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News & Updates

We are having a fantastic start to the academic year! All of 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 21st October and school will reopen on Monday 31st October.

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

Your child's attendance is so important, and we regularly check it in school. If children do not attend school regularly, they will not make expected progress both academically and emotionally.

National expectations for attendance are 96% and we expect that as a minimum for every child at our school.

Any child with attendance between 95% and 90% is a cause for concern. We will contact you to inform you of this and ask for your support in rapidly improving 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.

Holidays during term time will *not* be authorised and parents will receive a Fixed Penalty Warning Letter - and potentially a fine - if they chose to take their child out of school for this reason.

Coats and Uniform

The weather has now turned much cooler, and all children will still spend time outside at break, lunch and to take part in the Daily



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Mile. Please ensure your child has a coat with them every day at school, even if it's sunny in the morning.

Please also ensure all your child's clothing is clearly named. It's so important so that we can give any lost property back to their rightful owners.

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.

Parents Evening

We will be holding Parents Evenings (Reception – Year 6) on Wednesday 19th and Thursday 20th 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 no longer than 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.

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 11th October – Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

Thursday 13th October – Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6.

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 will be supporting The Neighbour's Kitchen which operates from The Priory Hotel, Louth. On Thursday 13th October, we shall be collecting donations of food, but more information about this will follow in a separate letter.

FrOGS Autumn Pumpkin Trail and Neon Disco

By popular request, we would like to take each class out around the village for an Autumn Pumpkin Trail on Friday 21st October.

On this day, children may come to school in Halloween costumes, fancy dress or Autumnal clothing. The hard-working volunteers from FrOGS are busy creating a



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pumpkin template for your child to bring home. We would love all children to decorate their template and hang it in a window of their house (if you live in Grimoldby or Manby). If not, children can bring them back into school and we will display them for you.

On Wednesday 2nd November, children from Reception to Year 6 are invited to attend a Neon Disco! A poster will be sent home soon, including all the details and tickets can be bought for the event from the Year 6 classroom during the last week of this term. The sign-up process remains the same – scan the QR code and fill in the form. If QR codes aren't your thing, ask a friend to help (or your child!) and, failing that, I'm sure Mr Spendlow would gladly help too!

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 Sophie Waters.

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.

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 Rebecca Fisher (Emotional Literacy Support Assistant) and Miss O'Brien (Emotional Literacy Support Assistant). These members of staff are able to support children in small groups or a one-to-one basis and are also trained in counselling.

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@grimoldby.lincs.sch.uk or call 01507 327393. We are always here to help.

Staffing

Mrs Waters will soon be having baby number two and will begin her maternity leave at half term. I am pleased to inform you Mrs Taylor (Senior Teacher) will be taking over as SENDCo during Mrs Waters' maternity leave. Mrs Taylor is a very experienced SENDCo and held this position for many years at her previous school. Mrs Waters and Mrs Taylor are now working together to ensure a smooth transition.



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DATES FOR THE DIARY

30 th September	After school Book Fair
4 th October	Reception and KS1 Phonics Meeting (14.15 – 15.00)
5 th October	Y1 visit to Cleethorpes
7 th October	Y2 visit to Grimsby Fishing Heritage Centre
10 th October	NHS Flu Immunisations
11 th October	Reception, Y1 & Y2 Parent Drop-In
13 th October	Harvest Festival
13 th October	Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6 Parent Drop-In
14 th October	Reception Welly Walk
14 th October	Y6 Online Safety Workshop
19 th October	Parents Evening (3:30-5:30pm)
20 th October	Parents Evening (3:30-5:30pm)
21 st October	Autumn Pumpkin Trail
21 st October	Last day of term
31 st October	First day of term
31 st October	Nursery Parent Consultations
2 nd November	FrOGS Neon Night
8 th November	FrOGS Meeting
8 th November	Nursery Parent SHARE (11.00 – 11.30)
11 th November	Nursery Parent SHARE (11.00 – 11.30)
16 th December	Last day of term
4 th January	First day of term
10 th February	Last day of term
20 th February	First day of term
29 th March	Y6 PGL
31 st March	Last day of term
18 th April	First day of term
8 ^h May	Y6 SATs Week
26 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