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News & Updates

We hope you had a lovely bank holiday weekend. Our summer term projects are already in full swing, focusing on Art, Music and Design & Technology. Alongside this, our focus value this term is creativity. This is the first summer term in two years where school has been open to all our pupils since the start of the academic year!

Children in Year 1, 4 and 5 are taking part in whole-class music lessons, this term, led by Rob Edgerton from the Lincolnshire Music Service. Pupils in Year 3 and 4 will continue to swim each week up until the end of the summer term, July 22nd. We also have a golf instructor in school each week, delivering tri-golf lessons to our children in Year 5 and 6. At the end of the block of lessons, these two classes will be going to Louth Golf Course for their final session.

This term does see the return of statutory testing. With children taking part in the following tests:

Year 6 SATs – 9th – 13th May

Year 2 SATs – 9th – 20th May

Year 1 Phonics Screening – 6th – 10th June

Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check – 6th – 17th June

Sport and Afterschool Clubs

We are continuing with our weekly after school clubs from Grimsby Town Football Club and all these sessions are now full. We also have some exciting inflatables coming

to school after half term for the children to use. Coaches also support our children to stay active at lunchtimes and all our children continue to take part in the Daily Mile each day. Yoga sessions also take part every week, led by our experienced instructor, Lucy. This not only supports our children to stay active but also supports their wellbeing. Our children in Year 1 are loving their sessions!

JB Coaching is offering an Inclusive Sports afterschool club on Thursdays. This is great fun and includes New Age Kurling, Boccia, Goalball, Seated Volleyball and Blind Walking Football. This club is open to all our KS2 children and there are still a few spaces left. Please book your child in if you haven't already, and they can enjoy this great selection of sports on offer.

We will be hosting a Sport's Day this year for parents to come along and watch their children. Further information will be sent out later this term.

Parent Drop In

We were so pleased to be able to invite our parents into school last term. It was wonderful to see our children showing you our school and their learning. Thank you also to all the parents who came to Nursery 'SHARE' last week too. We would love to invite you in again, after school, at the end of this term on the following days:

Monday 23rd May – Yr 3 and Yr 4

Tuesday 24th May – Yr 5 and Yr 6



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Thursday 26th May – Rec, Yr 1 and Yr 2

Teachers will have all your child's books out ready for you to look through with your child. Please can I remind you, however, that this is not a time to discuss your child's progress with staff? If you have any concerns or questions, please do get in touch with us and we would be more than happy to organise a meeting or a telephone call. You can still organise a consultation with your child's teacher if you didn't last term too.

Thank you to all our parents who did book in for either face to face or virtual meetings. We believe it is so important to work alongside our parents in unity to ensure our children are the best that they can be.

Parent Survey

We would be really grateful if our parents could please complete our online Parent Survey. We want to make sure we are doing everything we possibly can for our children and your views are so important. The survey won't take any longer than 5 minutes and your opinion really does count. Please can the survey be completed by Friday 6th May? The link can be found here:

<https://forms.office.com/r/Dcw1MCQGcV>

National Tutoring Programme

Throughout the spring term, Miss Roe (Year 3 Class Teacher), has been successfully supporting pupils in Upper Key Stage 2

through the National Tutoring Programme. The focus has been on Maths and helping identified pupils to catch-up due to the impact of the pandemic and school closures. Each pupil has now completed a block of 15 hours and we will be starting the next round of tutoring with pupils in KS2 from Monday 9th May. This will run until the end of the summer term.

In addition to this, the Recovery Premium has also enabled us to place additional support staff in our KS1 classes to enable children to catch-up. Additional teaching assistants support pupils with phonics and reading interventions, and also support class teachers during Reading, Writing and Maths lessons. This will also continue throughout the summer term.

Supporting your child at home

Please continue to support your child with reading at home. We are so impressed with the impact our library and focus on Reading for Pleasure has had on our whole school community. 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. Reading impacts our whole curriculum and our children love it!

Whilst we want children to be taking our books home from the library, please can you make sure your child brings any books they have finished back into school? We do



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know some children have quite a few books at home.

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.

Attendance

Attendance is monitored very closely every month and you will be contacted if we are concerned about your child's attendance.

Please can I remind all parents that term time holidays will not be approved? We appreciate some holidays have been cancelled due to the pandemic, however; children have also missed time in school, and we are working really hard to ensure they catch up.

All children need to be in school - parents will receive a fixed penalty notice warning letter if a term time holiday is taken.

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), Sophie Waters (SENDCo) and Caroline Jaines (FSW).

It's really important we have up to date records including addresses and contact numbers in case of an emergency. Please do contact our school office on 01507 327393 or via enquiries@grimoldby.lincs.sch.uk if you have changed your address or contact number.

It's also just as important that we hold at least two emergency contact numbers for each child. Please make sure we have the correct information, and you keep us up to date if anything changes.

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 0808 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

Keeping our children safe online continues to be so important in the ever-changing



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digital world. We are really pleased to invite you all to our Online Safety session for parents led by Alan Mackenzie on Thursday 12th May at 2:30pm. We would like as many parents as possible to attend and this is an excellent opportunity to ask any questions or find out more about games or social media your child is using at home. We have not been able to hold an event like this since 2019 and, after the last session, parents were so pleased they had attended. So come along to our school hall and let us help you with understanding the online world.

Alan will be providing a useful insight into the current online trends that children are accessing and involved with, and he will be helping parents find ways to support their child to remain safe online without scaremongering or having to resort to covert actions!

Our staff will also be attending a training session with Alan, after school, to keep us all up to date with the current online climate.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 2nd May – May Bank Holiday
- 6th May – Yr6 Online Safety Workshop
- 9th May – KS2 SATs Week
- 9th May – KS1 SATs Fortnight
- 12th May – Online Safety Parent Workshop (2:30pm)
- 19th May – Yr 4 Run with It visit to Hull
- 23rd May – Yr 3 & 4 after school Drop In
- 24th May – Yr 2 Multi Skills Competition
- 24th May – Yr 5 & 6 After school Drop In
- 26th May – Yr 5 & 6 golf lesson at Louth Golf Club
- 26th May – Rec, Yr 1 & 2 after school Drop In
- 27th May – Last day of term 5

- 6th June – First day of term 6
- 6th June – Year 1 Phonics Screening Week
- 6th – 17th June – Year 4 Multiplication Check
- 8th June – Yr 6 Cricket Competition
- 14th June – Yr 5 Rounders Competition
- 14th June – Yr 6 Max Respect session
- 15th June – Class photographs
- 17th June – Yr 3 & 4 Tri Golf Competition
- 22nd June – Yr 4 & 5 Festival of Sport

- 22nd July – Last day of term 6