

OPENING
DOORS



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MINDS



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 3

Spires
Federation



Dear Parents and Carers,



As we near the end of another term, we wanted to share the wonderful experiences from our recent **Careers Week**, themed "Opening Doors, Opening Minds." This event was a fantastic opportunity for our pupils to learn about different jobs and imagine what they might like to do when they grow up.

We welcomed friendly visitors from various jobs, including police officers, hairdressers, homelessness support workers, members of the armed forces, construction workers, medical professionals, and many more. They shared fun stories about their work and answered lots of curious questions from our students.

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all the guest speakers who took the time to visit our schools and share their experiences. Your contributions made Careers Week a truly memorable and inspiring event for our students.

At our schools, we believe in the values of **Success, Happiness, Inspiration, Nurture, and Everyone**. Careers Week was a wonderful reflection of these values, as our pupils experienced success in learning new things, happiness in discovering exciting careers, inspiration from our guest speakers, and a nurturing environment where everyone is encouraged to dream big. We believe that this experience has sparked our students' imaginations and helped them think about all the exciting possibilities for their futures. We encourage parents to keep talking with their children about what they enjoyed and what they might like to explore further.

As always, we thank you for your continued support.

We hope you all have a wonderful Half Term.

Kindest regards,

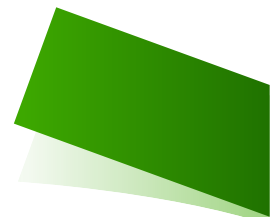
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Mrs Toulson



Miss Vaughan



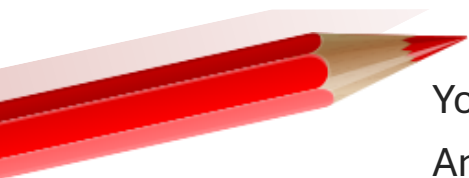
Dear Parents and Carers,



I am writing to inform you of an important decision made by the Governing Body of the Spires Federation. After thorough deliberation, we have decided not to proceed with the academisation process and will not be joining the Infinity Academy Trust at this time. This decision was made after careful consideration of various factors, including the potential loss of autonomy over key decisions, financial implications, and the impact on our community and staff.

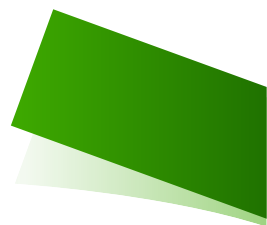
Our primary concern is to maintain the high standards of education and the strong sense of community within our schools. We believe that staying as a Federation allows us to continue providing the best possible environment for our students and staff. We will seek opportunities to strengthen collaboration with other small schools in the area to further enhance our educational offerings.

We appreciate the support and understanding of Infinity Academy Trust and our community during this process. We remain committed to reviewing our position in the future and will keep you informed of any developments. Should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

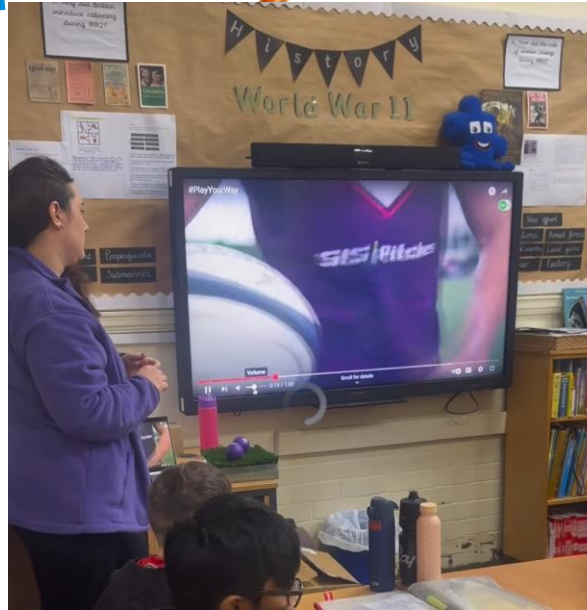
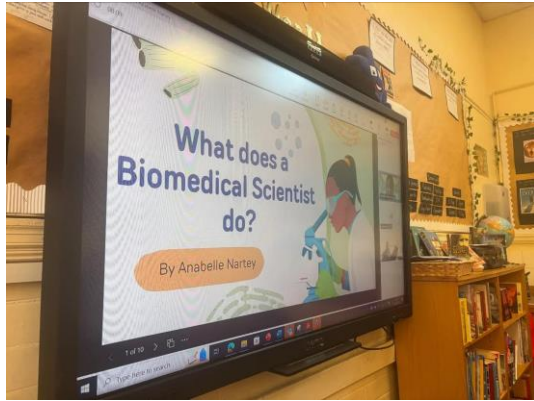


Yours sincerely,

Andrew Hancy Chair of Governors Spires Federation



Our Vision in Action How we SHINE!



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.



This term our values and vision were really lived out especially during careers week. Children had the opportunity to be inspired as they looked beyond school life, as the community shared such a variety of carers with the children. So much fantastic information, experiences and so many questions were asked!





Hoglets and Hedgehogs



Term 3 - Reception and Pre-school

Firstly, we are so excited to announce our new class names! Our Pre-school has the new name Hoglets Pre-school, and our Reception children are known as the Hedgehogs! We are so pleased with our new branding, keep an eye out for our new posters in the Limespring and when you are out and about!

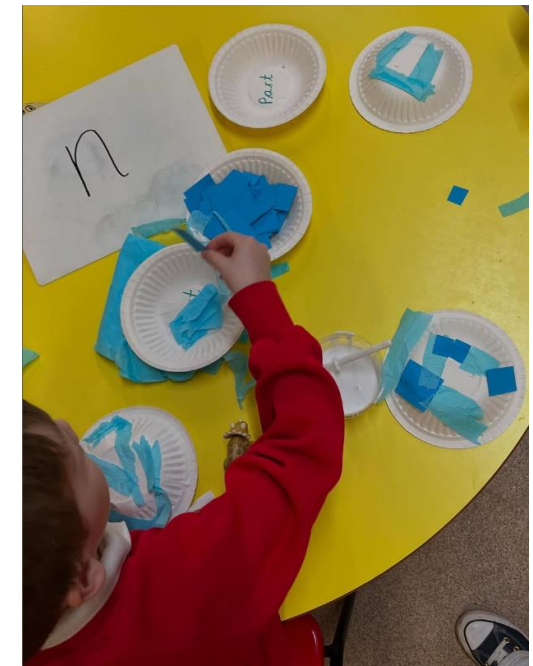
This half term, our topic has been 'Rhyme Time'. We have enjoyed exploring a range of different books in Drawing Club and completing lots of different activities. As part of one of our Drawing club activities, we all had fun making jam sandwiches looking at how to follow instructions, we then got to enjoy eating them! Hoglets have also been busy looking at initial sounds in words and have been working super hard trying to form different letters.

This cold weather spell has also allowed us to investigate the changes in the world around us whilst spending lots of time outdoors. In our PE sessions, we have been taking part in lots of fun games and thinking about how we can work as a team to be successful. We have also enjoyed an Enrichment Session with Premier Education in which we took part in some Curling, this was so much fun!

This term we have also enjoyed 'Careers Week'. We have had lots of people in to talk to us about the jobs they do, such as a midwife, Construction manager and someone from the Army. We have loved learning about what they do, and it got us thinking about what we would like to do when we grow older. This has helped to enrich our learning of our current topic of Dreams and Goals in our PSHE work.

We enjoyed NSPCC number day where we were able to dress up in clothes with numbers on, we did lots of fun number activities and really enjoyed our day raising money to help others. We are looking forward to the warmer weather around the corner where we can start to investigate what happens in Spring.





Hoglets and Hedgehogs



Red Squirrels



Term 3 – Year 1 and 2

We have had such a busy but fun term! This term we have been learning all about castles as well as looking at where, how and why they were built. We have been able to link our art topic to our castles theme and the children have made some wonderful clay castles which they will be painting before the end of term.

We have had an enrichment session with Premier Education, for this the children were able to participate in Curling prior to having a competition at the end of the day which was great fun!

In our science we have been learning about plants and even learnt a song to help us to remember the names for the different parts of plants. We have also been looking at the world around us and starting to look for signs of the seasons changing such as bulbs coming through, buds on trees but we are still waiting for those warmer days!

Careers week has been an amazing opportunity for us to learn about different jobs that people do, we had a midwife, an army officer, Mr Bond came to talk about his sweets business where we were able to taste test the sweets and we had a representative from Software engineering.

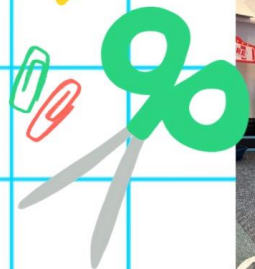
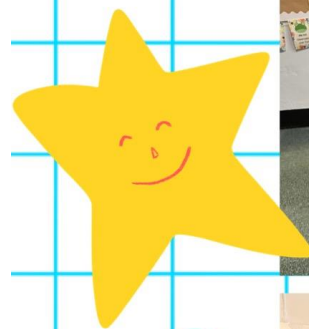


OUR CASTLES



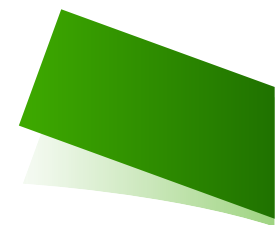
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CAREERS WEEK



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Red Squirrels





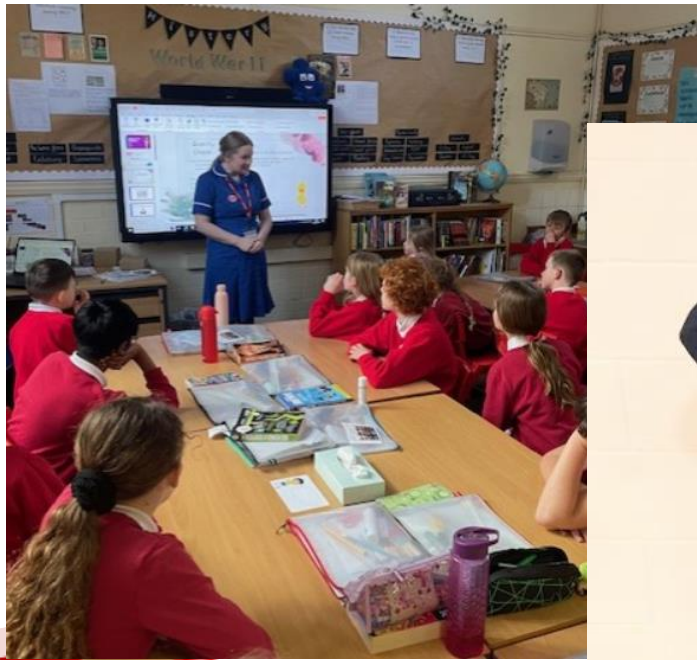
Owls

Term 3

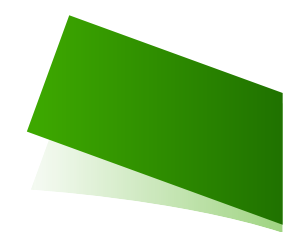
Wow, it has been an interesting, but incredibly enjoyable term. We have had some huge successes, including performing amazingly in the national TT Rockstars NSPCC Number Day competition, producing a range of high-quality work across the curriculum, Year 3&4 winning silver at their sporting competition, and Year 5&6 being shortlisted for an award for their Internet Safety Day video!

Careers Week was really interesting, and we found out about a great range of jobs, but the highlight has to be the day spent at RAF Waddington. I think it is fair to say that everyone made memories that they will remember forever!





Owls





Owls trip to RAF Waddington

Competition Winners

Safer Internet Day

On 11th February we took part in Safer Internet Day. This year the theme was all about Scam awareness. A big part of scams is misinformation and fake news. We know that fake news being circulated can cause a ripple effect of problems for individuals and communities. Therefore, it is important that we all know how to spot misinformation and know places we can fact check like BBC reality check and Snopes.

Prior to this day, the pupils in Owls took part in creating their own fake news story for the Safer Internet Day Competition. All the pupils were invited to the Terry O'Toole Theatre on 11th February where they discovered they won 1st place for their entry. Well done Owls!

Click on the link to see the winning online newspaper report on Fake News

[Nocton's Winning Entry](#)



SOMETHING
EXCITING IS
COMING!



Hoglets Pre-school, Nocton

Nocton pre-school has now been relaunched with a brand-new name and branding. We have been working behind the scenes to create its very own webpage, Instagram and Facebook pages. So please help us spread the word about this fantastic facility on your doorstep by liking, following and sharing our posts.

Thank you



<https://www.spiresfederation.co.uk/page/?title=Hoglets+Pre%2Dschool%2C+Nocton&pid=210>

Hoglets Pre-school
NOCTON

WE OFFER:

- Provision for children ages 3 years and over
- 15 and 30 funded places available
- Small nurturing environment

WE ARE:

- Part of Nocton Community Primary School rated 'Good' by Ofsted
- Open 8.45 am until 3.20pm
- At the heart of a picturesque rural location

01526 320234
admin@spiresfederation.co.uk
www.spiresfederation.co.uk

OPENING DOORS
OPENING MINDS



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 Term 3

Hedgehogs – 97.54%
Squirrels – 99.69%
Owls – 95.95

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)

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!



**Worried about
your child's health?
Think 'Pharmacy First'.**

Most community pharmacies across Lincolnshire can provide advice and treatment for your child for these common conditions.

It's a free and confidential way to get qualified help and can be much quicker than visiting your GP or an urgent care service.

- 1 **Earache**
Ages 1 to 17 years
- 2 **Impetigo**
Ages 1 year and over
- 3 **Infected Insect Bites**
Ages 1 year and over
- 4 **Sinusitis**
Ages 12 years and over
- 5 **Sore Throat**
Ages 5 years and over

Scan here to find your nearest pharmacy.



*Patients already exempt from prescription charges, i.e. children, will get their treatment free, for the listed conditions. Otherwise usual prescription charges will apply.

What is Pharmacy First?

Community Pharmacists offer free and confidential advice for minor illnesses such as coughs, colds, and eye infection. If appropriate, they can also provide treatment* without a prescription for seven common conditions:

- Urinary tract infection (women aged 16-64)
- Sinusitis (adults and children aged 12+)
- Sore throat (adults and children aged 5+)
- Earache (children and young adults aged 1-17)
- Infected insect bite (adults and children aged 1+)
- Impetigo (adults and children aged 1+)
- Shingles (adults aged 18+)

The pharmacy will send an electronic message to the person's GP surgery so their health record can be updated. Should the pharmacist be unable to help, they will direct the person to their GP surgery or other health professional as appropriate. This service takes away the potential delay of having to wait for a GP appointment and may help ensure children get well and back to school as quickly as possible, as well as supporting parents/carers to also get better sooner if they are unwell.

Patients that are already exempt from prescription charges, such as children, will still be exempt from charges if treatment is provided for the listed conditions, otherwise [usual NHS prescription charge rules apply](#).

For more information on how your pharmacist can help, visit [Pharmacies - Lincolnshire ICB](#) or watch [Starting to feel unwell? Think Pharmacy First - YouTube](#)



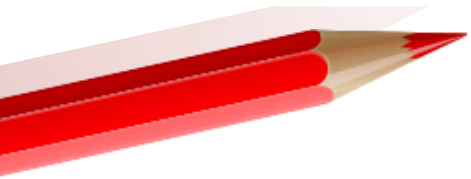
What do I need to do if my child has a medical appointment in school time?

Medical or dental appointments

Missing registration for a medical or dental appointment is counted as an authorised absence; but advance notice is required for authorising these absences. If advance notices is not given by completing the correct forms, absences may not be authorised.

However, we do encourage parents to make medical and dental appointments out of school hours where possible. Where this is not possible, the pupil should be out of school for the minimum amount of time necessary.

Parents must access and complete a 'Pupil request for absence form' from the school office before the appointment.



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

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

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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

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.

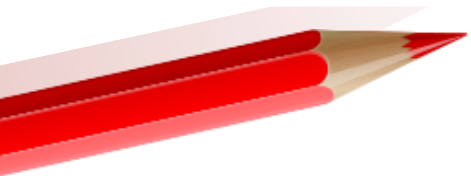
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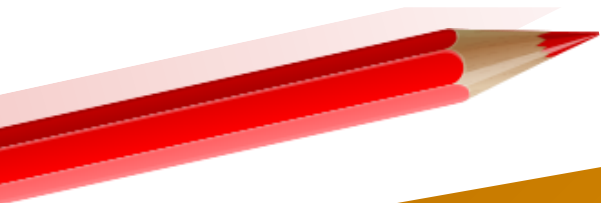


WAC out of school hours contact

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

01526 552600





Senior
Leadership
Team



Thank You!

