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## News & Updates

Thank you so much to our wonderful volunteers at FrOGS who organised and ran the FrightFest Disco on Wednesday. The children had the best time together sharing our school values of unity and happiness, and we raised an amazing £530.68 to support our school. Thank you also to FrOGS for organising the uniform sale and the soon to follow Christmas jumper/clothing sale. We know how times are tough financially for everyone and we are so lucky to have such a dedicated group of volunteers who are always thinking of ways to support our community.

If you would like to get involved and help out with FrOGS, please let our school office know and we will pass the information onto our newly elected Chair – Debbie O'Connor.

I am also pleased to inform you that we have a new Chair of Governors – Mrs Dawn Berry. Dawn has been a member of our governing body for a number of years, and we are very grateful for her dedication towards our school. We do have a vacancy for a parent governor. If you are interested, please do get in touch with school.

This term, we are saying goodbye to Mrs Sarah Thomas, who has been with us for over 14 years. We will really miss you, Mrs Thomas, and you have been such an inspiration to so many children in our community. We wish you lots of luck in your new and completely different role away from education.

Don't forget to follow **@grimoldbyschool** and your child's class 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. And, if you're not yet subscribed to our school calendar, make sure you do it soon to avoid missing important dates and events.

## Attendance

Attendance is monitored very closely every month, and 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:

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



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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.

### **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.

### **Road Safety**

We know the footpath is narrow alongside school, especially next to our Year 1 and 2 classrooms. Please can I ask all parents to be aware of this and try to walk in single file when bringing children to and from school? We don't want parents and children to have to step out onto the busy main road to have to get past each other.

Children cycling to school should dismount and walk alongside their bike along this footpath too, please.

### **Nursery Parent SHARE!**

If your child is in Nursery, please don't forget to come and join in with one of our Parent SHARE sessions next week. Parents are welcome to spend some time with their child in our Nursery on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 11.00 – 11.30am or on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November 11.00 – 11.30am. We hope to see you there.

### **Children in Need**

Children in Need is on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November and our School Council have decided to raise money by us all dressing up as 'the job you want to do when you're older'. So, you could dress as a shop assistant, a doctor, a fire fighter, a footballer, a wrestler, a pilot, a builder, a teacher – or anything you fancy! If you're desperate to be Spider-Man when you're older, you could even go with that!



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Children are also welcome to bring a donation for Children in Need, but please don't feel as though your child can only dress up if they do. We understand and just want everyone to have a fun day.

### Reading Parent Share

We will also be inviting parents into a special reading SHARE event during the week beginning Monday 20th November. Parents are welcome to come into school and share a book with their child on the following dates:

Y3/Y4 20th November 14.30 – 15.00

Y1/2 21st November 14.30 – 15.00

Y5/6 22nd November 14.30 – 15.00

EYFS 23rd November 14.30 – 15.00

We are really looking forward to seeing you in school enjoying reading with your child.

### Nativity and Carol Service

This year, Reception and Nursery will be performing *Noisy Nativity* and parents will be able to watch the performance on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December. We will also be hosting a carol service at St Edith's Church in Grimoldby on the final week of term. Full details about both these events will follow.

### After School Clubs and Music Tuition

We host a wide range of clubs afterschool for children in Year 1 – Year 6. Please do get in touch if you would like your child to attend any of the following:

Mondays      KS2 Boxercise JB Sports

Tuesdays      JB Sports Y1-2  
                      KS2 Young Voices  
Wednesdays    Twist and Flip Gymnastics  
                      KS2 Music Club  
Thursdays      JB Sports Laser Tag Y3-4

We also offer guitar and piano tuition in school. Please get in touch with us if you are interested in your child taking part in a club or learning to play an instrument.

### Safeguarding

Please can I remind you that the Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs) for our school are: Antonia Brooks, Stuart Spendlow, Becky Taylor and Caroline Jaines?

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. If you are concerned about any child or family please call Lincolnshire Children's Services on 01522 782111 or talk to one of our Designated Safeguarding Leads. You can also call the NSPCC helpline on 0808 800 5000

Updated information about how to keep your child safe online can be found 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.

The Wellbeing section of our website can be found at <https://www.grimoldbyprimaryschool.co.uk/wellbeing/>. We are lucky to have a variety



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of staff members trained in different aspects of wellbeing, including Miss Antonia Brooks (Senior Mental Health Lead), Mrs Becky Taylor (Senior Teacher), Mrs Caroline Jaines (Family Support Worker) Mrs Rebecca Fisher (Emotional Literacy Support Assistant) and Mrs Sophie Waters (SENDCo). These members of staff are able to support children in small groups or a one-to-one basis.

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

3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Athlete visit to school
6 <sup>th</sup> November	Online Safety Workshops Y2-6
8 <sup>th</sup> November	Nursery Parent SHARE (11.00 – 11.30)
9 <sup>th</sup> November	Y2 visit to Grimsby Fishing Heritage Centre
10 <sup>th</sup> November	Y3/4 Girls Football Tournament
10 <sup>th</sup> November	Y6 Remembrance Service
10 <sup>th</sup> November	Nursery Parent SHARE (11.00 – 11.30)
13 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti Bullying Week and Odd Socks Day
17 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need
20 <sup>th</sup> November	Y3-4 Parent Reading SHARE at 2.30pm
21 <sup>st</sup> November	Y1-2 Parent Reading SHARE at 2.30pm
21 <sup>st</sup> November	Nurs-Y2 Mini First Aid Workshop
22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Y5-6 Parent Reading SHARE at 2.30pm
23 <sup>rd</sup> November	EYFS Parent Reading SHARE at 2.30pm
27 <sup>th</sup> November	Y5 Bikeability
1 <sup>st</sup> December	Y5 Sportshall Athletics
7 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception and Nursery Nativity
12 <sup>th</sup> December	FrOGS Christmas Bingo
15 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Surprise!
20 <sup>th</sup> December	Carol Service at St Edith's Church
20 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of term
3 <sup>rd</sup> January	First day of term
9 <sup>th</sup> February	Last day of term
19 <sup>th</sup> February	First day of term
28 <sup>th</sup> March	Last day of term
16 <sup>th</sup> April	First day of term
13 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 SATs Week
24 <sup>th</sup> May	Last day of term
3 <sup>rd</sup> June	First day of term
3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Y4 Multiplication Check
10 <sup>th</sup> June	Y1 Phonics Screening
19 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of term