



October 2021

News & Updates

We are having a fantastic first half-term of this new academic year and we still have a few more weeks left until we break up for half-term (the last day of term is Thursday 21st October).

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.

As always, I want to thank you all for your continued support towards our school. As much as we would all like to be 'back to normal', we know that the pandemic is still impacting heavily upon all of our lives. As a community, we will continue to work together and support each other as we always do so successfully.

Despite the fact that we are learning to live with COVID-19, it is still highly prevalent in our country and local community. Please do not send your child to school if they display any of the three recognised symptoms and, instead, book a PCR test and await the result. Please also be assured that, as we have throughout the entire pandemic, we will continue to follow government guidance and consult with Public Health England.

On Friday 22nd October, it is a staff training day where all staff will be in school. Please

note that the school office will not be open to take telephone calls on this day.

Parents Evening

As I am sure you will agree, our priority is keeping school open to all of our children whilst keeping everyone as safe as possible. Therefore, this year, we will be holding Parents Evening virtually via a platform called *SchoolCloud*.

This platform allows parents/carers to have a video call with their children's class teacher. It is very simple to use and includes an online appointment booking system, so that you can choose and book your own appointment time on either **Monday 18th** or **Wednesday 20th October, 3:30-5:30pm**.

Many schools have used this platform successfully during the pandemic and we are sure that it will work well for our families.

Mrs Thomas will be opening the booking system to all parents tomorrow and further information regarding this will follow.

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.



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Harvest

As we do every year, we would like to work together as a community to support those in need in our local area. On Monday 18th October, we will be collecting non-perishable items for Louth's Community Larder.

In the morning on this day, Greg Gilbert from the Community Larder will be in our school to collect the donations.

Louth Community Larder are asking for donations of anything non-perishable such as tins, packets and dried goods. During the pandemic, there has been increasing appeal for donations. Please click on this link to read a list of food they desperately need donations of:

<https://www.teamparishoflouth.org.uk/community/louths-community-larder>

FrOGS Sponsored Autumn Pumpkin Trail

On Thursday 21st October, we would like to take each class out around the village on a sponsored Autumn Pumpkin Trail. The sponsorship money raised will go towards creative resources for music and art.

On this day, children may come to school in Halloween costumes, fancy dress or Autumnal clothing. There will be prizes for the best dressed!

By now, your child should have brought home a pumpkin template. 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.

Book Review Competition

We're down to the last few days of our competition that's running until Monday 11th October. Children are to produce a creative book review of one of their favourite books, with prizes for a KS1 and KS2 winner.

Full details can be found on the poster that was emailed home and is also displayed on our main school Twitter [@grimoldbyschool](https://twitter.com/grimoldbyschool)

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, especially as children continue to spend more and more time online. There is a lot of useful information



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on there regarding popular apps and online games.

Our 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 (SENCo), 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.

Staffing

Mrs McDowall will soon be having baby number two and will begin her maternity leave next week. Friday 8th October is her last day in school and I am sure you will all join me in wishing her well. We are all really looking forward to meeting her new arrival.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

11 th October	Book Review competition closing date
13 th October	FrOGS Book Sale
18 th October	Parents Evening (3:30-5:30pm)
20 th October	Parents Evening (3:30-5:30pm)
21 st October	Sponsored Autumn Pumpkin Trail
21 st October	Last day of term
1 st November	First day of term
2 nd November	FrOGS Meeting (Zoom)
12 th November	Children In Need 2021
23 rd November	Y6 Diversity Workshop
16 th December	Christmas lunch
17 th December	Last day of term
4 th January	First day of term

The main symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are:

- **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