and what it is like to attend this school. These responses will be used to formulate a new set of shared Griffin values.

Follow our X (Twitter) and Instagram pages to keep up to date and see the exciting learning that takes place.

We have also organised 'Meet the Teacher' for every class. This is a great opportunity for parents/carers to get to know their child's teacher and find out what they will be learning over the year and the academic expectations. Please find your child's date in the important dates column. All meetings start at 9am.

Have a lovely weekend,

*Mr Read*

### Important Dates:

#### Monday 18th September

Phonics workshop for all parents - 3pm

#### Meet the Teacher - 9am

Monday 18th September - Year 3

Tuesday 19th September - Year 5

Wednesday 20th September - Year 6

Thursday 21st September - Year 1

Monday 25th September - Nursery and Reception

Wednesday 27th September - Year 4

Thursday 28th September - Year 2

#### Thursday 28th September

Secondary Transfer Meeting for Y6 families - 3.45pm

#### Friday 29th September

Macmillan Coffee Morning (details to follow)

#### Mon 16th & Tues 17th October

Parent/Carer Consultation Evenings

#### Monday 23rd - Friday 27th October

Half term

#### Thursday 30th November

Flu immunisations

#### Wednesday 20th December

Break up

#### Thursday 21st December

CPD day - school closed to pupils

### Attendance

4th - 7th September 2023

Class	%
N: Penguins	100%
R: Dolphins	81.82%
Y1: Elephants	81.75%
Y2: Lions	83.33%
Y3: Tigers	92.26%
Y4: Jaguars	90.22%
Y5: Pandas	88.07%
Y6: Lemurs	97.16%
Whole School	<b>88.75%</b>

### Attendance Matters



A quick reminder that the gate is open from 8:45am until 9 am. Registration is at 9am; any child arriving after 9am is late. Please make sure your child / children are not late; we want to make sure every child starts their day ready to learn.

If you need any support with school attendance or punctuality, please contact Ms Boyce.



We are proud members of [The Elliot Foundation Academy Trust](https://www.elliottfoundation.org/)

## Curriculum Miss Casey, Deputy Head

Welcome back! We have a very exciting half-term ahead. This year we have made a few changes to our curriculum to ensure that children have a broad and balanced curriculum offer. Please learn more about changes to the curriculum by watching your child's class newsletter video below and having a look at their termly plans

More details will be shared in the 'Meet the Teacher' meetings.

### Video Newsletters:

<a href="#">Nursery</a>	<a href="#">Reception</a>	<a href="#">Year 1</a>	<a href="#">Year 2</a>
<a href="#">Year 3</a>	<a href="#">Year 4</a>	<a href="#">Year 5</a>	<a href="#">Year 6</a>

### Medium Term Plans:

<a href="#">Nursery and Reception Autumn 1</a>	<a href="#">Year 1 Autumn 1</a>	<a href="#">Year 2 Autumn 1</a>
<a href="#">Year 3 Autumn 1</a>	<a href="#">Year 4 Autumn 1</a>	<a href="#">Year 5 Autumn 1</a>
<a href="#">Year 6 Autumn 1</a>		

### PE Timetable:

Year 1	Wednesday and Friday
Year 2	Wednesday and Friday
Year 3	Tuesday and Wednesday
Year 4	Tuesday and Thursday
Year 5	Monday and Thursday
Year 6	Monday and Wednesday

## SEND Miss Cooper, SENDCo

Welcome back! I would like to introduce myself. I am Miss Cooper, the new SENDCo at Griffin Primary School. I will be spending the next few weeks getting to know the pupils of Griffin, particularly those with special educational needs.

Pupil support plans will be emailed to parents by Wednesday 20th of September, which will detail the support your child will receive this year and their targets. I will be on the gate in the mornings and end of day, or a phone call away, if you have any concerns about your child's development or SEND needs.

I look forward to working in partnership to provide an inclusive environment for all children at Griffin Primary School.

## Free School Meals

All pupils who attend Griffin Primary School are now entitled to have a free school meal, provided by the school kitchen. This has been extended to pupils in Years 3-6, through The Mayor's Universal Free School Meals Scheme. All Infant pupils will continue to be eligible also.

Our school kitchen is now led and managed by Harrison Catering. The new menu has been attached to this email.

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