

Term 2

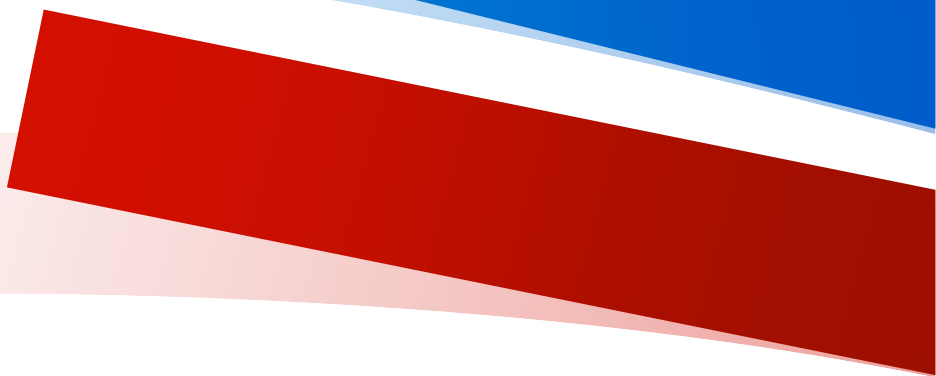
OPENING DOORS



OPENING MINDS



Spires Federation



Dear Parents and Carers,



Well, what a busy term we have had!!! From Nativities, to Panto, craft afternoons, discos and Christmas Fayres to name but a few. It's been jammed packed full of excitement. Yet again the children and staff have shone out across the Federation. It has been so lovely to move across all three schools and listen to the copious amount of singing and laughter.

This week, your child will be bringing home their end of term assessment slip. These slips are a way for us to share the outcomes of our recent internal assessment, as well as next steps for how you can support your child at home. The slip also includes their attendance so far this year (up until the 10th December).

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all so much for supporting the numerous events held in each of the schools we know how busy this time of year is, so we do appreciate all the continued support we receive.

We would like to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! We cannot wait to see the children back on the 6th January.



Miss Winters



Mrs Toulson



Miss Vaughan





Pixies

Term 2

What a fabulous, festive term we have had. We created and rehearsed our fantastic nativity. We took part in archery, Children In Need and our beautiful remembrance service at our local church. We have worked so hard this term in all our subjects and have accomplished so much. From learning about fairytales, building chairs, science experiments involving exercise, the story of creation and the history of Lincolnshire. Well done pixies, you have worked your Christmas socks off. You deserve a well-earned rest. Merry Christmas!



Wonderful term
2 memories!

Thank you everyone for
coming to our nativity, we
had the best time performing
it!

Merry Christmas Everyone!



Gnomes



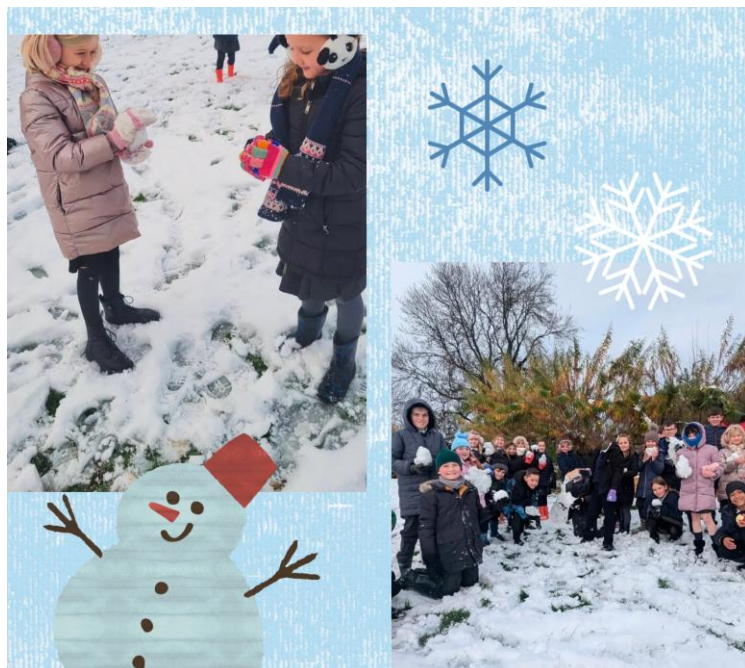
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We have had an action packed term with lots of fun activities both inside and outside of the classroom. We started off the term with an incredible visit to RAF Metheringham to kick off our new World War 2 topic. This was such a memorable day for everyone who went and it gave us a valuable insight into life during WW2. In November we also took part in our yearly Remembrance service at Digby Church. The children made their own class wreaths which were laid at the memorial.

In PE this term the children have been working on their netball skills with our PE coach, this has been a lot of fun! Each week Gnomes class have attended Branston Swimming pool for swimming lessons, we have had smiles all round! In addition to all of this sport we even had an archery day which was a lot of fun, the children were amazing with their aims at the targets and they picked up the skills so quickly. We even had a snow day this term to enjoy where we all went outside and spent plenty of time playing in the snow with our friends. This will definitely be a memory for the future! What a busy and wonderful term we have had and these are just the highlights!

Enjoying Archery experience day!





Our Memories from this term...





Imps

Term 2

Imp Class has had an amazing term full of exciting activities and achievements! We proudly sang hymns at Lincoln Cathedral, bringing festive spirit to a beautiful setting and enjoyed a fun-filled trip to the pantomime. In DT, we got creative by designing and making our own waistcoats, showcasing our craftsmanship. Our hard work and determination also paid off with a fantastic performance in the Cross Country event. We ended the term on a high note with our spectacular Christmas Variety Show, a wonderful celebration of talent and teamwork that brought the whole term to a joyous conclusion!

Our Cross Country Runners braving the cold!





A term full of Christmas Spirit



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 – New Tel No.

We have set up a new 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** 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 will be diverted to Dunston when the office is unmanned during school hours.

Attendance @ 17/12/24

Pixies – 95.72%
Gnomes – 97.16%
Imps – 97.03%
Whole School – 96.55%

Contacting the school via email

Please use the admin@spiresfederation.co.uk email when contacting School

Thank You!

Attendance

Recently we had some absences where we were informed that the child was unwell, however on their return to school, the child said they had in fact been on holiday or been on a day trip away from school.

Following the updated guidance, which came into effect on 19th August 2024, we will have no option to follow the route stated if we have reason to believe the absence was not as stated.



Per Parent, Per Child

Penalty Notice Fines will now be issued to each parent, for each child that was absent.
For example: 3 siblings absent for term time leave, would result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines.

5 consecutive days of Term Time leave

Penalty Notice Fines will be issued for Term Time Leave of 5 or more consecutive days. Inset training days are school days and can be included in the 5 or more consecutive days where there was intent to be absent for Term Time Leave.

10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period

Penalty Notice Fines will be considered when there has been 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10 week period. A session is either an AM or PM session.

First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or irregular attendance, the amount will be:
£160 per parent, per child, paid within 28 days
Reduced to £80 per parent, per child, if paid within 21 days

Second Offence

(within 3 years)

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or irregular attendance the amount will be:
£160 per parent, per child, paid within 28 days

Third Offence and any Further Offences (within 3 years)

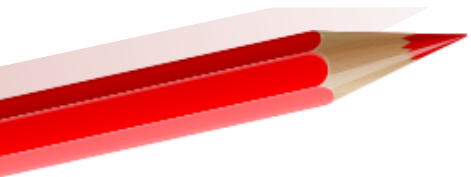
The third time an offence is committed for Term Time Leave or irregular attendance, a Penalty Notice will not be issued, and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates' Court. **Magistrates' fines can be up to £2500 per parent, per child.**

Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court can show on the parent's future DBS certificate, due to "failure to safeguard a child's education".



MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS.

"From the first day of term to the last, the small moments in a school day make a real difference to your child.
#AttendanceCounts"



Do I need to keep my child off school?

Chicken Pox

Until all spots have crusted over

Conjunctivitis

No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed

Diarrhoea & Vomiting

48 hours from last episode

Glandular Fever

No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed

Hand, foot & mouth

No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed

Impetigo

Until lesions are crusted & healed or 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics

Measles or German Measles

4 days from onset of rash

Mumps

5 days from onset of swelling

Scabies

Until after first treatment

Scarlet Fever

24 hours after commencing antibiotics

Slapped Cheek

No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed

Whooping Cough

48 Hours after commencing antibiotics

Flu

Until recovered

Head Lice

No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed

Threadworms

No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed

Tonsillitis

No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed

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

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Wrap Around Care (WAC)



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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 - 8:50am	£5
Drop off Only	8:20am - 8:50am	£2.50
After School Club (early twilight)	3:20pm - 4:20pm	£4.50
After School Club (late twilight)	3:20pm - 6pm (Mon-Thurs) 3:20pm - 5:20pm (Fri)	£10

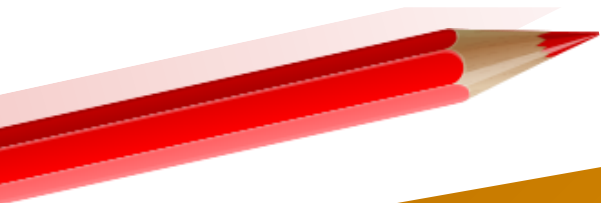
Ideally please book and pay before term starts to secure your place. We will try to accommodate late bookings – please contact the school office.

Clubs Staff

Miss Urquhart	Dunston
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.



Senior
Leadership
Team

Thank You!

