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To provide an aspirational education which inspires all to SHINE in our community so that they are happy, confident and equipped for life in all its fullness.

Term 5

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Dear Parents and Carers,



As we wrap up another exciting term, we want to take a moment to celebrate the many achievements and experiences that have made this term so special.

Year 6 SATs

We are incredibly proud of our Year 6 pupils for the way they approached their SATs. With calm determination and a positive mindset, they truly embodied our value of **Success**. Their hard work, resilience, and focus were inspiring to all, and we couldn't be prouder of their efforts.

Inspiring Learning Beyond the Classroom

This term, our trips to the Lincoln Castle and Wilder Doddington brought learning to life in the most engaging ways. Exploring the castle sparked curiosity and wonder, while our time at Wilder Doddington connected us with nature and deepened our understanding of the world around us. These experiences reflect our commitment to **Inspiration**—encouraging children to explore, question, and grow.

Nurturing Growth and Confidence

Throughout the term, we've seen our pupils grow not just academically, but emotionally and socially. Whether it was supporting each other during assessments, showing kindness on trips, or embracing new challenges, our children have shown what it means to be part of a nurturing school community. We are proud to see our value of **Nurture** shine through in all they do.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. We wish you a restful and fun half term, and we look forward seeing the children back for the final term of the year!

Warm regards,

Miss Winters



Mrs Toulson



Miss Vaughan





Pixies

Term 5

We have loved the start of our summer term, especially with all this sunshine! In keeping with the summer feeling we have been looking at the Seaside in our geography which made us really want to go to the beach! Reception have been having a wonderful time in their provision which has seen them explore pirates, the ocean and exciting investigations such as magnets, space and bones! Our VE day celebrations in school were thoroughly enjoyed by all. We had an incredible time at Lincoln Castle learning about the history of the castle and even became knights in armour! We were invited to Doddington Hall to discover wildlife in the grounds which tested our science knowledge! We can't wait to see what we will learn next!



Pixies





Gnomes

Term 5

We have really enjoyed learning all about magnets as part of our science this term and creating some amazing cubism pieces during our art sessions. We have completed our geography unit on rivers and are looking forward to finding out all about Ancient Greece as part of our new history topic. The lovely sunny weather has been great for our outdoor PE sessions developing our athletics skills. There are some particularly talented long jumpers in Gnomes class! In music we have continued to learn lots of new songs as well as performing using the glockenspiels, we have some amazing musicians who love to perform. It was great to take part in a trip exploring the grounds of Doddington Hall to look at all the natural things around us and we even got to make our own minibeasts out of clay. It was a wonderful day out! We even had a wonderful day in school for our VE Day Celebrations - what a busy term!







Imps

Term 5

We've had a very busy term in Imp class as the Year 6's confidently completed their SATs — we're all so proud of them! We rounded off SATs week with a fantastic visit to Doddington Hall, where we took part in a variety of fun activities. In art, we explored Cubism and created some amazing pieces, and in computing, we designed and built our own websites. We're now looking forward to a final term full of fun-filled activities!





Family Activities

at Digby C of E Primary School

Being Happy and Healthy
a course for parents, grandparents and carers



Join us to learn easy ways to look after the wellbeing of you and your family.

Our tutor Helen will share ideas and activities that will help you to support the health and wellbeing of your children.

Each week will include 1 hour for parents to learn and share ideas with each other and Helen, and 1 hour to share fun activities and learning experiences with the children.

Join Helen from 1:30–3:00pm

**on Tuesday 10th June
and Tuesday 17th June**

Please contact the school office to book your space referencing Family Learning
admin@spiresfederation.co.uk
Please bring ID to complete forms at your first session.



Look out for further information via Arbor after half term.

LSCP Child Safeguarding Week Webinars 23rd June to 27th June

LSCP are working with a range of partners to provide webinars during Child Safeguarding week. From Neurodiversity, LGBTQ+ Support, misogyny and online harm to managing children's anxiety and supporting self esteem. This is a great opportunity to hear to learn more about a range of topics from professionals in their field. All workshops are free to sign up for.

Follow the link to explore: [Lincolnshire Safeguarding Children Week](#)

Your guide to health services in Lincolnshire



Self Care

Treat aches, pains, coughs, and colds at home. Stock up your medicine cabinet with over the counter remedies.



Pharmacy

Visit your local pharmacy for advice on minor injuries, allergies, constipation, headaches, cold and flu symptoms, and earache.



Your GP Practice

Contact your GP practice about symptoms that aren't going away. They can offer you an appointment or signpost you to other services.



NHS 111

If you have an urgent health need but are not sure what to do, think NHS 111. Call 111 or visit 111.nhs.uk. Available 24/7.



WaitLess

Download the WaitLess app to view live waiting times, queue numbers and travel-time information for our urgent care facilities.



Urgent Treatment Centre

Seek help for sprains, fractures, minor burns, and skin infections. Simply walk in or book an appointment via NHS 111.



Dental Treatment

For urgent dental care please contact your normal dental practice, or for advice out of hours call NHS 111.



Mental Health Crisis

If you are worried about your mental health, call 111 and choose Option 2. Available 24/7

In a medical emergency call 999. This is when someone is seriously ill or injured and their life is at risk.

For more information visit www.nhs.uk



Your Guide to Health Services While Away From Home



BE PREPARED

Treat aches and pains, coughs and colds at home. Stock up your medicine cabinet including pain killers, antihistamines, anti-diarrhoea and indigestion medicine. Order repeat prescriptions in plenty of time. Keep all medication, plasters, bandages and thermometers away from children.



PHARMACY

Pharmacies offer health advice and treatment for allergies, constipation, cold and flu symptoms, earache, fever, thrush and healthy lifestyles. A visit to the pharmacy could save you a trip to the GP. If you forget your medication while away from home call your usual registered GP surgery during opening hours and they can arrange for a prescription to be sent electronically to a pharmacy local to where you are staying.



VISIT NHS 111 ONLINE OR CALL NHS 111

Need health advice? Unsure which health service you need? Visit NHS 111 online or call NHS 111 – both are available 24 hours, seven days a week. Calls are free from mobiles and landlines. Typetalk number is 18001.



MINOR ILLNESS OR INJURIES

For treatment of burns, cuts, wounds or infections contact NHS 111 for the nearest Urgent Treatment Centre where an appointment can be made for you if necessary or they can provide you with advice and guidance by phone or video consultation.



GP

If you take ill while away from home contact your registered practice in the first instance where you can be offered a telephone or video consultation. If your practice or NHS 111 say it is necessary to be seen at a GP Practice you can register for up to 14 days while away from home or work. Your temporary GP will pass any details of treatment you have to your own GP. If you are staying for a longer period of time you should still ring your usual registered practice in the first instance and receive telephone or video consultation as a first step.



Pharmacists are a parent's best friend this Bank Holiday!

As we approach the Spring bank holiday weekend and half-term breaks, NHS Lincolnshire ICB is advising parents how to deal with a range of common childhood illnesses – by seeking advice from their local pharmacy.

Young children are more vulnerable to coughs, colds and infections because their immune systems are still developing. That means they tend to become ill more often than adults and take longer to recover, particularly when a large number of common illnesses are circulating.

Although it can be worrying when a child becomes poorly, the vast majority of illnesses can be managed at home using over-the-counter medicines available from a pharmacist. Parents are therefore encouraged to visit their local pharmacy first when their children become ill – and be prepared by taking a pharmacist's advice on available remedies.

Childhood illness can be very stressful for parents, especially those with very young children who aren't able to articulate exactly what is wrong with them.

In almost all cases, parents can manage their child's illnesses at home with over-the-counter medication that may ease symptoms, plenty of rest, fluids and TLC. If your child has symptoms that worry you or that you haven't seen before, a pharmacist may be able to offer advice.

If your child becomes ill in the night there is information available online at www.nhs.uk or you can contact NHS 111 online or call 111 if you need urgent medical advice but it's not a life-threatening emergency.

Pharmacies may also be able to offer treatment and prescription medicine for some conditions, without you needing to see a GP (this is called Pharmacy First). Conditions they can treat as part of Pharmacy First are:

- earache (aged 1 to 17 years)
- impetigo (aged 1 year and over)
- infected insect bites (aged 1 year and over)
- shingles (aged 18 years and over)
- sinusitis (aged 12 years and over)
- sore throat (aged 5 years and over)
- urinary tract infections or UTIs (women aged 16 to 64 years)

If you go to a pharmacy with one of these conditions, the pharmacist will offer you advice, treatment or refer you to a GP or other healthcare professional if needed. They will then update your GP health record.

If you are not within these age ranges, a pharmacist can still offer advice, but you may need to see a GP for treatment.



What do you do When Your Child is Unwell?

Parents and carers in Lincolnshire are being reminded to make sure they know how to deal with common childhood illnesses during the forthcoming bank holiday and half-term break. Young children are more vulnerable to coughs, colds and infections because their immune system is still developing. An adult may get two to four colds a year, children can get eight to 12 and most of these can be treated at home with over the counter medication and rest.

It can be difficult to know the best way to care for children when they become ill but Dr Sunil Hindocha, GP and Medical Director for NHS Lincolnshire ICB explains:

“All parents worry when their child is poorly, but most of the time childhood illness can be managed at home with advice from your pharmacist and lots of rest.

“Speak to your local pharmacist as a first point of call. They can advise on the appropriate over the counter medicines that are suitable for your child’s age. If you continue to have concerns and want advice use NHS 111 online or call NHS 111 to speak to one of their highly trained advisers.

Colds and bugs can be managed with pain relief, and cough mixture. It’s worth having a thermometer at home to check your child’s temperature.

You can check the NHS website (www.nhs.uk) for details on how to care for a child with a high temperature.

If your child has an upset tummy or flu it’s best to keep them away from the elderly and other children who can be vulnerable to infection. Children should learn good hand hygiene early and be encouraged to wash their hands regularly, particularly after playing, going to the toilet and before eating.

For more advice on staying well this winter www.nhs.uk/staywell





WAITLESS



Avoid long wait times
when you need
urgent care

16 mins travel

11 patients waiting

longest wait 59 mins

Total Wait

1 hr 5 mins



WaitLess

The WaitLess app combines travel, waiting and treatment times at all urgent care facilities across Lincolnshire, empowering patients to make informed decisions on the most appropriate setting to receive care.

The app also displays a full list of services available at each site, as well as parking and opening time information.

Don't wait.
Download **WaitLess** now.



School Office

The school office is looked after by Mrs Elliott. She can be contacted on 01526 320630 or admin@spiresfederation.co.uk



Wrap Around Care Direct

Telephone Number

A reminder that we have set up a direct telephone line for **Breakfast Club** and **After School Club** - the telephone number is: **01526 552500**

The line will be available between **7.20am and 8.40am** and **3.20pm and 6.00pm** and only for use by parents who need to contact breakfast or afterschool club whilst their child is there.

School office

The office is open 8.30am to 3.30pm Mon to Thur & 8.30am to 12.30 Fri. Calls & emails will be diverted to Dunston when the office is unmanned during school hours.

Attendance Average

This Year

Pixies – 95.3%

Gnomes – 97.1%

Imps – 97.0%

Whole School – 96.3%

New Booking & Communication System

As you may be aware, we have a new system starting today. Any problems or queries, please email the office. Please be patient if your query is not dealt with as promptly as usual as we are also learning to set up and use the new system. Thank you for your understanding.

Thank You!

Wrap Around Care (WAC)



Wrap Around Care

Before and After School Childcare

2024/25

Our three schools offer wrap-around childcare provision for families. You may book the day and section of time that suits you. Bookings are made up to three days prior through our Parentmail payments system, with an up-front charge to cover the period booked. If you will be paying using Tax Free Childcare Vouchers, please select the box on PMX to make us aware.

Breakfast Time

For those children attending a before school session we will provide a variety of cereals, yoghurts and fruit, along with the option of toast for their breakfast. This will help them start their day on a nice full tummy. We aim to meet all dietary requirements, so please communicate with the WAC supervisor if you need an adjusted food provision.

If you book a 'drop-off' session only, breakfast is not provided.

After School Time

Following our school healthy eating approach, we offer the children a light, healthy snack and fruit to keep them full until you arrive to take them home for their family meal. We understand the importance of making sure the children are nutritionally balanced and will endeavor to make sure we fulfil those needs. Drinks and fruit will always be available throughout all sessions.

Medication

Should your child need to take any medication whilst at clubs please use the standard school medication form and inform us immediately.

Opening Times

We are delighted to now offer wrap around care as follows (new times and prices for 24/25):

Wrap Around Care

Exciting News!!

From next half term we will be starting to offer WAC until 6.00 pm on a Friday as well!

Watch out for the details later in the term.

WRAP AROUND CARE

We offer term time before and after school clubs for children at school including breakfast, snacks and drinks.

Monday to Friday
7.30am until 6pm

- Outdoor Games
- Treasure Hunts
- Themed events
- and much more!!!

Enquire Now admin@spiresfederation.co.uk

<https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk>

Wraparound childcare offers a safe, supportive and fun place outside of school hours. It also gives parents more flexibility with drop off and collection times.

Search 'Childcare Choices' to see what support you could get.



Here to help you juggle family life

Wraparound childcare is expanding across England.

And you can use Tax-Free Childcare or Universal Credit Childcare to help to pay for it.

Search 'Childcare Choices' to see what support you could get.



Wrap Around Care (WAC)



Current Opening Times

We are delighted to now offer wrap around care as follows (new times and prices for 24/25):

WAC Session	Time	Price
Breakfast Club	7:30am - 8:45am	£5
Drop off Only	8:20am - 8:45am	£2.50
After School Club (early twilight)	3:20pm - 4:20pm	£4.50
After School Club (late twilight)	3:20pm - 6pm	£10

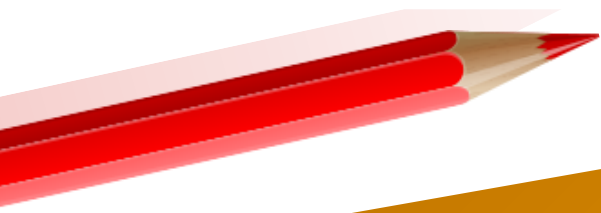
Ideally please book and pay before term starts to secure your place. We will try to accommodate late bookings – please contact the school office.

Clubs Staff

Mrs Butler	Dunston
Mrs Colley	Dunston
Mrs Elliott	Digby
Miss Thompson-Dowse	Nocton

Please call the school office if you have any queries.

For billing queries, please email admin@spiresfederation.co.uk specifying which school your query relates to.



Happy Half Term

