



Wednesday 9th June 2021

June 2021 – Parent Update & Information

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the final half term of this academic year! Until the end of this academic year, school will continue to operate in the same way unless government guidance changes and, as always, we will keep you updated on this.

Children have had a wonderful start back – children in EYFS and KS1 have launched their final projects of the year and children in KS2 are continuing with the second half of theirs. I continue to be proud of the amazing determination that children have showed towards their learning throughout this year. They most certainly are an inspiration to us all.

Warmer Weather

Now that the weather is warmer (and hopefully here to stay!) it is really important that all children are protected from the sun. Please ensure that your child has a hat (with their name in) and a bottle that can be refilled with water in school. We also advise you to apply sun cream to your child in the morning before school (we cannot apply sun cream to children but they can apply their own before break time and PE sessions if necessary, but we do recommend using a sun cream that lasts all day).

School Uniform

Please ensure that your child's school uniform and PE kit are fully labelled and check the name hasn't faded after a few washes. With all children wearing the exact same jumper, it's really difficult to find owners when a lost one turns up! Please also ensure that your child is wearing the correct school uniform (including black shoes) and a reminder of our school uniform can be found on our website under the Parents tab.

Attendance

Please can I remind you that all children should be in school each week day, and that this is really important. We all know that children have lost time in school this academic year and we are doing everything we can to support their learning and wellbeing, but it does mean that all children need to be in school every day for this to have the most impact.

We carefully monitor attendance and we will follow the steps in our attendance policy (available on our website) if we are concerned about any children. Children only need to stay at home if they are really not well enough to be in school or if they have symptoms of COVID-19 (found at the bottom of this letter). A common cold is *not* a reason to stay at home.

Class Photographs

These will be taken outside this year (following COVID-safe procedures) and will take place on Monday 14th June. Information about purchasing these will be sent home digitally shortly after.

End of Year Reports

Teachers are busy writing your child's end of year report and these will be sent home in the same way as last year via ParentPay during the week commencing Monday 12th July.

Reading

Since Easter, Miss Oliver, Mrs Taylor and I have been taking part in a project looking at reading for pleasure, alongside the Department for Education English Hubs and the Open University. Over the summer holidays, we are hoping to fully refurbish our school library and fully restock it with new and exciting books for our children to really enjoy reading.

Reading for pleasure is the kind of reading children and adults choose to do in their own time. It contributes to our world knowledge, imagination and wellbeing, and also develops children's literacy. As part of this project, we would really like your help as parents in the form of completing a short survey about your own reading for pleasure.

The link to complete the survey is below, and we'd really like it completing by the end of this week if possible.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=ByJiZ-xmMEGOCwb5rknCjfe_pOYBGF1Lq4Ai1o0IHF5UOEFL0DE4NlpOWVBVMFAzSIVOQUsxTkpNQy4u&wdLOR=cF54FFE40-2F06-DF44-A1B4-A6C722EC588D

As always thank you for your continued support and dedication towards our school, and for continuing to follow our risk assessment and procedures for COVID-19, to make our school as safe as possible for us all. Term will end on Wednesday 21st July. Please do contact us if you have any questions or would like any support. We can always be contacted via enquiries@grimoldby.lincs.sch.uk or during weekdays on 01507 327393.

Yours faithfully,

Antonia Brooks
Headteacher

Symptoms of COVID-19

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

- **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

If your child or anyone in your household or support bubble has any of these symptoms, you must all self-isolate, book a PCR test and contact school immediately (**do not use an LFD home self-test**). **Please do not send your child to school until you have the results of the PCR test with a negative confirmation.**

It is really important we continue to work together and follow the national guidelines to keep our community as safe as possible.