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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 they can be and showing impeccable manners and behaviour. 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 Friday 18th of October and school will reopen on Tuesday 29th of October. Monday the 28th of October is a staff training day.

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 -

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

Please be aware there has been an increase in Penalty Notice fines for unauthorised absence. The attached poster from Lincolnshire County Council explains this.

Please can I also remind parents that term time holidays will not be approved? 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.

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.



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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.

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.

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.

For your health and safety reasons, we would also like our parents' support in ensuring your children are not wearing lots of jewellery to school. We have a number of children wearing rings, necklaces and bracelets to school. We cannot be held responsible if they are lost and children can be seriously injured if they have an accident.

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 Wednesday 9th and Thursday 10th 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 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.

Mrs Keefe and Mrs Morriss will arrange Parent Consultations for parents with children in Nursery after the October half term break.



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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 14th October – Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

Tuesday 15th October – Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6.

Harvest

As we do every year, we would like to work together as a community to support those in need in our local area. Please bring in donations of food on Monday 14th October. We will send out another reminder nearer the time!

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 24th September at 2:15pm in the school's Meeting Room.

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 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 our website 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 (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.

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



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or call 01507 327393. We are always here to help.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

24 th September	FrOGS Meeting (14.15 – 15.15)
26 th September	After school Book Fair
27 th September	After school Book Fair
27 th September	School Council Election Day
30 th September	Reception and KS1 Phonics Parent Share (14.15 – 15.00)
30 th September	PGL meeting for parents (15.20)
1 st October	Photographer in school
2 nd October	Year 3 & 4 Parent Share (14.30 – 15.00)
3 rd October	FrOGS Uniform Sale
4 th October	Year 5 & 6 Parent Share (14.30 – 15.00)
8 th October	NHS Flu Immunisations
9 th October	Parents Evening (3:30-5:30pm)
10 th October	Parents Evening (3:30-5:30pm)
14 th October	Rec, Yr1 & 2 Parent Drop-In and Harvest
15 th October	Y3, 4, 5 and 6 Parent Drop-In
16 th October	Y6 PGL
17 th October	Y6 PGL
18 th October	Y6 PGL
18 th October	Last day of term
29 th October	First day of term
29 th October	Diwali Celebration Week
29 th October	Indian Experience workshops
31 st October	Nursery Parent Consultations
4 th November	Nursery Parent Share (11-11.30)
6 th November	Nursery Parent Share (11-11.30)
8 th November	Skateboarding Workshops Y1 - 6
12 th November	Online Safety Workshops Y2 – 6
13 th November	World Kindness Day
19 th December	Last day of term
6 th January	First day of term
14 th February	Last day of term
24 th February	First day of term
4 th April	Last day of term
22 nd April	First day of term
12 th May	Y6 SATs Week
23 rd May	Last day of term
3 rd June	First day of term
3 rd June	Y4 Multiplication Check
9 th June	Y1 Phonics Screening
22 nd July	Last day of term