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## News & Updates

Congratulations to Mr Spendlow, our Deputy Headteacher, who only yesterday, secured a new position as Headteacher at another school. Mr Spendlow will be starting his new position in September and whilst this is a very sad loss for us, we are immensely proud of Mr Spendlow for taking on this new challenge where he will continue to make a positive impact on children's lives.

Rest assured; we still have lots of time at the end of the academic year to bid farewell to Mr Spendlow alongside our wonderful Year 6 pupils as they embark on their new adventures.

We will soon begin the process of advertising the role of Deputy Headteacher and secure a suitable replacement for Mr Spendlow ready for September.

We hope the sunshine is here to stay for the rest of the summer term now and, therefore, please make sure your child brings at least one clean, refillable water bottle with them to school every day. We also recommend all children wear a hat outside and sun cream is applied before they come to school in the morning.

Please also ensure all uniform is clearly labelled with your child's name and class, as this is the time of year where more and more seems to go missing... Bear in mind

too that names in permanent marker do wash out – so please check regularly!

If you don't already, please follow @grimoldbyschool on X (Twitter). We regularly post so that you at home can see what's going on in school.

We also have our new Grimoldby Primary School, Facebook, business page. Here we will promote events within the school to the wider community. Please note this will not replace our Twitter account or our current lines of communication. Due to low birth rates we are not full in Reception or Nursery for September – please let your friends and family know there is a rare opportunity to get a place at our school.

## Attendance

Attendance is monitored very closely every month and you will be contacted if we are concerned about your child's attendance and it is below 95%. In September 2022 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:



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## School Attendance - boundaries and description

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. Our current year to date average attendance is 95.5% - we are so nearly at our target!**

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 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.

### Sports Day

Our EYFS (Reception and Nursery) Sports Day will begin at 2.15pm on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> of June. For children in KS1 and KS2,

Sports Day will take place on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> of June at 1.30pm.

Both of these Sports Days will finish before the end of the school day and children will return to their classrooms to get their belongings. Staff will then send the children home in the usual way.

Parents and carers are welcome to attend these events, and we will open the school gates at 15 minutes before we start. Please bring a picnic blanket or foldable chairs if you wish to sit down.

The children are really looking forward to seeing you at Sports Day and are already practising for the day! To make things easier, please can children come to school dressed in their PE kit for the day? Instead of wearing their normal t-shirt, children in KS1 and KS2 can come in a t-shirt of their choice (or a hat) to match the colour of their house point team:

**Walrus - blue**

**Spitfire - green**

**Vampire - red**

**Lancaster – yellow**

Don't worry if they haven't got a t-shirt in their house colour as we can provide them with a coloured band to wear.

### Jewellery

We have noticed more and more children are wearing jewellery to school. Stud



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earrings and watches are acceptable; however for health and safety reasons children should not be wearing bracelets, rings, necklaces or hooped earrings.

We really appreciate your support in reminding your child to leave jewellery at home and not wearing it for school.

### **Supporting your child at home**

Please continue to support your child with reading at home. We are so impressed with our online library system, and we have every single schoolbook logged online. Did you know your child can access our library system at home, write a review or even reserve a book? Please get in touch with us if you would like further information about this.

All children enjoy being read to (even children in Year 6). Just by spending 10 minutes reading together at home, you will really help support your child's progress. Remember, reading impacts our whole curriculum and our children love it!

Don't forget to access Bug Club Online, The White Rose Maths App and Times Tables Rock Stars (KS2) too. If you need any support with any of our online programmes or games, do get in touch with your child's class teacher.

### **Parent Workshops**

We have two parent workshops coming up and all parents are invited!

On Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May at 2pm, Adam Campball from Healthy Minds is delivering a workshop focusing on anxiety and wellbeing.

On Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June at 2pm we have Odette Read from Dyslexia Outreach. Please join us in the school hall if you have any questions, would like any further information or just want to find out about dyslexia and how to help your child.

### **Mental Health Awareness Week**

We shall be celebrating Mental Health Awareness Week starting on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> of May with a wear a green accessory celebration day to end the week on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> of May.

The theme this year is **Movement: Moving more for our mental health** and we shall be promoting going for a walk in the local area, putting on favourite music and dancing around the house and doing exercises from your own chair whilst watching TV. We all know the more you move, the better your mental health.

### **Safeguarding**

The safeguarding of our children is always our priority. If you are concerned about the safety of anyone in our community, please do get in touch with us immediately. Our



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safeguarding team is Antonia Brooks (DSL), Stuart Spendlow (DDSL), Becky Taylor (Senior Teacher) and Caroline Jaines (FSW).

If your child isn't in school, we do need to know where they are and that they are safe. Please make sure you contact school if your child is unwell and let us know their symptoms. If you haven't called us by 9.30am, we will call every emergency contact number we have for your child until we know they are safe.

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. You can also call Lincolnshire Children's Safeguarding on 01522 782111 or alternatively The NSPCC Helpline on 0800 800 5000. You do not need to know everything about the situation: you may just feel worried or feel that something isn't right. The NSPCC Helpline is staffed by trained professionals who can provide expert advice and support.

## Online Safety

Online activity is having a huge impact on children globally, and therefore it's so important that we empower our parents to support online activity at home.

On Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June, we have Alan Mackenzie returning following the popularity of his online safety workshop for parents over the past few years. It will take place at 2pm for an hour in the school hall, and it's free entry! We hope to see as many of you there as possible.

## Summer Fair

We are so excited to be holding Grimoldby Primary School Summer Fair on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2024! Please save the date and get ready for a summer fair like no other! Thank you so much to the amazing Emma Jacklin for organising this for our whole community. We have the best raffle prizes and all will be revealed very soon...

### DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 13<sup>th</sup> May – Y6 SATS Week
- 13<sup>th</sup> May – Mental Health Awareness Week
- 15<sup>th</sup> May – Anxiety workshop at 2pm
- 17<sup>th</sup> May – wear a green accessory to school
- 20<sup>th</sup> May – Y3 visit to Woodside Wildlife Park
- 20<sup>th</sup> May – Y4 visit to Lincoln Central Mosque
- 22<sup>nd</sup> May – Y1 visit to Woodside Wildlife Park
- 22<sup>nd</sup> May – Y2 visit to Lincoln Central Mosque
- 24<sup>th</sup> May – last day of term
  
- 3<sup>rd</sup> June – First day of term 6
- 5<sup>th</sup> June – Online Safety Parent Workshop 2 – 3pm
- 7<sup>th</sup> June – Drama workshops Yrs 1-6
- 11<sup>th</sup> June – KS1 & KS2 Sports Day 1.30pm
- 12<sup>th</sup> June - EYFS Sports Day 2pm
- 12<sup>th</sup> June – Dyslexia Workshop 2pm
- 13<sup>th</sup> June – Class photographs
- 21<sup>st</sup> June – Summer Fair
- 26<sup>th</sup> June – Skateboarding workshops Y1 – Y6
  
- 8<sup>th</sup> July – Reports sent home to parents this week
- 14<sup>th</sup> July – Y1 & 2 visit to Normanby Hall
- 19<sup>th</sup> July – Y6 Leavers Assembly at 2pm
- 19<sup>th</sup> July – Last day of term 6
  
- 4<sup>th</sup> September – First day of Term 1

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