Grimoldby
Primary School

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News & Updates

It has been a busy and happy term in school and we still have a further two weeks until we break up for half term. I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support and for following all the new measures in place addressing the current COVID-19 pandemic. We appreciate that things are not as simple as they used to be but, as a community, we are getting through these difficult times together.

Our last day of term is Thursday 22nd October. School is thoroughly cleaned on a daily basis and I have organised for the whole building to be deep cleaned through the use of an antibacterial fogging machine, during half term. The machine allows disinfectant to be turned into an airborne mist of micro-droplets. The droplets are small enough to reach into all cracks and crevices.

School Development Plan

I would like to share with you our plans to further develop out school this year. We have three priorities –

1) To address the impact of the continuing COVID-19 pandemic.
2) Further develop the quality of education for all pupils by reviewing and refining the school's curriculum to ensure knowledge and skills are sequenced and built upon for future learning.
3) To continue to improve the teaching of reading across the school to impact upon all areas of the curriculum.

We will be working on these plans throughout the year and they include addressing gaps in learning, supporting wellbeing and creating a love for reading.

Parents' Evening

As we are unable to hold Parents' Evening in the usual way this year, teachers will instead be calling all parents to discuss how children have settled into school this term.

Teachers will call all parents after school on Monday 19th (3:30-4:30pm), Tuesday 20th (3.30 – 6.00pm) or Wednesday 21st (3.30 – 5.00pm) October. If you have a preferred day and timeframe, please email enquiries@grimoldby.lincs.sch.uk or call the office on 01507 327393 by Friday 16th October and your request will be sent to your child's class teacher.

It is important that these phone call appointments last no more than 5 minutes. As we always say, you are welcome to call or email us at any time if you have any concerns or questions, and we will get back to you as soon as we possibly can. Please do not feel as though you have to wait for Parents' Evenings to discuss how your child is getting on.

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Harvest Festival

As we do every year, we would like to work together as a community to support those in need in our local area. On Wednesday 21st October we will be collecting non-perishable items for Louth's Community Larder. We are unable to bring the school together for an assembly but children will still have an assembly with their bubble, led by their class teacher.

In the morning on this day, Greg Gilbert from the Community Larder will be in our playground as the children arrive at school. There will be a table in the main playground and also near to the entrance of Reception and Nursery. Children will be able to drop off anything they would like to donate without having to bring it into the school building.

Louth Community Larder are asking for donations of anything non-perishable such as tins, packets and dried goods. This year, they are receiving increasing numbers of appeals for help. Please click on this link to read a list of food they desperately need donations of: https://www.teamparishoflouth.org.uk/community/louths-community-larder

FrOGS Sponsored Scavenger Hunt

On Thursday 22nd October, we would like to take each class bubble on an Autumn Sponsored Scavenger Hunt around our local area. Please help us to raise money for new books for our children and sponsor your child to take part in this event. Further information from FrOGS will follow.

This event will also be a non-uniform event. Children can come to school in layers to keep warm and bring some old shoes or wellies to wear for the walk. We are really looking forward to getting out and about in our local area. This will be a fantastic way to end the first term.

Safeguarding

Our updated policy for Safeguarding and Child Protection can be found under the policies section of our website. Please can I remind you the Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs) for our school are: Antonia Brooks, Stuart Spendlow, Caroline Jaines and Sophie Waters.

You will also find updated information about how to keep your child safe online on our website (https://www.grimoldbyprimaryschool.co.uk/online-safety). Please take the time to read this information, especially as children are spending more and more time online.

Our Wellbeing section of our website (https://www.grimoldbyprimaryschool.co.uk/wellbeing/). We are lucky to have a variety of staff members trained in different aspects of wellbeing, including Mrs Caroline Jaines (Family Support Worker) and Mrs Rebecca Fisher (Emotional Literacy Support

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Assistant). Both of these members of staff are able to support children in small groups or a one-to-one basis, and are also trained in counselling.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

21st October - Harvest Festival and donations for Louth Community Larder
22nd October – Non uniform day and Autumn Sponsored Scavenger Hunt
22nd October - Last day of term

2nd November - Start of term
3rd November - Flu immunisations

17th December - Last day of term

4th January – First day of term

12th February – Last day of term
22nd February – Start of term

1st April – Last day of term
19th April – Start of term

28th May – Last day of term
7th June – Start of term

21st July – Last day of term