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## News & Updates

Can you believe that, next week, December will be upon us?! We will, of course, be decorating the school for Christmas ready for 1<sup>st</sup> December.

Whilst keeping everyone as safe as possible, 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 we raised over £220 for *Children in Need* last week thanks to your kind donations.

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](mailto:enquiries@grimoldby.lincs.sch.uk) or call the main office on 01507 327393.

## Elf Extravaganza

Due to the popularity of our SANTA STRIDE last year, we will be walking the streets spreading festive cheer this year too in our ELF EXTRAVAGANZA on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December.

Children will be releasing their inner elf along the streets of the village, wearing elf hats which have been kindly donated by our IT provider, *The One Point*. Please spread the word in Grimoldby and Manby so residents know to look out for us – we had so much fun last year and we're sure this one will be even better!

Instead of our usual fundraising for Save The Children, we will be raising money this year for people affected by dementia by raising money for the Alzheimer's Society. So, if you would like to donate, please do send these in on the day. There are also some special surprises lined up for the children too.

## Christmas Lunch

We are really excited to be able to offer our traditional Christmas Lunch once again this year! Please order directly from The Farm Kitchen in the usual way if you would like your child to have one (by Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> at 3pm).



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Christmas Lunch will be served on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December and there will be two options, including a vegetarian option.

We will, as always, provide Christmas crackers for the all the children. Please contact Mrs Day in the office if you have any questions.

### **Christmas Party/Activity Day**

On Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December, we will also be having our Christmas Party/Activity Day. Each class will have lots of fun and take part in different activities in the morning.

In the afternoon, each class will take part in the FrOGS Festive Film Afternoon within their classroom, and classes will vote for the film that they will watch and enjoy together.

For this day, children do not need to wear their usual school uniform. The theme is simple: come dressed for a festive party and a fun day!

### **Winter Wonderland**

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December is our WINTER WONDERLAND and we're so excited for it! All children should have received their invite already and we can't wait for it to maybe snow too...

Don't forget to enter the Jassie's cake designing competition – all entries need to be in by Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December. There will be a

winner picked from each class and the prize is a Christmas Eve treat box.

Children may wear Christmas jumpers on this day instead of their school jumper (but they will need the rest of their uniform). Children don't need to buy a jumper if they don't have one as they can always decorate an existing one in a festive way.

We are so lucky to have such an incredible community here at Grimoldby Primary School. A huge thank you once again to Arthur in Year 2 and his mum for organising this magical event for all of our children.

### **Christmas Cards**

Our Christmas Postbox will return on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December! 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.

### **FrOGS Art Exhibition**

Every child in school is working on a special piece of artwork which will be completed and framed ready for a special art exhibition. This will be held during the week



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beginning Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December where, each night at home time, two classes will be displaying their artwork for parents to purchase to raise money for our school. These could make excellent Christmas presents!

Each class is working on a different theme to produce a piece of framed art, and it will be so exciting for the children to see their artwork displayed in an exhibition. Each piece of art will be priced at £5.

We will be asking you to collect your child from the Village Hall on a certain afternoon during that week. More information regarding this will follow from FrOGS later this week.

## **Safeguarding**

Our Safeguarding Team consists of: Antonia Brooks (Designated Safeguarding Lead), Stuart Spendlow (Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead), Caroline Jaines (Assistant Designated Safeguarding Lead) and Sophie Waters (SENDCo).

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**

Over the last 12 months, we have seen an increase in the number of schools reporting that students, while at home, have accessed content which is not always appropriate, some of which has been quite scary or upsetting. While there is no perfect way to eliminate this risk, we feel that there are things parents and carers can do to support their children online, reduce the risk or manage it after the fact. Here are some of the practical steps parents and carers can follow:

- Contact their Internet Service Provider (ISP): Companies that provide broadband such as BT, Sky and Virgin, offer free protection for parents and carers. They can filter your internet connection directly, without having to install anything. Guide on how to use this can be found here: <https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/broadband-mobile/>
- YouTube is a fantastic resource, but not all the content is appropriate for children and not all YouTube channels are made for young audiences. YouTube has an app just for children – YouTube Kids – but many people don't realise that the main YouTube app has a restricted mode. Check out more about how it works here: <https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/entertainment-search-engines/youtube-app/>



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- 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/parental-controls/gaming-consoles/>
- 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>

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. This information from *Thinkuknow* might be useful <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/Im-worried-my-primary-aged-child-might-see-something-inappropriate-online/>.



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## DATES FOR THE DIARY

30<sup>th</sup> November – FrOGS Meeting (6:30pm via Zoom)

6<sup>th</sup> December – FrOGS Art Exhibition week

7<sup>th</sup> December – Flu jab catch-ups taking place

7<sup>th</sup> December – Final day to order Christmas Lunch

9<sup>th</sup> December – ELF EXTRAVAGANZA

13<sup>th</sup> December – WINTER WONDERLAND

16<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Activity Day & Christmas Activity Afternoon

17<sup>th</sup> December – Last day of term

4<sup>th</sup> January – First day of term 3

11<sup>th</sup> February - Last day of term 3

21<sup>st</sup> February – First day of term 4

31<sup>st</sup> March – Last day of term 4

20<sup>th</sup> April – First day of term 5

27<sup>th</sup> May – Last day of term 5

6<sup>th</sup> June – First day of term 6

22<sup>nd</sup> July – Last day of term 6

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