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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





Apples

Term 5

Apple Class this term have enjoyed two school trips. The castle trip was part of our History project and helped us deepen our learning about Castles as well as learn more about our local area.

We had a great opportunity to get back to nature and visit Wilder Doddington. We took part in tree and cloud gazing and natural art. We then went on a bug hunt and searched high and low for different minibeasts.



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Well that was a busy day. Apple class had an amazing day @lincolncastle today. We enjoyed making the shields and acting out the banquet followed by quite a cold windy wall walk. After lunch we looked at some armour and then had a go with the bow and 'arrow'. What a super day

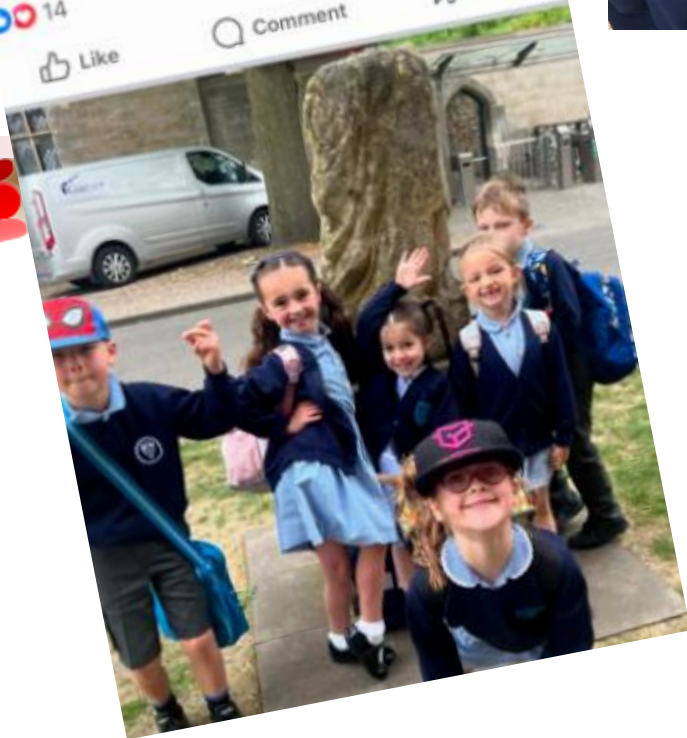


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Apple Class

Apples have enjoyed a trip to Wilder Doddington where we discovered lots of minibeasts, went tree gazing and collected natural art. We had such a great day, and the weather was perfect for a picnic.



Apple Class



Oak

Term 5

Blink and another fun filled term is over! A whirlwind of fun and learning. We have enjoyed embarking on our new science topic exploring the digestive system! The children created their own Minecraft worlds in our cubism art topic. We can't wait to continue our amazing learning in our final summer term when we begin our topic on the Greeks!



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Oak Class



Redwood

Term 5

In Redwood this term, we have had the pleasure of Miss Garraway, a student teacher from Bishop Grosseteste University, teaching us alongside Mr Bond. This will continue into Term 6 also.

This half term we have been super busy with a wide range of activities – we've tried to make the most of the sunny weather too!

We have developed our understanding of cubism in our art lessons, where we have produced some amazing Cityscape art based on work by Paul Klee.

We've had lots of fun in science, learning all about the circulatory system (where we've been able to get outside) and check our pulse and heart rates, as well as think about things that could affect our health.



Forest School

Term 5

This term, Year 5 have continued their Forest School journey with experiences such as whittling, cooking and baking, games and team challenges. The shelter we had installed earlier this year has been amazing for providing shade in this hot weather. A highlight this term has to be setting up a feeding station and wildlife camera during hedgehog awareness week – we were amazed to get a visitor on the very first night! Next job is to build a hedgehog house.

During summer term, all year groups who have not yet had a chance at Forest School, will get an afternoon taster session. Further details will follow next half term.

Dunston Forest School's newest member!



The Forest School children would like to make a house for our resident hedgehog. Do you have a wooden crate you could donate?





Forest School fun!

A huge thank you for all parental donations and our amazing parent volunteer!

FODS



Party Time!

After a wonderful Easter break the FoDS team were back in action for an evening of music, dancing and fun. The School Hall was transformed with flashing lights and a sound system that played fun and engaging playlists for all to enjoy.

The tuck shop, always a favourite at these events, was busy all night. The children adorned themselves with stunning face painting creations, and glitter tattoos. All the children that attended the evening were seen to be having a lovely time.

Being able to provide these events for the children to enjoy is so wonderful. These events and others like them would not be possible without the dedicated FoDS Committee and the teaching staff at Dunston St. Peters. We would like to thank them all for the time they put in to getting these events up and running. We would also like to thank the parents of the school children for always supporting our fundraising events.

If you would like to get involved on our committee or help and volunteer at one of our events in the future, please do not hesitate to contact the School Office and they will put you in contact with the Committee.

Our next event will be the Sponsored Walk which is to be held on 29th June at 11am. More details and a sponsorship form will be available soon. We hope to see many of you there, and fingers crossed for a lovely summers day.

Towards the end of term, there will be the annual spectacular that is the Summer Fair on 17th July. We are looking for raffle prize donations. If you have any prizes that you wish to donate to the Raffle, please contact our committee.

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

Ms Jo Hayward is the school administrator and can be contacted on

01526 320027 or
admin@spiresfederation.co.uk

School Gate

The school gate is open from 08:45am each morning. If you are late, please ensure that you sign your child in at reception

School office

The School office is manned from 08:45am to 3:20pm

Attendance to date

Apples - 97.8%

Oak - 96.1%

Redwood - 96.8%

Whole school - 90.1%

Changes to pick up arrangements

Can we ask that parents give us as much notice as possible when changes are made regarding children going home.

We understand that circumstances do change, we have systems in place so we know where each child should be, but late calls/emails may not be picked up in time to get the message to the relevant staff.

Thank You!

Wrap Around Care Changes

Following an audit from the Local Authority Wrap Around Care team on how we can improve our offer, we are making slight changes to the hours for the after-school sessions from term 6 onwards.

Going forward Wrap Around Care (WAC) will now finish at 6pm on Friday and from September we will be making it so that each day finishes at 6pm (rather than 6:20pm).

Please speak to the school office for further details if needed.



TIME FOR ADVENTURE

WRAP AROUND CARE



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

Monday to Friday
7.30am until 6pm

- Outdoor Games
- Treasure Hunts
- Themed events
- Nature Exploration
- 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)



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 (WAC)



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We are delighted to now offer wrap around care as follows (new times 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 - 6.20pm - 6pm on a Friday . From September every day will finish at 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.

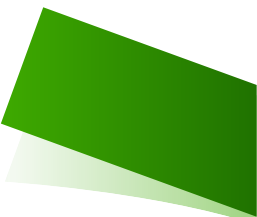
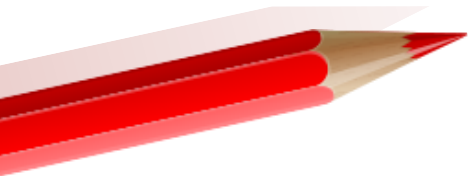
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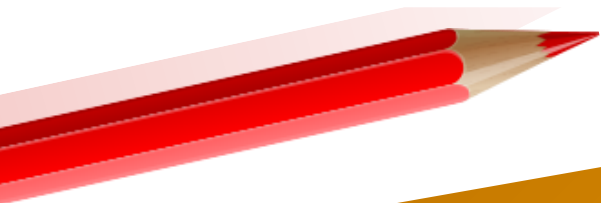
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WAC out of school hours contact

If you need to contact the WAC Co-Ordinator after 3:30pm.
Please use the following Mobile number.

07907 372167





Happy Half Term!

