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News & Updates

We had a fantastic World Book Day! Thank you so much to all our parents who supported us, all of the amazing competition entries and to Miss Oliver for organising such a wonderful celebration of reading. We are so proud of our Reading for Pleasure ethos at our school.

We are excited to be taking part in British Science week (next week) too. We can't wait to welcome our parents who have volunteered to help us launch the week on Monday, by joining us for assembly to inspire our children by talking about their jobs and how they involve science, technology, engineering or mathematics.

Next week we also have Paul Sturgess – a former professional basketball player who has also been recognised as the tallest man in Britain at 7ft 8 tall! Paul will be working with all our children to inspire them with his passion for the sport. Look out for some very tall photos on X (Twitter) and make sure you follow [@grimoldbyschool](https://twitter.com/grimoldbyschool).

Thank you also to all the parents who have joined us for our Maths SHARE events so far this term. The children are always so excited to show you their work and their classrooms.

We hope you love the look of the new ramp at our school playground entrance too, which gives even safer access to the school.

Comic Relief

From Monday 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 2024 is on Friday 15th March. Some wonderful children in Year 6 have come up with a fantastic idea! Children can come to school dressed in as many colours as possible to 'show your true colours'. We focus on all the colours of the rainbow from the story of the Colour Monster through our wellbeing check ins and recognise we can feel lots of different feelings each and every day - and that's perfectly normal and okay.

So, come to school dressed in as many different colours as you possibly can! Children are welcome to bring a donation for Comic relief, however we do recognise the current financial climate. Children can still come to school dressed up even if they are unable to bring a donation.

The last day of the spring term is **Thursday 28th March**. School will reopen for the summer term on **Tuesday 16th April**.

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 19th and Wednesday 20th of March 15:30 – 17:30.

Face to face Parent Consultations will be held for our Nursery children on Monday 25th and Wednesday 27th April 13:30 - 15:00. 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.

You will be contacted if we are concerned about your child's attendance. 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:

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, and 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 if a term time holiday is taken and may be fined.

FrOGS Easter Events

Don't forget to enter the FrOGS Easter competition! Children can get creative and decorate a hardboiled egg, design their own Easter egg or write an Easter story or poem.



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All entries need to be in school by Thursday 28th March. Winners will receive an egg-citing prize and it's free to enter!

We are egg-cited to be holding our FrOGS Easter Bingo event in our school hall on Tuesday 26th March at 3.30pm. Please come along with your child and support this event. Bingo books can be bought from the Year 6 fire exit before school from Thursday 21st March. 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.

Please remember there is still time to bring in any sponsor money for our Sponsored Leap. The deadline for bringing this to school is Friday 15th March.

Our website

You will find all the information you need to know at

www.grimoldbyprimaryschool.co.uk

We have added a new section 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 Brooks (Designated Safeguarding Lead), Stuart Spendlow (Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead) Becky Taylor (Senior Teacher) 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



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

We have a new filtering system in school too which offers two levels of internet filtering – both using real-time analysis to ensure any inappropriate content is blocked but without blocking content needed for learning. It may be a good opportunity this Easter to check your router filtering at home to make sure your children aren't able to easily access inappropriate content. Please do speak to us or your internet provider for more information on how to do this.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

11 th March	Red Noses for sale
11 th March	British Science Week
12 th March	Nursery Parent Programme 9am
14 th March	Basketball Wow Day with Paul Sturgess
15 th March	Comic Relief
15 th March	Y3 Parent Share 14.30 – 15.00pm
19 th March	Parents Evening 3.30 – 5.30pm
20 th March	Parents Evening 3.30 - 5.30pm
25 th March	Y6 PGL (3 days)
25 th March	Nursery Parent Consultations
26 th March	FrOGS Easter Bingo
27 th March	Nursery Parent Consultations
28 th March	Last day of term
15 th April	INSET Day
16 th April	First day of term
18 th April	Whole school artist experience
19 th April	Y5 visit Gainsborough Old Hall
25 th April	Y4 visit The Deep
30 th April	Y1 – Y6 Skateboarding Workshops
6 th May	Bank Holiday
13 th May	Y6 SATs Week
24 th May	Last day of term
3 rd June	First day of term
3 rd June	Y4 Multiplication Check
10 th June	Y1 Phonics Screening
19 th July	Last day of term