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News & Updates

As the world continues to feel the continual strain of the ongoing pandemic, and as we have had the highest number of cases in both our children and team of staff just in this month of January (compared to at any other time in the whole two years of this pandemic), we can still say that our children are AMAZING!

It felt as though this pandemic was never going to impact upon our school due to us managing for such a long time with low cases. However, we have carried on and ensured our school remains open, and that it is a safe and happy place for our children. This has been a really challenging time for everyone and it has been so nice to receive supportive comments from our parents. I would like to say a huge hank you to both you and the incredible team of staff who have gone above and beyond to ensure that our children can be the best that they can be.

Whilst restrictions have relaxed across the country, we have had to keep the same measures in place in school to keep our community as safe as possible. This has also been the case for most schools in Lincolnshire. We really do appreciate your continued support, positivity and communication.

The focus around school for this Spring term is History and it has been brilliant to see children learning in their projects from

dinosaurs to World War 2, Henry VIII to the Romans and the Stone Age to the Anglo Saxons!

After half term, our younger children in EYFS and KS1 will begin their new projects and children in KS2 will continue to deepen their knowledge as they delve further into their existing projects.

We have been lucky to enjoy some visits to Lincoln Castle and Louth Library, as well as receiving artefact boxes from The Collection for each class. We also had some dinosaurs come and visit us in school!

We have some more visits taking place next term including the long-awaited PGL residential visit for Year 6, Year 3 visiting Back To Bear for some Stone Age inspired skill building, and Year 5 visiting Gainsborough Old Hall for a first-hand taste of Tudor life.

We are really hoping that we can reintroduce assemblies after half term, continue swimming lessons and invite parents into school – as we do know it's been nearly two years since you've been able to properly come inside! However, please do continue to see what we're up to on all of our class Twitter pages.

We'll also be holding our second Parents Evening of the year before the Easter Holiday. More information on this will be sent out nearer the time.



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Our last day of term is Friday 11th February and, as always, please do not ever hesitate to contact school if you would like to discuss your child's progress or if we can offer you any support. We are always here to help!

Safer Internet Day

On Tuesday 8th February, children will be celebrating Safer Internet Day in school. The UK Safer Internet Centre have produced some really useful tips for parents in supporting their children with online activity, and this can be accessed here:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2022/top-tips-for-under-11s>

Developing skills in staying safe online becomes more and more crucial as years go by so, as always, if you have any concerns or anything you'd like to discuss, remember that you can contact Mr Spendlow in school.

Online Safety expert, Alan Mckenzie, has produced another video for parents explaining the 'three Cs' of online safety. The video is only about 6 minutes long and can be found here:

<https://vimeo.com/487627081/883aa4475d>

After School Clubs

We will be continuing with our after-school clubs with Grimsby Town and JB Sports, after half term. Information will be sent to parents next week, so please do sign your

children up as soon as possible as these are so popular.

Both Grimsby Town and JB Sports run lunch time clubs four days a week too. We know how much our children love sport and keeping active, and we are very proud of this.

We will also be running our long-awaited STEM Kids club after half term, which has unfortunately been cancelled up until now due to the pandemic.

Children's Mental Health Week

Next week is Children's Mental Health Week with the theme of 'Growing Together'. Mental health and wellbeing is still just as important to us all. As Mrs Waters has already shared, the whole school will be taking part in activities based upon this theme.

We have our very own Wellbeing Team at Grimoldby who are dedicated to supporting our children and staff. If you are concerned about your child's wellbeing or mental health, please do get in touch with Antonia Brooks, Sophie Waters (SENDco), Caroline Jaines (Family Support Worker) or Becky Fisher (ELSA TA). We are here to support you. Please also check out the regularly-updated Wellbeing section of our school website for useful tools, resources and strategies.



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Safeguarding

The safeguarding of our children is 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).

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. You can also call Children's Safeguarding on 01522 782111. You do not need to know everything about the situation. You may just feel worried or feel that something isn't right.

Reading for Pleasure

We have been working so hard to ensure our children love reading and are excited about books! Miss Oliver recently surveyed all our children and it was amazing to see how positive our children are about books, and the impact our library and class book areas have had on the culture of reading at school.

We are constantly updating the books we have in school and Mrs Thomas' office is currently full of boxes with new and exciting texts to share with the children next term. Shhh, though! The children don't know so please help us to keep it as a surprise!

Reading is at the heart of our curriculum so please continue reading with your child as often as you can. Children love adults reading to them, whatever their age! Our teachers make time to read to their class

every day and we know the children would love it if you could do the same.

All our children can access a wide range of texts through Bug Club (they don't have to always be reading a physical book). Do get in touch if you need a reminder of your child's login details.



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DATES FOR THE DIARY

7th February – Children’s Mental Health Week

8th February – Safer Internet Day 2022

11th February – Reception visit Louth Library

11th February - Last day of term 3

21st February – First day of term 4

23rd February – Y3 visit Back To Bear

3rd March – World Book Day 2022

4th March – Y5 visit Gainsborough Old Hall

18th March – Comic Relief (Red Nose Day)

28th March – Year 6 PGL (two nights)

28th March – Parents Evening (EYFS-Y5) *

29th March – Parents Evening (EYFS-Y5) *

31st March – Last day of term 4

21st April – First day of term 5

27th May – Last day of term 5

6th June – First day of term 6

22nd July – Last day of term 6

*Year 6 Parents Evening will be arranged for an alternate set of days during the term.

Please do NOT send your child to school if they have:

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal