



GRINLING GIBBONS

PRIMARY SCHOOL

Tuesday 22nd January 2019

NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to welcome back all children, parents & carers back after the holidays, we hope you had a nice restful break. We are into the third week of term now all the children have settled in nicely. We have the book fair coming up which will be in the school hall every afternoon after school from Monday 28th January. So please come and have a browse!

Mr. Dean Gordon, Head of School

Value of the Month:

RESPECT

MESSAGE FROM MISS. BRUMBY - EXECUTIVE HEAD

Happy New Year everyone,

I hope you all had a lovely break, I know we are all ready to get back to our learning.

I just wanted to share some partnership news with you all. At Lucas Vale we have welcomed Mrs Cobblah (some of you will remember her as Ms. Incoom at Haseltine) as the new Head of School. This means you will be seeing more of me at the other schools.

You will remember that all four schools played in a football tournament at Haseltine at the end of last term. On Monday, during the Inset day, our maths leaders across all four schools, organised a morning of maths moderation. Teachers had the opportunity to share their children's maths books with each other and to talk about progress and attainment. This ensures the judgments we make about your children's learning are accurate.

On the same morning, our attendance, early years and SENDCO teams, from across all four schools, also met to share good practice. These teams all meet at least once a term in each other's schools.

Our partnership continues to grow and deepen, giving teachers/leaders opportunities to develop themselves and others as well as giving people support to become even better at what they do. I'm really looking forward to the term ahead with you all.

Best wishes, Miss. Brumby

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

SCHOOL TRIPS

**Year 1 to Creekside -
Thursday 31st January**

**Year 5 to Westminster Abbey -
Tuesday 5th February**

**Year 4 to Ragged Museum -
Friday 8th March**

It is important that you return the permission slips for any trip your child may go on.

Without this permission your child will not be able to go on the trip. Verbal permission either over the telephone or at the school office will not be acceptable.

If you require a school packed lunch for your child, you MUST let the school office know a week before the trip. If you send your child to school on the day with no packed lunch, you will be called to bring one in.



TERM DATES

SPRING TERM 2019

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

May Day will be taken on Monday 6th May

Tuesday 23rd April - Thursday 23rd May

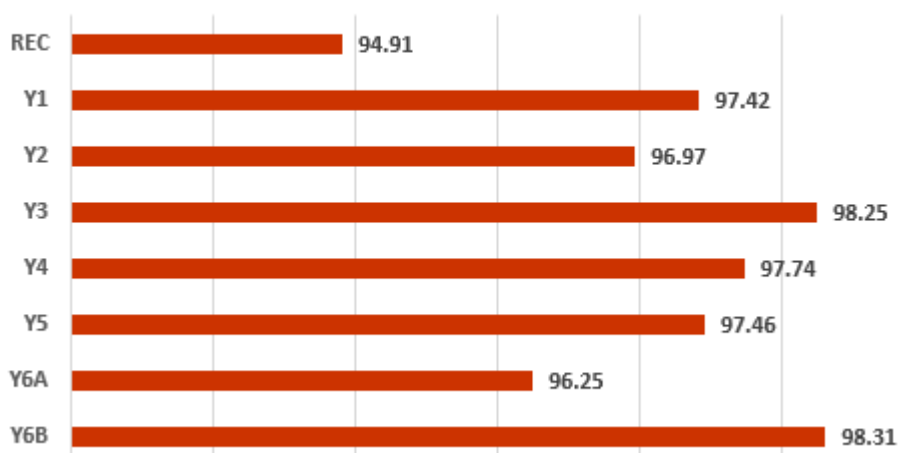
Half term: Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May

Monday 3rd June - Monday 22nd July



WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Class attendance from September 2018



Well done to 6B who are still in the lead!

Whole School Attendance: 97%

Head of School: Mr. Dean Gordon

Executive Headteacher: Ms. Jeanette Brumby

Deputy Headteacher: Ms. Loreta Bibby

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