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News & Updates

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 Twitter. We regularly post so that you at home can see what's going on in school.

It has been a really busy and exciting first half of the summer term. As soon as our inspection report from Ofsted is finalised, I will send it out to all parents. We hope you have an enjoyable and relaxing half term, and we look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Monday 5th June. Please also remember the last day of term (and the academic year) is Friday 21st July.

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:

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 95.4% - 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.



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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.

Parent Share Events

Details on Parent Share events for next term will be announced as soon as they're booked in (hopefully week one of the new term). However, **Year 6's will be on the first day back at 1:30pm (Monday 5th June)**! They will be sewing their Mexico themed tote bags – but all parents are welcome whether you're a sewing expert or not!

Sports Day

Our EYFS (Reception and Nursery) Sports Day will begin at 1.30pm on Friday 23rd June. For children in KS1 and KS2, Sports Day will take place on Thursday 22nd 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 1.15pm. 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.

Reading for Pleasure

We continued to be recognised by the DfE English Hub at Witham St Hughes for the work we have achieved in reading at our school and we are so proud to share that Grimoldby Primary School is the first school in Lincolnshire to be awarded the Lincolnshire Reading Pledge Gold Award!

Thank you to all our parents and carers for supporting our continued work to ensure all our children love reading. It really has paid off and our love of reading has had such a positive impact upon all areas of the curriculum.

Supporting your child at home



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Please continue to support your child with reading at home. We are so impressed with our new online library system, and we very nearly 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.

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 safeguarding team is Antonia Brooks (DSL), Stuart Spendlow (DDSL), Becky Taylor (SENDCo and 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 14th June at 6pm, there is an online event with one of Lincolnshire's most popular online safety experts, Dan Hawbrook. This event allows parents to ask Dan anything about online safety and we really recommend it to any of our parents. The link to book your free tickets is here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/ask-dan-anything-for-parents-and-carers-tickets-619131869087>

On Wednesday 21st June, we have Alan Mackenzie returning following the popularity of his online safety workshop for



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parents last year. 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.



**It can all
begin online.**

Wednesday 21st June
14:00-15:00

**Alan Mackenzie's
Parent Workshop**

School Hall

FREE

DATES FOR THE DIARY

26th May – Last day of term 5

5th June – First day of term 6

5th June – Y6 Parent Share at 1.30pm

6th June – FrOGS Meeting 2.30 – 3pm

7th June – Musician in residence day Yrs 2-6

9th June – Y6 Boundaries Workshop

13th June – Y4 visit to The Deep

15th June – Class photographs

16th June – Reception visit Skegness Aquarium

21st June – Online Safety Parent Workshop 2 – 3pm

22nd June – KS1 & KS2 Sports Day 1.30pm

23rd June – EYFS Sports Day 1.30pm

3rd July – Y5 & 6 Online Safety Workshops

4th July & 5th July – Y6 KEVIGS Transition Days

5th, 6th & 7th July – Y6 Louth Academy/Somercotes
Academy Transition Days

6th & 7th July – Transition picnic for new Reception 9.30 –
10.45am

10th July – Reports sent home to parents this week

14th July – Y1 & 2 visit to Normanby Hall

21st July – Y6 Leavers Assembly at 2pm

21st July – Last day of term 6

6th September – First day of Term 1