

Term 1

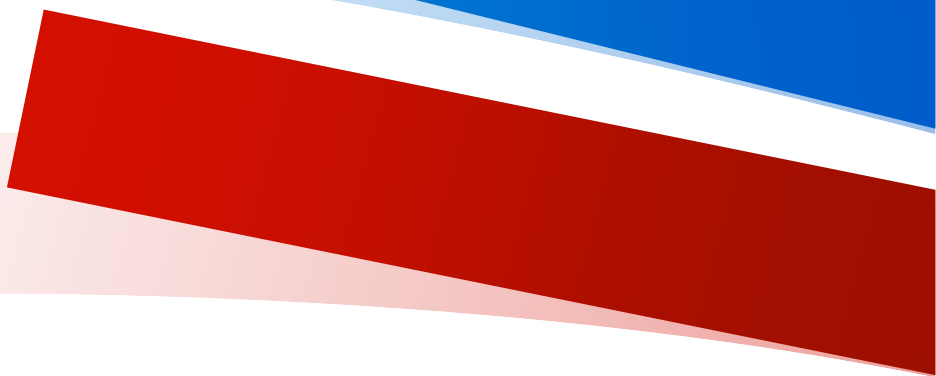
OPENING DOORS



OPENING MINDS



Spires Federation



Dear Parents and Careers,



Dear Parents and carers,

Welcome to our first newsletter of the year! We have been thrilled with how all the children have returned with a smile and are calm and settled. It is lovely to see our new reception children skipping into school and smiling each day and being so independent this early on.

Staff have worked exceptionally hard over the summer and the environments in all three schools are looking great! We have had many visitors across the Federation over the last few weeks and they have complimented how amazing the schools are looking and how fabulous the behaviour and attitudes of the pupils is.

As you will know from our updates last year, we are continuing to work closely with Infinity Academies Trust and they have already been in school this term. They were very impressed with so many aspects of our Federation and we look forward to working more closely with them as the year progresses.

This next term, brings lots of exciting adventures for our three schools and we cannot wait to share them with you. Please keep an eye on Dates For Your Diary and watch out for PMX's which will give more information. Next week, brings the first Parent's Evening of the year and the staff are looking forward to sharing how well the children have settled and how you can support them further at home. If you are remotely joining us on Teams, please check you are able to log on prior to the appointment and let us know if you have any difficulties.

Thank you as always for your support and kind words.

Miss Winters



Mrs Toulson



Miss Vaughan



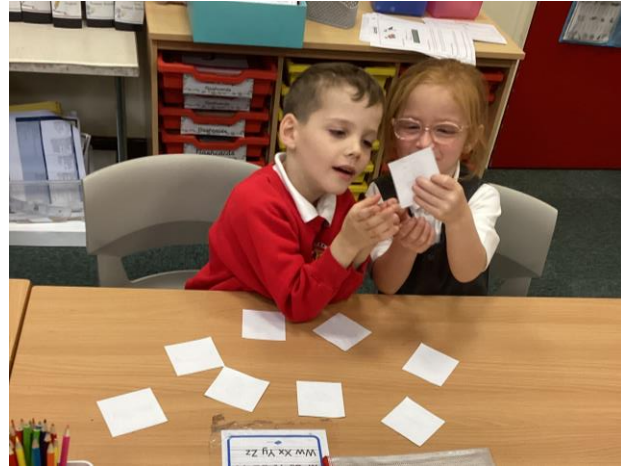


Class 1

Term 1

Class 1 have had a fantastic start to the school year, we have welcomed lots of wonderful, smiley faces back after summer break. Our preschool and reception pupils have adjusted well to the full days at school with their eyes full of wonder and curiosity whilst they explore their classroom activities. We have been working hard with our new sounds in phonics, exploring books and using our imagination in drawing club. Autumn arrived at the end of September and when it hasn't been raining, we have been enjoying some autumnal walks around Nocton to support our understanding of seasonal changes. Year 1 and 2 have loved how practical we are being in our lessons, such as making weathervanes in Geography, learning about nouns and verbs in English, through playing lots of games and using our resources in maths to support our new learning. We have been creating self-portraits in art and in science we have loved our topic 'Animals and humans' and have really enjoyed talking about our favourite animals and their diets. We have really impressed our teachers with how hard we have been working this term! Well done Class 1!





Class One



Class 2

Term 1

Class 2 have had a great start to the year and are really interested in our geography topic on mountains. We have enjoyed creating the formation of different types of mountains using tea towels and cake (and particularly enjoyed getting to eat it afterwards!) We are finding it fascinating to learn about what it is really like at the top of the world's tallest mountain in our class book, Everest. Recently, we all had the opportunity to become a part of history when we were asked to write our names on a stone in wax before the stonemasons placed it in the new chimney stack, where it will remain for many years to come!





Class 2



NOCTON COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

A small, nurturing school in the heart of a picturesque rural location. Offering provision for children aged 3 years and up, with full wrap-around care available.



Open Days

Dates: 7th October and 29th
October 2024

Time: 9am - 5pm



School Office

Nocton Community Primary
School Office
01526 320234 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

Attendance

Flamingos – 96.87%
Panthers – 96.44%
Whole School – 95.35%

School office

If you are unable to get
through to Nocton please
call Dunston on 01526
320027 or
email [admin@spiresfeder
ation.co.uk](mailto:admin@spiresfederation.co.uk)

Contacting the school via email

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

Thank You!



CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION

This school is proud to be a

Music Mark School

In recognition of a commitment to
providing a high-quality music education
for all children and young people

2024 - 2025



Bridget Whyte
CEO of Music Mark

Congratulations!
Spire Federation has
received a Music Mark
award. Well done Mrs
Walker for all your hard
work.



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Attendance Matters

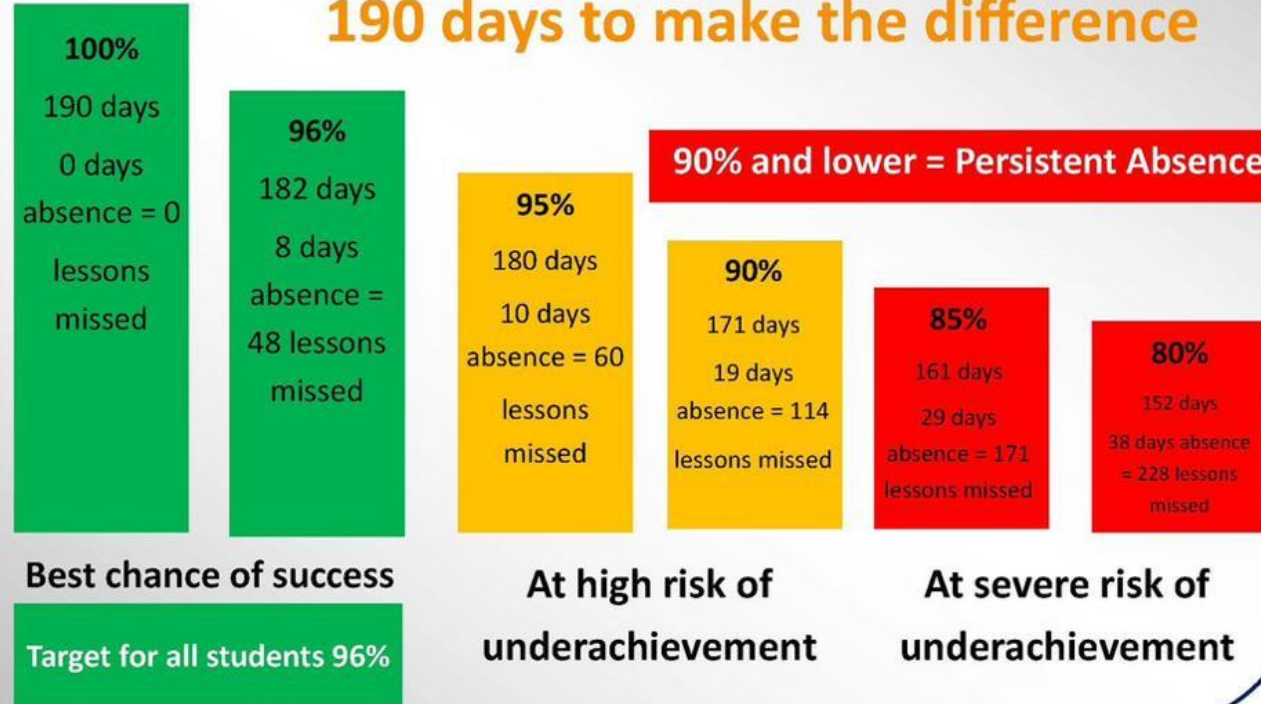
Good attendance means

Being in school at least 96% of the time or 180 to 190 days

365 days in a calendar year

175 days not in school for holidays, appointments, exercise

190 days to make the difference



Attend school regularly, attend school punctually, attend school prepared!

ATTENDANCE

WHAT THE NEW RULES MEAN FOR ME

1

I'm a single parent of one child and we want to go on holiday for a week.

Your holiday will not be authorised and you must talk to the school before you book anything. Because your child will miss 5 school days you will be given a penalty notice fine. The fine is £160 but if you pay it in 21 days it will be reduced to £80.

£160



2

FOR EVERY CHILD A PENALTY IS GIVEN.



+ £160 + £160 + £160 + £160

4 children & 1 parent = £640

Reduced to £320 if paid in 21 days

IRREGULAR ATTENDANCE

10 IN 10

5

If your child is absent for 10 or more sessions in 10 weeks and their absences are unauthorised. The school will consider prosecution.

1 Day = 2 Sessions

3

FOR A FAMILY OF TWO PARENTS



+ £160 + £160 + £160 + £160

4 children & 2 parents = £1280

Reduced to £640 if paid in 21 days

4

If in any period of not more than 3 years, your child has a 2nd and 3rd leave of absence or pattern of irregular attendance...

2ND TIME

2 parents and 1 child = £320
2 children = 640
3 children = 960
4 children = 1280

No discount for early payment



3RD TIME

A penalty notice fine will not be given. Instead, your case will be taken to court.
A magistrate can fine each parent £2500 for each child
1 parent & 4 children = £10,000
2 parents & 4 children = £20,000

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.

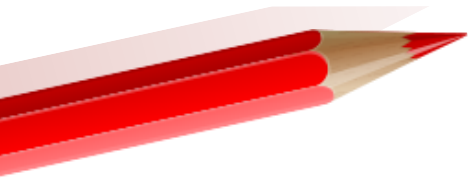
Wrap Around Care (WAC)



WAC out of school hours contact

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

01526 552600





Thank You!

Senior Leadership Team

