



Latest News

Dear Parents,

Welcome to our first newsletter of the new school year. The new children in each of our three schools have all settled in extremely well. I would like to say a special welcome to all of the new Reception children and the new children who have joined us in other year groups.

During the summer holidays, Mr Andy Mitchell tendered his resignation as the Spires Federation Chair of Governors. He had been a governor for 13 years and Chair for 12 of those years. I would like to thank him for all that he has done for the schools over that time. We will be holding a special event to thank him formally and I will let you know about that in due course.

Last week the governors elected Mrs Jenny Hutchinson as our new Chair of Governors and Mr. Ryan Plummer as the new Vice-Chair. I will be writing to you again soon to let you know who else is on our governing body and what their roles are.

Yours sincerely,

Graham Boyall
Executive Headteacher
Spires Federation

Our TWITTER accounts.

Please follow us –

@DigbyPrimary

@DunstonPrimary

@NoctonPrimary



P.E. Kits

Please can you make sure that your child/ children bring their P.E. kit into school on a Monday morning and these are kept in school all week for their P.E. sessions.

Please can we request that girls make sure that they bring spare socks if needed and hairbands to tie up long hair Thank you

Harvest Festival Services

Mr Boyall attended harvest festival services at Nocton and Dunston Schools

Thank you to the children and staff for the wonderful singing and thank you to parents for supporting the Community Larder with your food donations.

PLEASE NOTE Digby School Harvest Festival Service will be held at 2.15 pm on Tuesday 10 October



PUPIL APPOINTMENTS AND ABSENCES

All appointments should be made outside of school hours where possible. Should you receive a letter from a hospital/clinic for an appointment during the day, every attempt should be made to contact them to re-arrange a time as late as possible. If you are unable to arrange a time outside of school hours, please complete an absence request form as soon as possible, available from school offices and the school documents page of our website.

Please can you also make sure that you contact the school on the days that your child is unwell to advise us of the reasons why they are not attending that day.

Your support is very much appreciated.

Non Uniform Day

The non uniform day held at Dunston on 29 September raised a fantastic £105 for Cystic Fibrosis. Thank you for your support.

NOCTON SCHOOL HALLOWEEN DISCO



A Halloween Disco will take place on 3 November at Nocton School

Reception and Key Stage 1 – 5:15 pm – 6:15 pm

Key Stage 2 – 6:25 pm – 7:25 pm

Tickets are £3.50 per child, to include a hot dog, juice and glow band. Tea and coffee will be available for parents.

Tickets must be ordered and payment made by 16 October.

SAMARITAN'S PURSE SHOEBOX APPEAL



Please note any shoeboxes which you have kindly filled for the appeal, should be sent into school by Friday 10 November, together with the completed leaflet. Thank you for your support.

Policies

School policies are available on request from the school offices.

CLASS 1 DUNSTON

The new Reception Class at Dunston have settled in brilliantly. They have come to school with smiling faces and an excitement to learn at the start of their journey through school. They have been kind and considerate to their new classmates and have made friends easily.

This term we have been reading the 'Harry and His Bucketful of Dinosaurs' stories and the class have loved listening to the stories and talking about what is happening in the books. We have written our own stories and thought of where Harry could take his dinosaurs on a new adventure. We have talked about our favourite story and how Harry would have felt when he lost his dinosaurs.

We have made our own 'Dinoworld' and the children have added new things for the dinosaurs such as leaves and twigs and rocks. They have enjoyed making shelters and caves for the dinosaurs and made up stories as they have played.



CLASS 2 DIGBY

We have had a great start to the year in Class 2 and have been so pleased with how well all of the children have settled into the new routines and expectations. The children have impressed us with their enthusiasm for reading and earning stickers for their bookmarks and we would like to thank parents for their support at home with this. Reading is such an important part of their learning in Class 2.

We have started to get our teeth into our topic about Victorian Childhood. So far we have found out about Victorian Seaside holidays and the life of the children from rich families. If you have any books or artefacts at home that you are happy for your child to bring in to share, we would love to see them.

Over the course of the year, Class 2 will be very fortunate to receive the expertise of Mr Mudie, a sports coach, from Carre's Grammar School. Mr Mudie will be delivering a range of sports in their weekly PE lessons. This term Class 2 have been focusing on Tag Rugby skills and are looking forward to taking part in a house-team game on the last week of the term.

CLASS 3 NOCTON

In Class 3 we have started off the year by learning about the Victorians. We have been finding out all about jobs that Victorian children carried out and have looked at the work of Doctor Barnardo. For homework, we have produced a range of work for display, including Lego and cardboard models, Christmas cards, diaries and even baked biscuits! In Science we are studying Victorian scientists and inventors. So far, we have found out about Alexander Graham Bell, who invented the telephone at that time, and have made and tested our own string telephones. We are looking forward to a trip to The Museum of Lincolnshire Life which will be coming up soon.

Digby & Dunston School Uniform List

Grey/black/trousers/shorts/skirt

*White polo shirt/blouse/shirt (with a collar)

Grey pinafore dress/navy blue and white gingham school dresses for girls

*Navy blue sweatshirt/cardigan

Grey or black socks (girls may wear white socks during the summer with dresses/skirts and grey, navy or black non patterned tights in winter)

Black school shoes – not trainer style shoes. (During the winter months boots may be worn to and from school and at playtimes, but must be changed into school shoes whilst in school). Girls may wear white sandals with white ankle socks during the Summer months.

PE Kit (this should be brought in every Monday and taken home every Friday)

*White T-Shirt at Digby and light blue T-Shirt at Dunston

Navy PE shorts

Plimsolls – all classes Trainers – Classes 2, 3 & 4

Shin pads and football boots must be worn by those children participating in football club and matches.

During the colder months a black/navy blue track suit may be worn when taking PE outside.

Our uniform providers (details can be obtained from the school office) also sell school embroidered reversible jackets and PE bags.

* These may be with the school logo, provided by one of our suppliers, or plain.

Swimming Kit

Black/navy full swimming costume/trunks (no bikinis/tankinis/baggy shorts). Towel, swimming cap and comb.

Jewellery, Makeup and Hair

The only items that are considered appropriate are watches or studs worn in pierced ears. The school does not allow the wearing of other jewellery or cosmetics unless for cultural reasons, and then only if approved by the Headteacher. Please ensure that nail varnish, make up and temporary tattoos are removed prior to your child attending school. Please note that staff are not allowed to remove or look after jewellery for children. As a school we recommend that you have your child's ears pierced as close to the summer holidays as possible so that they have the 6 week period to keep them in. If your child's earrings cannot be removed, your child will not be able to participate in gymnastics and swimming. However for all other PE activities your child can cover their earrings with plasters/microporous tape if unable to be removed. This must be provided by the parent. It is recommended that hair is tied back on a daily basis to reduce the spread of headlice, and this is compulsory whilst doing PE. Headbands are to be Navy to match the uniform. Unnatural hair colours are not permitted.

Nocton School Uniform List

Grey/black/trousers/shorts/skirt

*White polo shirt/blouse/shirt (with a collar)

Grey pinafore dress/red and white gingham school dresses for girls

*Red sweatshirt/cardigan

Grey or black socks (girls may wear white socks during the summer with dresses/skirts and grey, navy or black non patterned tights in winter)

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*Red T-Shirt at Nocton School

Black PE shorts

Trainers – All Classes

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During the colder months a black track suit may be worn when taking PE outside. Also please bring a spare pair of socks to school in the winter.

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SPIRES FEDERATION TERM DATES 2017 / 2018



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NOVEMBER 2017

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BANK HOLIDAYS

INSET DAYS

Friday 1st September 2017
 Monday 4th September 2017
 Monday 30th October 2017
 Tuesday 2nd January 2018
 Thursday 29th March 2018

TERM DATES

TERM 1 - 05/09/17 - 20/10/17 34 days
 TERM 2 - 31/10/17 - 19/12/17 36 days
 TERM 3 - 03/01/18 - 09/02/18 28 days
 TERM 4 - 19/02/18 - 28/03/18 28 days
 TERM 5 - 16/04/18 - 25/05/18 29 days
 TERM 6 - 04/06/18 - 20/07/18 35 days