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News & Updates

We had a fantastic World Book Day! Thank you so much to all our parents who supported us with all the amazing competition entries and the fabulous costumes. We are so proud of our Reading for Pleasure ethos at our school, and we raised over £500 through our sponsored read to buy even more books for our children.

Last week we took part in British Science Week, and the whole school enjoyed learning about and celebrating the Hindu festival of Holi. This week is Neurodiversity Celebration Week and our daily assemblies will focus 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 an incredible athlete, James Dasaolu, who worked with each class to inspire our children. James ran alongside Usain Bolt in the 100m during the 2012 Olympics. We have been so lucky to host him in our school.

Do make sure you follow us on X (Twitter) [@grimoldbyschool](https://twitter.com/grimoldbyschool) so you can see all the amazing things happening in school.

The last day of the spring term is **Friday 4th April**. School will reopen for the summer term on **Wednesday 23rd April**. Our staff will be back in school on Tuesday 22nd April for a training day.

Comic Relief

During the week beginning the 17th of March we will have red noses for Comic Relief for sale from our school office for £2 each. We are only able to accept cash, and we do have a limited number available. Children can bring the money into school and will have time during the school day to purchase them.

Comic Relief 2025 is on Friday 21st March. Our School Council have come up with a fantastic idea! Children can come to school wearing a red accessory such as socks, red in their hair, a scarf – any accessory at all. Children do still need to be wearing their usual school uniform.

Our School Council would also like children to bring in their best joke to tell their class and there will be a prize for the best joke told!

So, come to school wearing a red accessory and bring your best joke! Children are welcome to bring a donation for Comic relief, however we do recognise the current financial climate. Children can still come to school wearing a red accessory even if they are unable to bring a donation.

Parent Consultations

Our online booking system, School Cloud, is now open for you make an appointment to



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meet with your child's class teacher. Parent consultations for Reception through to Year 6 will take place on Tuesday 25th and Wednesday 26th of March 15:30 – 17:30.

Face to face Parent Consultations will be held for our Nursery children on Wednesday 19th and Thursday 20th March 13:30 - 15:30. 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.

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:

School Attendance - boundaries and description

| Boundary | Description |
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| 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 3rd April at 3.30pm. Please come along with your child and support this



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event. Bingo books can be bought from the Year 6 fire exit before school on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd of April. 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.

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.

There will also be some creative Easter competitions being launched soon. More information will be sent home soon.

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 (SENDSCO) 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

Don't forget to check out the Online Safety page of our website (it's on the main homepage) for all the latest information for parents.

It is so important you know at home what your children are doing online. Please ask your child about their online activity and



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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 at drop off and line up immediately when their class teacher arrives onto 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.

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 incredible 27 years of dedication to our school, Mrs Day will be retiring at the end of this term. She has been a wonderful part of our school community, touching the lives of so many children and families with her kindness and commitment.

We are immensely grateful for everything Mrs Day has done over the years and our school office will never be the same again. 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 Day 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 face in the office - in fact some of you may already know her! We are excited to welcome back Mrs Sarah Thomas, who already knows our school so well. Please do make her feel welcome as she settles into her new role.

Finally, after 7 years, Mrs Veall will be leaving us at the end of this week as she moves onto pastures new. We would also



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like to thank Mrs Veal for her hard work and dedication to our school. Mrs Veal has worked in many classes, and she will be sadly missed by both staff and children. We wish her all the very best for the future.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

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| 17 th March | Neurodiversity Celebration Week |
| 17 th March | Red Noses for sale |
| 19 th March | Parent Coffee Morning 9 – 10am with Mrs Waters and Mrs Jaines |
| 19 th March | Nursery Parent Consultations 13.30 - 15.30 |
| 20 th March | Nursery Parent Consultations 13.30 - 15.30 |
| 21 st March | Red Nose Day |
| 21 st March | Y5 visit Gainsborough Old Hall |
| 25 th March | Parent Consultations 3.30 – 5.30pm |
| 26 th March | Parent Consultations 3.30 – 5.30pm |
| 27 th March | Y3 visit Back to Bear |
| 27 th March | Y2 Pedestrian Training |
| 28 th March | Road Safety Workshops Y1, Y3, Y4, Y5 |
| 28 th March | First Lego League Challenge regional competition |
| 2 nd April | Y6 visit Eden Camp |
| 3 rd April | FrOGS Easter Bingo 3.30pm |
| 3 rd April | Y5 & Y6 Puberty Workshops |
| 3 rd April | Mrs Day's last day |
| 4 th April | Last day of term |
| 22 nd April | Staff INSET Day |
| 23 rd April | First day of term |
| 5 th May | Bank Holiday |
| 12 th May | Y6 SATs Week |
| 20 th May | FrOGS Meeting 9am |
| 23 rd May | Last day of term |
| 2 nd June | First day of term |
| 2 nd June | Y4 Multiplication Check |
| 3 rd June | Y6 visit to Poland |
| 6 th June | Y6 return from Poland |
| 9 th June | Y1 Phonics Screening |
| 22 nd July | Last day of term |