



GRINLING GIBBONS
PRIMARY SCHOOL

OUR CORE VALUES are
Aspirations, Responsibility, Respect,
Resilience, Tolerance and Equality

Upcoming dates

Autumn term

- Friday 4 September to Friday 23 October (38 days)
- Half term: Monday 26 October to Friday 30 October
- Monday 2 November to Friday 18 December (35 days) Inset days (school closed to pupils)

Spring term

- Tuesday 5 January to Friday 12 February (30 days)
- Half term: Monday 15 February to Friday 19 February
- Tuesday 23 February to Wednesday 31 March (28 days) Inset days (school closed to pupils) Monday 4 January and Monday 22 February

Summer term

- Monday 19 April to Friday 28 May (29 days) (the early May bank holiday will be taken on 3 May)
- Half term: Monday 31 May to Friday 4 June
- Monday 7 June to Thursday 22 July (35 days) Inset day (school closed to pupils) Friday 23 July

Message from Head of School

I am pleased to welcome each and every one to the academic year 2020 -21! This year is certainly unlike any other year that any of us can remember. We are looking forward to a productive partnership with you to ensure our children can achieve their highest potential.

We will do all that is possible to keep ourselves and the children safe while we are in school. We are carefully following all the guidance that comes out from the government, on what seems a daily basis.

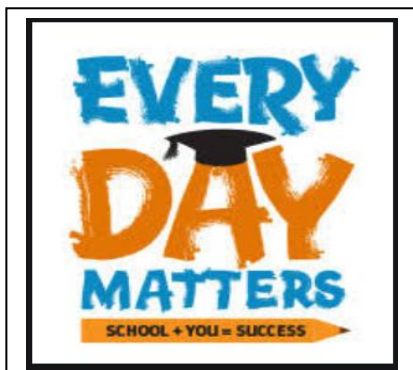
Unfortunately, this year we are unable to have our usual meetings and gatherings with you in school, instead we will be doing these virtually. Look out for the dates in the class newsletter.

I cannot stress enough, the importance of all of us being vigilant for any signs or symptoms of COVID-19. If your child or any member of your household shows any symptoms, you must notify us, self-isolate and get tested. A Lewisham secondary school has already had to close, and I know none of us will want that to happen here at Grinling Gibbons.

We at Grinling Gibbons are ever so grateful to the community and residents of Dacca Street for your kind gesture of donating £150 to our school. During this time where things are not normal, it is humbling to know that we were in your thoughts as you had your event. You will be pleased to know that we will be using the money to purchase some well-needed playground equipment.

Please pass on my gratitude to everyone who was involved and contributed to this rather generous gift.

Mr Gordon



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 Uniform - School uniform should consist of the following: -

Black or grey trousers or skirt. Red cardigan or sweatshirt with the school logo on. Red, white or navy polo shirt. Plain black shoes.

The P.E. kit should be black jogging bottoms and a white t-shirt with the school logo on and black trainers.

School uniform can be purchased from: -

Whitehall Clothiers Limited

244a Lewisham High Street, London, SE13 6JU



New Playground Markings

We are really pleased to announce that we have finally finished updating and upgrading our playground. The children played an active role in choosing the playground markings. The markings have now been added and are greatly appreciated by all the children and staff.

We have also painted the picket fence and the benches to add a bit more colour and vibrancy. The playground space has been divided to ensure that the children will have adequate space to play in their class bubbles without interfering with any other bubble.



Paperless & Cashless School

Thank you to all the parents and carers who have supported us in becoming a cashless and paperless school.

We are nearly there in being a cashless school, so as of now we will no longer accept cash payments at the office and would encourage you to use SIMS pay. If you need a code, please ask the school office who will then text you the code. All payments for clubs, school dinners & trips will need to be made this way.

We are also a paperless school and any correspondence we send out will go out via email or text message. It is important that you keep the office up to date with any changes you have. If you have not given the school an email address it is important that you do so.

Teachers will also send regular messages via class dojo so please make sure you sign up for child you have.

Executive Headteacher: Mr. John Calvert
Head of School: Mr. Dean Gordon
Deputy Headteacher: Ms. Loreta Bibby

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Lily-May and Poppy presenting me with the cheque!



New playground marking!



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Refurbished play area!



Refurbished toilets!



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Above are a few photographs to show off some of the improvements we have made during the summer break. We will share more photos on the school website and our twitter account which is @Ggibbonsps, please follow us.