



Newsletter



Spires Federation

Friday 16th October 2020

A Message from Miss Hill

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is at this time of year that we all reflect on how lucky we are. At this time of Harvest, we give thanks for all that we have, for what God provides. Never has there ever been a time when giving thanks feels so relevant. We can give thanks this year for our health, for our friends and family, for the love that we share with each other. I am eternally grateful for what the Spires Federation encompasses, we are small, but we are mighty together. Our small communities have big hearts and I have seen how they have all pulled together, collaborating to help each other through this difficult time.

We think of the harvest as a time to reap what we sow, but you cannot harvest if you don't plant seeds and tend to them. At the Spires we think of each of the children as seeds, we watch as we water them, they sprout and begin growing, developing the whole child. We are very lucky to be part of this process and we hope that with nurture and care, with knowledge, compassion and hope, that every one of them will thrive. Here is a little recipe to be mindful of at school and at home:

9 Good Ways to Produce a Great Crop

1. Plant seeds of love.
2. Plant seeds of joy.
3. Plant seeds of peace.
4. Plant seeds of patience.
5. Plant seeds of kindness.
6. Plant seeds of goodness.
7. Plant seeds of faithfulness.
8. Plant seeds of gentleness.
9. Plant seeds of self-control.



Although we are unable to visit the church for our Harvest Festivals this year, members of the church have lead and been part of our Virtual Teams versions. I have been lucky enough to attend these this week

and have been very grateful to see each school come together and give thanks for all that we have. I also wish to extend my thanks to you all for the donations that you have given to the Lincoln Food Larder, I know that they are, as ever very grateful for everything that you have sent in.

Many thanks,
Miss Hill

A Message from Mrs Douglas

I can't believe how quickly this first half term has flown by! The children continue to work hard each day and show a real passion for learning and a thirst for knowledge.

We are continuing to develop our use of Microsoft Teams across school in a range of different ways, including a Spires Federation assembly led by Miss Hill, the uploading of homework and the provision of remote learning for children if and when this arises. We have welcomed some new pupils to both classes since the start of this term and I hope that they enjoy being part of our very special Nocton Family.

It is a year since I joined the Spires Federation; having worked in different primary schools since 2006, I must say that it is the family feel at Nocton that I love so much. The children are a real credit to you – they demonstrate our school values of hope, respect, collaboration, wisdom and honesty just perfectly.

Have a wonderful half term, keep safe.
Mrs Douglas

Breakfast and After School Club



Just a reminder that we are pleased to be able to offer a school breakfast club and now after school care too, which is run in our school mobile unit by Mrs Traynor. This opens at 7:30am every weekday morning and until 6pm Monday-Thursday and 5pm Fridays. We provide a wide range of engaging

activities for the children during this time, including laptops, DVDs, crafts and construction. Please use the Parentmail app to book your child's place.



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PE updates from Miss Vaughan

CGS 'Get Active' Challenge

We would all like to say a HUGE congratulations to all those who took part in the Carres 'Get Active' Challenge in September. It was fantastic to hear that so many of you had taken up the challenge. Miss Vaughan is so excited to announce that we manage to clock up **15,855 minutes** in total, which is just astounding! This meant that we came in at 6th place for our total minutes, coming ahead of some very large schools. Our total was then divided by the number of children on roll, and I am so pleased to announce that this put us in **first place**, meaning **we won the overall challenge!** Well done everyone at Team Nocton - you are all incredible.

Virtual Competitions

As my PE update letter stated at the beginning of the year, we are unfortunately unable to attend the competitions in the way we are used to. However, Panther Class have thoroughly enjoyed taking part in the virtual competitions. This term we have taken part in athletics, tennis skills and tri-golf. All the children have thoroughly enjoyed the competition and it has been a fantastic opportunity for them all to experience a range of sports. Next term brings even more exciting competitions, such as: boccia, orienteering, skipping and a Change for Life (C4L) Christmas Festival!



Couch2Tokyo October Challenge

You may have seen from my recent ParentMail that we are taking on the next active challenge from CGS. The Couch2Tokyo event is for everyone in our school community to take part in. The aim of this challenge is for our school to work as a team and cover the 5855 miles from Carres Grammar School to Tokyo. To complete this, children can use different methods of being active to build up the school's total. This can be anytime, anywhere as long as the distance is recorded and uploaded to the Microsoft form. Throughout the challenge, Carres will use social media to show where schools are on the route and use well known landmarks that are equivalent to the distance covered. I can't wait to see our progress over the next couple of weeks and don't forget to tweet your adventures so we can all see!

Autumn Term 2 PE Lessons

Next term, Flamingo Class will focus on sending and receiving equipment with the body (focus on basketball) and dance in PE lessons. Panther Class will be taking part in orienteering in addition to a focus on developing agility. As the children will be outside for PE for most of their sessions, your child may wear **outdoor PE uniform**, which is plain jogging bottoms and a black zip up jacket for their lessons (please ensure that all uniform is named clearly). Also, please ensure that trainers are worn for PE as they are a lot sturdier and waterproof than plimsolls for outside use.



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Open Sessions

Before and after school clubs
Beautiful, rural setting
Engaging environments
Exceptional sporting provision

COME AND MEET OUR NOCTON FAMILY

Join us for our open events where you can find out more about our small, nurturing class sizes and personalised learning journeys for all pupils.

Contact us for more info
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The Green
Nocton
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SMALL SCHOOL WIDE HORIZONS A WARM WELCOME

OPEN DAY SESSION (BY APPOINTMENT ONLY)
MONDAY 19TH OCTOBER
3.30 - 5PM

ONLINE DROP IN SESSION
THURSDAY 22ND OCTOBER
4 - 5PM

@NoctonPrimary @SpireFed

On Monday 19th October we are very excited to hold our 'Open Session' for new prospective parents. Appointments to look round the school site can be booked by calling or emailing the School Office and our

'Virtual Tours' of the school are now up and running on our website. Please join us in supporting the school and getting the word out there by sharing the Nocton poster!

Nocton's Got Talent 2020

On the morning of the last day of term, Thursday 22nd October, all of the children are invited to take part in our very own 'Nocton's Got Talent.' We are hoping that the weather is dry and that we can make use of our wonderful new outdoor stage area. Mrs Douglas has been overwhelmed by the number of children who have expressed an interest in taking part – the event is voluntary, with each bubble being able to perform to their teachers and classmates. Please have a chat with your child over the next few days to see if they would like to perform on the stage; if the weather is bad, the children can perform to their bubble in the school building. If your child needs music for their act, please inform the School Office and Mrs Douglas will organise the track requested. Please note, the children will need to stay in their school uniform. Good luck!

Flamingo Class



We have been very busy in Flamingo class over the past couple of weeks. In our English lessons, we have enjoyed reading the book 'Beegu' and have produced some fantastic work around this book. We are currently writing a Diary entry from Beegu's point of view. In

Maths, we have begun our addition and subtraction unit and have been busy exploring part whole models. The children are thoroughly enjoying our explorers topic. We have looked at a number of different explorers and put them on a timeline. Then, we focused on Christopher Columbus and looked at his expedition and began to think about why he is a significant person. We will be moving on to look at Neil Armstrong.

In Science, we have been enjoying our topic of animals including humans. We started with looking at the different parts of the body and then looked at our five senses. The children enjoyed using their senses to explore the world around them.

In our Art work, we have become experts on the primary colours and know how to make secondary colours! We had fun mixing the colours together and also trying to make different shades of each of the secondary colours.

After School Clubs

Each term we offer a wide range of clubs. Being a 'small school with wide horizons' we aim to offer a broad range of clubs for the children to enjoy. This term we are offering Spanish, Year 6 Maths, Art, Football and Multi-Skills extra-curricular clubs. These clubs will resume Monday 9th November.

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Panther Class

Panther class have been busy learning all about life on the home front during WWII.

We have found out some surprising information whilst researching, and have worked hard to produce a non-chronological report about the topic. Year 5 and 6 have really impressed Mrs



MacNicol with their IT skills, and the finished pieces of work are fantastic! We have also enjoyed thinking

about our mental wellbeing and how we can use 'CLANG' to help us to connect, learn, be active, notice things around us, and give. We have introduced a new system in class to help us to focus on how we are feeling each day and whether or not we need to talk to somebody if we're not quite feeling ourselves.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Every Monday and Friday

PE days so please come in your PE kits – these need to be named and plain (no logos or football kits please).

Friday 16th October

Harvest Festival – donations to be left at the School Office please

Thursday 22nd October – Nocton's Got Talent

Performances on the outside stage (weather permitting) or inside the class bubble.

Thursday 22nd October – Last Day of Term

Have a fantastic and safe week off!

Monday 2nd November – First Day back

Welcome back!

Tuesday 3rd November – Pupil Conference

Virtual appointments with your class teacher via Microsoft Teams

W/B 9th November – SEN Review Meetings

More details to follow

Monday 9th – Friday 14th November – Times Tables Rockstars – Rock Out Week 2020

More details to follow

Thursday 17th December – Last Day of Term

It's Christmas!

Monday 4th January – First Day Back

Welcome back!

W/B 22nd February 2021

KS2 Bikeability – booking forms and details to come after half term

Please keep checking these dates as some are added as we go through the terms.

• ANSWER AS MANY QUESTIONS AS POSSIBLE
 • PLAY IN ANY GAME TYPE
 • WINNING CLASS WILL HAVE THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF CORRECT ANSWERS PER PUPIL
 • ASK YOUR TEACHER FOR FULL DETAILS OR VISIT:
[TTROCKSTARS.COM/PAGE/MATHSWEEEKENGLAND2020](https://www.ttrockstars.com/page/mathsweekengland2020)

Watch this space! More details to follow shortly.