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News & Updates

Can you believe that next week is the last week of the Autumn term?! We will make sure that our children have an enjoyable time in school on the run up to Christmas, whilst providing a broad and balanced curriculum to all our pupils.

We continue to be so proud of how our children strive to meet our school vision of 'Being the best that we can be'. We also continue to make wellbeing a priority for our children, staff and community. Please remember the wellbeing section of our website has lots of useful resources for you to use at home.

We're really happy to announce that the phenomenal Grimoldby Primary School Christmas Market raised just over an incredible £1500 for our school! We will, of course, let you know how we plan to spend this in the future. I'm sure you will all join me in thanking Emma Jacklin for all her hard work to plan and organise such an amazing event for our school community.

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 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 at enquiries@grimoldby.lincs.sch.uk or call the main office on 01507 327393.

Spring term 2023 will begin on Wednesday 4th January. Staff will be back in school on Tuesday 3rd January for an INSET day and to get our school ready for the new term.

Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumpers

Christmas Lunch will be served on Thursday 15th December, and we will also be wearing Christmas jumpers again on this day. During the afternoon on this day, children will be enjoying a range of fun and festive activities.

FrOGS Festive Film & Feast Night

On Wednesday 14th December, FrOGS will be hosting the Festive Film & Feast Night! A poster has been sent out with a QR code to sign up, and tickets are available at the Year 6 Fire Door each morning.

The film will start at 3:20pm (you do not need to collect your child from school on this day as they will go straight into the hall) and should finish at around **5.05pm**. We will bring children out on to the playground to be collected after the film (unless children walk home on their own whereby, they'll be able to do this).



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Christmas Cards

Our Christmas Postbox is in place between the Y5 and Y6 classroom. If children wish to send any Christmas cards, they can bring them in, post them in our postbox and our Year 6 Delivery Team will deliver them to each class! Please, please remember to make sure each envelope has a first name and surname on the envelope, as well as the child's year group.

Please note that we are not able to provide class lists of pupils' names for data protection purposes.

Carol Service

On the last day of term (Friday 16th December) at 1.45pm, our whole school will be going to the St Edith's Church in Grimoldby for a Carol Service. Children in Year 6 will be telling the story of the Nativity and we also have a special job for our Year 2 children.

Parents are welcome to join us in the church, however; please be advised it will probably be standing room only. All children will walk back to school after and can be collected at their normal time from the playground.

Safeguarding

Our Safeguarding Team consists of: Antonia Brooks (Designated Safeguarding Lead), Stuart Spendlow (Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead) and Caroline Jaines (Family Support Worker).

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. Please contact a member of our Safeguarding Team if you have a concern or you can call Lincolnshire Children's Services on 01522 782111 or 01522 782333 (out of hours).

Online Safety

The Christmas holidays is always a time where lots of children enjoy gaming both online and offline. As more and more popular games have online features (and many are online only), it's important that you are aware of potential risks of online gaming.

While there is no perfect way to eliminate these risks, we feel that there are things parents and carers can do to support their children online, reduce the risk or manage it afterwards. Here are some of the practical steps parents and carers can follow:

- Games consoles have features that can limit what games they can play based on the age ratings, and can even turn off certain features to allow gaming to be a little safer. To learn more about these features visit <https://www.internetmatters.org>



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- Games are also rated based on the content, not how difficult they are. 18 rated games can have very graphic violence, adult language and themes, sexual content and horror elements. Learn a bit more about appropriate games by visiting <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/gaming-whats-appropriate-for-your-child/> or visit this site for more about game ratings <https://parentzone.org.uk/article/pegi-games-ratings-explained>
- Have open conversations with your child about what they are playing and why they enjoy playing it. Ask questions about who they play with, if they have made any 'friends' whilst online gaming and find out what information they share. These are good starting points to see how alert your child is to potential dangers online.

It's important to remember that no filters or controls are 100% effective so make sure your child knows that they can, and should, talk to someone if they see or hear anything upsetting online so we can offer them some reassurance. In school, we always remind them to talk to a 'trusted adult'.

Staffing

We are saying goodbye to Mrs McDowall next week, who will be spending time with

her very young children, at home in 2023. Mrs McDowall has worked at our school for many years, and we are really pleased to inform you that she has agreed to come back and work as a supply teacher.

Thank you so much for your hard work and dedication to our school. We will really miss you, Mrs McDowall.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

8 th December	Reception and Nursery Nativity
14 th December	FrOGS Festive Film Night
15 th December	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch
16 th December	1.45pm Carol Service at St Edith's Church
16 th December	Last day of term
4 th January	First day of term
11 th February	Last day of term
29 th March	Y6 PGL (3 days)
31 st March	Last day of term
18 th April	First day of term
8 ^h 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