



# GRINLING GIBBONS

PRIMARY SCHOOL

Thursday 22nd November 2018

# NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are now on our way to the Festive Season and the children have all worked extremely hard. The cold weather is well upon us now so please ensure that all children come to school with a coat, hat, gloves and scarf. This will ensure they keep warm and dry in the cold days to come.

Thank you to all those parents who completed the parent questionnaire; a letter will be sent to all parents with the findings. The outcome was very positive!

All the best,

**Mr. Dean Gordon, Head of School**

Value of the Month:

**ASPIRATIONS**

## LOCKDOWN

As part of our Safeguarding procedures, we will be having a lockdown drill on Tuesday 27th November.

The practice will be so that the children know what to do in the event of a terror-related incident, a dangerous person or stray animal nearing school premises. The children have had an assembly and know what to expect when we do the practice.

If you have any questions regarding the lockdown, please do not hesitate to contact the admin team who will direct you to Mr Gordon.



## LATENESS

Following an inspection from the Local Authority (LA) regarding attendance and punctuality, we were found to have very good attendance. Unfortunately we were also found to have a very high level of lateness.

As a result of this inspection, the LA will be carrying out random spot checks at the school. Those found to be persistently late, for example, registered as late three or more times, will be sent a letter and may be expected to attend a formal meeting.

As a reminder, the school doors open at 8:20am. Any arrivals after 8:35am are considered as late, while after 9:00am will be marked as unauthorised late. We would also like to thank those who are consistently in school and on time every day! If you think you may be late or absent, please contact the office to inform us by pressing option 1 for attendance.

## ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

It is important that all children come to school every day and on time. As a school, we take attendance very seriously, and regularly monitor this. If your child's attendance drops below 90%, your child will be a persistent absentee. You will then be referred to the Local Authority Attendance and Welfare Officer, who will contact you directly.

**The Education Act 1996 states that it is the responsibility of the parent/carer to ensure that their child attends the school at which they are on roll. A failure to do this, could result in legal action being taken by the Local Authority, and a penalty being issued.**



# SCHOOL MEALS

School dinners are **£2.20** per day, **£11** per week. Could you please ensure that school dinner payments are made on a regular basis, as if your dinner account falls below £20, your child's school dinners will be stopped. **You could be referred to the Lewisham Debt Collecting Team.**

You may be entitled to free school meals if you currently are on a lower income and receive certain benefits. Please apply online direct to Lewisham Council:

[www.lewisham.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.lewisham.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals)

# NURSERY 30 HOURS

At Grinling Gibbons we now offer 30 hours for 3 & 4 year olds as long as parents are eligible. You can find out at

[www.gov.uk/help-with-childcare-costs](http://www.gov.uk/help-with-childcare-costs)

if this applies to you. Please let friends and family know as we have spaces!

# CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES

As Christmas is nearing, the children will be participating in various Christmas activities over the upcoming weeks.

As always, if you do not want your child taking part in any Christmas activities, please could you write a letter and hand this in to the office as soon as possible. If your child does not take part in these activities, this means they will not participate in watching the Christmas panto, Christmas class-based activities and joining in with the Christmas Parties.

# TERM DATES

## AUTUMN TERM 2018

Monday 29th October - Friday 21st December

## SPRING TERM 2019

**INSET DAY** (School closed to Pupils): Monday 7th January

**Pupil First Day:** Tuesday 8th January - Friday 15th February

**Half term: Monday 18th February - Friday 22nd February**

Monday 25th February - Friday 5th April

Easter Holiday: Monday 8th April – Monday 22nd April

## SUMMER TERM 2019

**INSET DAYS** (School closed to Pupils): Friday 24th May and Tuesday 23rd July

Tuesday 23rd April - Thursday 23rd May

May Day will be taken on Monday 6th May

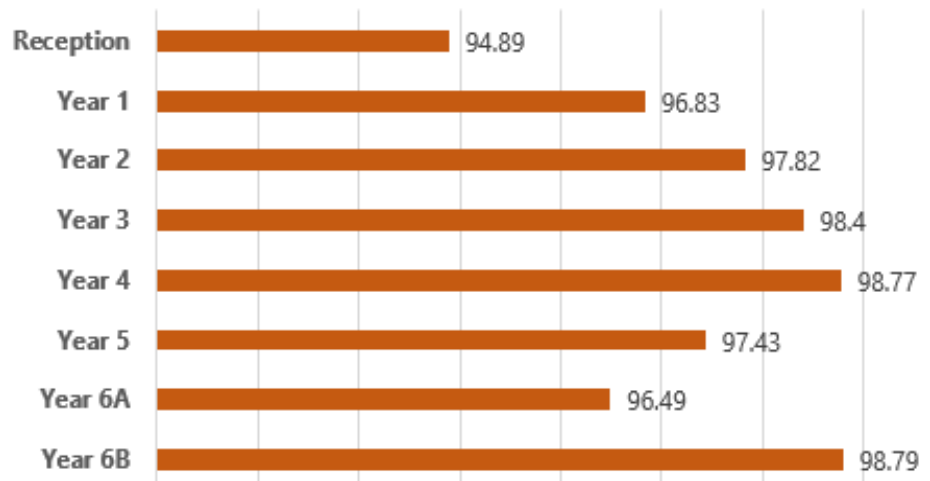
**Half term: Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May**

Monday 3rd June - Monday 22nd July



Gladys, the Lollypop lady who helps the children cross the road safety will be away from her post on 12th December until the end of term. Please ensure that your children know that if they walk to school alone, they must take extra precautions when crossing the road.

# WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE



**Well done to Year 6B who have the best attendance since**

**September!**

**Head of School: Mr. Dean Gordon**

**Executive Headteacher: Ms. Jeanette Brumby**

**Deputy Headteacher: Ms. Loreta Bibby**

**Executive Business Manager: Mr. Timur Kay**

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