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News & Updates

We had a fantastic World Book Day dressed in our pyjamas and sharing our favourite bedtime read. Thank you to all our children who entered the sock puppet competition! We were so impressed by so many creative entries.

The whole school was so excited by Alex Wharton's performances, and so many children have been inspired to write their own poetry since his visit.

Last week we all enjoyed learning about and celebrating the Hindu festival of Holi. This week is Neurodiversity Celebration Week, and our daily assemblies have been focusing on valuing and celebrating the talents of diverse minds. This links really well with our focus value of 'unity' this term.

We have also been joined by Rachel Spencer a local artist, who worked with the children to create incredible spring drawings using pastels.

After Easter, we will be celebrating British Science Week (a little later than the official date). This is a great way to begin our new Science Subject Spotlight which will continue throughout the summer term.

Do make sure you follow us on Facebook and or Instagram so you can see all the amazing things happening in school.

The last day of the spring term is **Thursday 2nd April**. School will reopen for the summer term on **Tuesday 21st April**. Our staff will be back in school on Monday 20th April for a training day.

Parent Consultations

Our online booking system, School Cloud, will be open on Monday 23rd March for you to make an appointment to meet with your child's class teacher. Parent consultations for Reception through to Year 6 will take place on Monday 30th and Tuesday 31st of March 15:30 – 17:30.

Face to face Parent Consultations will be held for our Nursery children on the 29th and 30th April and 1st May. The booking system for these will be open after Easter.

Please contact our school office if you have any questions about how to use our online booking system.

Attendance

Your child's attendance is a priority in our school, and it is closely monitored on a daily, weekly and half termly basis. Good attendance and punctuality are essential for good academic achievement, good social development and good mental health. Being in school every day is so important for your child's future, and this is why we monitor it so closely.



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In August 2024, the Department for Education published the following guidance, which all schools have to follow and has been designed to help schools and local authorities maintain high levels of attendance -

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-improve-school-attendance>

The Local Authority has produced the following attendance descriptions, which we follow at our school:

Boundary	Description
95-100%	As expected
91-94%	At risk of persistent absence
80-90%	Persistent absence
51-79%	At risk of severe absence
<=50%	Severe absence

At our school, we expect 96% attendance from all our children.

We will write to you after our monthly attendance monitoring if your child's attendance is below 95%. This is to inform you and so that we can work together to improve your child's attendance. We also appreciate every child is unique and there can be many reasons why attendance isn't where it should be. If you are asked to attend an attendance panel meeting, this is so we can work together to support you to make an improvement.

A copy of our school attendance policy can also be found on our website on the Policies page.

Please can I remind all parents that term time holidays will not be approved? All children need to be in school: parents will receive a fixed penalty notice warning letter in conjunction with the Local Authority guidance if a term-time holiday is taken and you will receive a fine.

FrOGS Easter Events

We are egg-cited to be holding our annual FrOGS Easter Bingo event in our school hall on Thursday 26th March at 3.30pm. Please come along with your child and support this event. Bingo books can be bought from the main playground on the mornings of 24th and 25th March or on the day. This event is a great way for you to have some fun together as a family and win some Easter prizes. Refreshments will also be served.

There are also some creative competitions for all our children to enter. Why not decorate a hard-boiled egg, design an Easter egg or write an imaginative Easter or spring short story or poem? All entries need to be handed into your child's class teacher by March 31st, with prizes handed out to winners before the end of term!

I would also like to thank our dedicated team of volunteers at FrOGS who always go above and beyond to organise events to raise money and continue to make our school the best it can be! You are all very much appreciated. The children loved buying special presents for Mothers' Day



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last week and we hope you enjoyed receiving them at home.

Our website

You will find all the information you need to know at

www.grimoldbyprimaryschool.co.uk

We have a section attached to our Parent tab called 'useful forms'. Here you will find our Medicine Administration form, which you will need to complete if you need school to administer any medication during the school day. The Asthma form can also be found here too and needs to be completed for all children who have been diagnosed with asthma.

If your address or any contact details change, we do need to know for safeguarding purposes. Please simply fill in the Change of Details form and email it to our school office at

enquiries@grimoldbyprimaryschool.co.uk

Safeguarding

It is really important to remind you that **safeguarding children is everyone's responsibility**, and it is so important that our entire school community works together to achieve this.

Our Safeguarding Team consists of: Antonia Coy (Designated Safeguarding Lead), Becky Taylor (Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead) Sophie Waters (SENDCO) and Caroline Jaines (Family Support Worker).

Please contact a member of our Safeguarding Team, in school, if you have a concern or you can call Lincolnshire Children's Services on 01522 782111 or 01522 782333 (out of hours). You can also contact the NSPCC Helpline if you are worried about a child on 0808 800 5000 or email help@nspcc.org.uk.

Online Safety

Parents and carers can find lots of useful guides and information on www.internetmatters.org. Internet Matters is all about supporting children and young people's online safety and wellbeing. Please do take a look at this website to support you in keeping your child safe online.

It is so important you know at home what your children are doing online. Please ask your child about their online activity and ensure you have all the child safety measures in place. We recommend children do not have access to phones or tablets when they are in bed and that they access the internet in a communal area where parents can keep an eye on what games children are playing and who they are connecting with.

A Safe and Calm Start to the School Day on the Main Playground

To help keep everyone safe, we ask that children remain with their parents or carers



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at drop off or line up immediately on the playground. Children without parents or carers with them, should line up as soon as they enter the playground.

Please remind children not to run around, ride scooters, or play with balls in the playground during this time. This will help prevent accidents and ensure a smooth and calm transition into the school day for all.

We also ask for children and younger siblings not to walk on the walls around school for health and safety reasons.

Your cooperation and support in reinforcing these expectations are greatly appreciated. Together, we can create a safe and positive start to the day for all our children.

A member of our Senior Leadership Team (SLT) will always be on hand during drop-off and collection time (Antonia Coy, Becky Taylor or Rebecca Nicholson). If you do have a question or need any support, please do come and talk to us. It is tricky for class teachers to talk to parents in the morning when they are collecting their class so please see a member of SLT or send an email to the office via enquiries@grimoldbyprimaryschool.co.uk and this will be passed onto your child's teacher.

Staffing

After an amazing 20 years of dedication to our school, Mrs Jaines will be retiring at the

end of this term. She has been a wonderful part of our school community, supporting so many children, families and staff with her kindness and commitment as our Family Support Worker.

We are immensely grateful for everything Mrs Jaines has done to help keep our children safe and happy. If you would like to share any messages or memories, please feel free to do so - we know she would love to hear them!

I know you will join us in thanking Mrs Jaines for her many years of dedication and wishing her all the very best for a happy and relaxing retirement.

After Easter, we will have a new Family Support Worker, Abby Clark. Miss Clark has lots of experience in supporting children and families. Please do make her feel welcome as she settles into her new role. Miss Clark has also been working closely with Mrs Jaines and the safeguarding team this term to ensure a smooth transition into her new role.



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DATES FOR THE DIARY

24 th March	Y2-Y6 Online Safety Workshops
24 th March	Bingo tickets on sale am
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26 th March	FrOGS Easter Bingo
27 th March	Y4 visit to The Farm School
30 th March	Eid Celebration Week
30 th March	Parents Evening 3.30 – 5.30pm
31 st March	Parents Evening 3.30 – 5.30pm
2 nd April	Last day of term
21 st April	First day of term
21 st April	British Science Week
29 th April	FrOGS meeting at 2.15pm
29 th April	Nursery Parent Consultations
30 th April	Nursery Parent Consultations
1 st May	Nursery Parent Consultations
4 th May	May Bank Holiday
11 th May	Y6 SATs Week
22 nd May	Last day of term
1 st June	First day of term
1 st June	Y4 Multiplication Check
8 th June	Y1 Phonics Screening
15 th June	EYFS Sports Afternoon
16 th June	KS1 & KS2 Sports Afternoon
24 th June	Y1 – Y6 Skateboarding Workshops
3 rd July	Family Picnic Afternoon
22 nd July	Last day of term