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## News & Updates

We are having a fantastic start to the academic year! All our children have been amazing: always wanting to be the best that we can be... We are also so proud of our new starters in Reception, who have immediately adapted to school life.

Across school we have a subject spotlight on Geography throughout the autumn term. You should have already received a Curriculum Catcher for your child so you know everything they will be learning in school this term. They're also on the school website or you can ask the school office to print you out a copy.

Please be aware that term ends on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> of October and school will reopen on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> of November.

We know children don't always tell you at home all the exciting things they've been up to at school, so please do follow **@grimoldbyschool** and your child's class X (Twitter) page. It's such a great way to ensure everyone knows what's going on in school. Our school website also contains lots of information about our curriculum and school in general.

## Attendance

Attendance is monitored very closely every day, week and month, and you will be contacted if we are concerned about your child's attendance. In August 2024 the Department for Education published the following updated, statutory guidance,

which all schools have to follow and has been designed to help schools and local authorities maintain high levels of attendance - [Working together to improve school attendance \(applies from 19 August 2024\)](#)

The Local Authority has produced the following attendance descriptions:

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 this expectation. This is to inform you and also 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 meeting, this is so we can work together to support you to make an improvement.

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.



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## What To Do If Your Child Is Unwell

The best advice we can give you is to check the NHS website about poorly children attending school: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

If you're still unsure, contact us and we will help however we can. We know it's difficult to decide if your child is too poorly for school, but please do not keep them off with a minor cough or cold.

If your child *is* too poorly to attend school, please contact the school office as soon as possible because we need to know where they are for safeguarding purposes. If we do not hear from you by 09:30 each morning, we will contact you.

## One-Way System for Drop Off and Collection

To help keep everyone safe and to prevent congestion at busy times, please continue to follow our one-way system when dropping off and collecting children on the main playground. Families should enter through the Village Hall gates and leave through the small gate next to the main entrance.

This helps reduce crowding as our gates are narrow and ensures a smoother flow onto the main playground. Thank you for your cooperation and support.

## Coats and Uniform

All children spend time outside at break, lunch and to take part in the Daily Mile. Please ensure your child has a coat with

them every day at school, even if it's sunny in the morning. It is now autumn, and the weather can be very unpredictable.

We understand how financially difficult the current climate is for all our families. Please do get in touch with our school office or Mrs Caroline Jaines (Family Support Worker) if you need any help with providing uniform for your child.

We kindly ask that children do not bring keyrings, Labubu dolls or other toys attached to their school bags. Whilst we know these items are popular, they can cause upset for children who do not have them and can also get lost or damaged during the school day. To help keep things fair and to avoid unnecessary upset, please ensure bags are kept toy-free. Thank you for your support in keeping our school community happy and focused on learning.

Finally, please ensure that your child's water bottle (for in the classroom) contains only water. Children fill these up during the day, whenever they need to.

## Parents Evening

We will be holding Parents Evenings (Reception – Year 6) on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> and Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> of October from 3.30 – 5.30pm. You will be able to book an appointment via *SchoolCloud* and we will let you know when our booking system is open.

Appointments will be for 5 minutes but, as we always say, you are welcome to email or



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call 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 a Parents Evening to discuss how your child is getting on.

Our Nursery staff will arrange Parent Consultations for parents with children in Nursery after the October half term break.

### **Parent Drop-In**

You will also be able to view your child's work and classroom by attending one of our after-school Drop-Ins:

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September – Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6.

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September – Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.

### **Harvest**

As we do every year, we would like to work together as a community to support those in need in our local area. This year, we would like to support Louth Community Larder Food Bank, which operates from The Trinity Centre, Louth. Please bring in donations of tinned or packet produce or toiletries on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October.

### **FrOGS**

If it wasn't for Friends Of Grimoldby School (FrOGS), we wouldn't have some of the great facilities that we have. Our amazing team of parent volunteers are always looking for new members to help out with events or even parents who can just

volunteer to help out – even if their availability is limited.

Please contact the school office if you'd like to volunteer your time and become a FrOG!

The first meeting, this year, is on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> of September at 2pm in the school's Meeting Room.

### **Safeguarding**

Our updated policy for Child Protection and Safeguarding 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 Coy, Becky Taylor, 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. There is a lot of useful information on there regarding popular apps and online games.

### **Wellbeing**

The Wellbeing section of our website can be found at

<https://www.grimoldbyprimaryschool.co.uk/wellbeing/>. We are lucky to have a variety of staff members trained in different aspects of wellbeing, including Mrs Sophie Waters (SENDCo), Mrs Caroline Jaines (Family Support Worker), Mrs Becky Taylor (Wellbeing, PSHE Leader and Senior Mental



Health Leader), Mrs Becky Fisher and Mrs Pippa Lammin (Emotional Literacy Support Assistant) and Mrs Antonia Coy (Senior Mental Health Leader). These members of staff are able to support children in small groups or a one-to-one basis and are also trained in counselling.

This year we also have Kitty and James, Trainee Education Mental Health Practitioners with the NHS, based in our school, working with our children.

If you are concerned about your child's wellbeing or would like some advice or support, please do get in touch with us via [enquiries@grimoldbyprimaryschool.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@grimoldbyprimaryschool.co.uk) or call 01507 327393. We are always here to help.

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

24 <sup>th</sup> September	FrOGS Meeting (14.00 – 15.00)
25 <sup>th</sup> September	After school Book Fair
26 <sup>th</sup> September	After school Book Fair
26 <sup>th</sup> September	School Council Election Day
29 <sup>th</sup> September	PGL meeting for Y6 parents (15.20)
29 <sup>th</sup> September	Y3, 4, 5 and 6 Parent Drop-In
30 <sup>th</sup> September	Rec, Yr1 & 2 Parent Drop-In
6 <sup>th</sup> October	Photographer in school EYFS & KS1
7 <sup>th</sup> October	Photographer in school KS2
7 <sup>th</sup> October	NHS Flu Immunisations
7 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 4 Parent Share (14.30 – 15.00)
10 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 5 Parent Share (14.30 – 15.00)
13 <sup>th</sup> October	Diwali Celebration Week
13 <sup>th</sup> October	Indian Experience workshops
14 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 2 Parent Share (14.30 – 15.00)
15 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 1 Parent Share (14.30 – 15.00)
15 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 6 to PGL
17 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 3 Parent Share (14.30 – 15.00)
21 <sup>st</sup> October	Parents Evening (3:30-5:30pm)
22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Parents Evening (3:30-5:30pm)
23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Last day of term
3 <sup>rd</sup> November	First day of term
10 <sup>th</sup> November	Nursery Parent Consultations
11 <sup>th</sup> November	Reception Parent Share (14.30 – 15.00)
12 <sup>th</sup> November	Y6 Parent Share (14.30 – 15.00)
13 <sup>th</sup> November	World Kindness Day
19 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of term
6 <sup>th</sup> January	First day of term
13 <sup>h</sup> February	Last day of term
23 <sup>rd</sup> February	First day of term
2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Last day of term
21 <sup>st</sup> April	First day of term
11 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 SATs Week
22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Last day of term
1 <sup>st</sup> June	First day of term
1 <sup>st</sup> June	Y4 Multiplication Check
8 <sup>th</sup> June	Y1 Phonics Screening
22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Last day of term