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News & Updates

It has already been such a busy Spring Term and it's been brilliant to see our children so enthusiastic about their learning, as always! The focus for this term is History and class projects include dinosaurs, castles and knights, the stone age, Romans, Tudors and World War 2.

Our whole school celebrated Chinese New Year as organised by our very active school councillors and Mrs Thomas, in the office. We believe it is so important to celebrate diversity and difference, and ensure our children learn all about culture from around the world. The school councillors – who work so hard to make decisions about improving our school - have pencilled in more festivals to celebrate from around the world for the rest of this academic year too!

Thank you for continuing to support our school Twitter accounts - we try to update them as regularly as possible so that you can see what the children are doing in school. Please follow [@grimoldbyschool](https://twitter.com/grimoldbyschool) if you don't already. It is also a quick way for us to get messages out to our school community.

Please also remember to get in touch with us if you have any questions about your child's learning or anything else related to their education. You can reach us via enquiries@grimoldbyprimaryschool.co.uk or call the main office on 01507 327393.

Please note that our school email address has now changed!

The last day of term is Friday 10th of February and school will reopen again on Monday 20th February, for the second half of the Spring Term.

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.

We expect 96% attendance as a minimum for every child at our school. Any child with attendance between 95% and 90% is a cause for concern. We will be writing to you before half term to inform you if your child's attendance is a cause for concern so that you are able to support the improvement of this.

Attendance below 90% is classed as 'persistent absence'. This is very concerning as this will have a detrimental impact upon your child's learning and prevent your child from fulfilling their full potential. Parents of children classed as persistent absentees will be invited into school to attend an attendance review panel meeting and the



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Education Welfare Officer may also be informed.

Drop-In & SHARE Events

We'll be having Drop-Ins for you to come and look through your child's books and their learning environment straight after school next week. These are on the Dates For The Diary (blue box) on the last page of this newsletter. Please remember this is a time to look at your child's work with your child and not for a meeting with class teachers.

After half term, parents with children in Years 1 – 6 will also have the opportunity to come to a History SHARE! This is your chance to participate in part of a History lesson with your child and get to see just how hard they work in school! Parents with children in Reception are invited to join in with a phonics lesson. Again, all the dates and times for these are below.

Parents' Evenings will also be held before the Easter break and we will inform you as soon as our booking system is open.

Children's Mental Health Week

Children's Mental Health Week takes place next week and we'll be discussing the importance of this in assemblies and in class. We have focused quite heavily recently on the nine Protected Characteristics (characteristics protected by law) and how amazing it is that we are all

different yet achieve so much in unity. Ask your child to tell you about these and see what they can remember!

On Friday 10th February, we'll be having EXPRESS YOURSELF DAY whereby children and staff can come to school however they wish. It might be wearing their favourite colour, wearing their favourite clothing or just wearing something they are longing to have an occasion to wear! We can't wait to see how everyone chooses to express themselves.

FrOGS Winter Wellbeing Walk

As well as EXPRESS YOURSELF DAY, we'll also be taking part in a Winter Wellbeing Walk on Friday 10th of February so that we can all get some fresh air and appreciate the local area around us. We all know how getting outside can help to support our mental health and wellbeing, and this is a great way to remind our children of this.

We understand how difficult times are for our families, so FrOGS are asking for a donation if you are able to. All money raised on the Winter Wellbeing Walk will be spent on further resources for our school to support our children's wellbeing and mental health.

Safer Internet Day

Tuesday 7th February is the annual Safer Internet Day whereby we focus on online safety. Of course, we focus on this lots



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throughout the academic year and – fortunately – our children know how to protect themselves online quite well.

Watch out on Twitter to see what your child does to celebrate Safer Internet Day and, in case you didn't know, do check out our regularly updated page for parents all about Online Safety and supporting their child:

<https://www.grimoldbyprimaryschool.co.uk/online-safety/>

Reading for Pleasure

We've definitely said this so many times now – reading is the most crucial thing for children to be able to make good progress in school and for their futures. We continue to really promote a 'reading for pleasure' culture and encourage children to regularly share what they're reading both in and out of school. Please continue to take the time to hear your child read, read to your child and talk about what they are reading.

Two of our Y6 children now run a fortnightly Book Club for Key Stage 2 children on a Thursday lunch time, which is just amazing!

Reading for Pleasure Parent Workshop

Miss Oliver, our Reading for Pleasure leader will be hosting a workshop for parents all about how you can support your child with Reading for Pleasure at home. We would love as many parents as possible to attend

and show their support as we are so proud of the ethos we have created in school and our children really do just love books.

Miss Oliver is so passionate about this so please come and join her on Wednesday 1st March at 2.30pm in our school hall!...

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) 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.

Remember safeguarding is everyone's responsibility!



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DATES FOR THE DIARY

3 rd February	Y6 LGBTQ+ Workshop
6 th February	Children's Mental Health Week
6 th February	Reception and KS1 Parent Drop-In 15.15 – 15.45pm
7 th February	KS2 Parent Drop-In 15.15 – 15.45pm
7 th February	Safer Internet Day
9 th February	Y2 visit Sutton on Sea
10 th February	Express Yourself Day
10 th February	FrOGS Winter Wellbeing Walk
10 th February	Last day of term
20 th February	First day of term
22 nd February	Reception Parent Phonics Share 11 – 11.30am
24 th February	Y1 visit Lincolnshire Life Museum
1 st March	Y3 visit Back to Bear
1 st March	Reading for Pleasure Parent Workshop 14.30 – 15.00pm
6 th March	Y4 Parent Share 14.30 – 15.00pm
7 th March	Y1 Parent Share 14.15 – 14.45pm
8 th March	Y3 Parent Share 14.30 – 15.00pm
9 th March	Y5 Parent Share 14.30 – 15.00pm
10 th March	Y2 Parent Share 14.30 – 15.00pm
13 th March	Nursery Parent Share 11.00 – 11.30am
14 th March	Y6 Parent Share 13.30 – 14.00pm
16 th March	Nursery Parent Share 13.30 – 14.00pm
20 th March	Y5 Bikeability
21 st March	Parents Evening
22 nd March	Parents Evening
29 th March	Y6 PGL (3 days)
31 st March	Last day of term
18 th April	First day of term
1 st May	Bank Holiday
8 th May	Bank Holiday King's Coronation
9 th May	Y6 SATs Week
27 th May	Last day of term
5 th June	First day of term
5 th June	Y4 Multiplication Check
12 th June	Y1 Phonics Screening
21 st July	Last day of term