



September 2023

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.

All our class projects this term focus on Geography and the children are so enthusiastic to learn the countries of the UK in Year 1 through to the human and physical features of the Arctic and Antarctic regions in Year 6. Every term your child will bring home a Knowledge Organiser, which contains the essential knowledge they will need for their project. Please support them with learning the information on this and, if they need another copy, they're on the school website or they can just ask their teacher for another.

Please be aware that term ends on Friday 20th of October and school will reopen on Tuesday 31st of October. Monday the 30th 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 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 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 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.



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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.

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 Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th 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.



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Mrs Keefe and Mrs Morriss will call parents with children in Nursery, during the first week back after half term to give them a full update on their progress.

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:

Tuesday 10th October – Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6.

Thursday 12th October – Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

Harvest

As we do every year, we would like to work together as a community to support those in need in our local area. This year, we would like to support The Neighbour's Kitchen again, which operates from The Priory Hotel, Louth. Please bring in donations of food on Wednesday 4th October whereby Paul Hugill will be in the playground to receive them. 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 – 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 Tuesday 3rd October at 2:30pm 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 Brooks, Stuart Spendlow, Caroline Jaines and Becky Taylor.

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 there 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 and PSHE Leader), Mrs Becky Fisher (Emotional Literacy Support Assistant) and Miss Antonia Brooks (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.



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

DATES FOR THE DIARY

22 nd September	School Council Election Day
26 th September	Yr3, 4 and 5 Let's talk rubbish workshops
27 th September	Photographer in school
28 th September	After school Book Fair
29 th September	After school Book Fair
3 rd October	Y2 – Y6 Parkour workshops
4 th October	Harvest collection for The Priory
10 th October	Y2 – Y6 Drumba workshops
10 th October	NHS Flu Immunisations
10 th October	Y3, 4, 5 and 6 Parent Drop-In
17 th October	Y2, 3 and 5 Road safety workshops
17 th October	Parents Evening (3:30-5:30pm)
18 th October	Y1 and 4 Road safety workshops
18 th October	Parents Evening (3:30-5:30pm)
20 th October	Last day of term
31 st October	First day of term
31 st October	Nursery Parent Consultations
6 th November	Y2 – Y6 Online safety workshops
8 th November	Nursery Parent SHARE (11.00 – 11.30)
10 th November	Nursery Parent SHARE (11.00 – 11.30)
27 th November	Y5 Bikeability
20 th December	Last day of term
3 rd January	First day of term
9 th February	Last day of term
19 th February	First day of term
28 th March	Last day of term
16 th April	First day of term
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