



GRIMES DYKE
PRIMARY SCHOOL

ASPIRE ENJOY ACHIEVE

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Dear Parents / Carers,

I'm really hoping you've noticed the much-improved visibility of Grimes Dyke staff at the start and end of the school day. I'm thoroughly enjoying starting and finishing the school day talking to children and adults as they come to school in the morning or go home in the afternoon. It's especially enjoyable in the lovely weather we seem to be having just lately but I can assure you we'll be out in all weathers! We've also improved the communication between KS2 children, parents and staff by teachers collecting and releasing children from the playground every day. I'm hoping you're getting the opportunity to chat to teachers about your child's day and can pass on messages as needed. On Monday I spoke to the children in assembly about becoming a 'handshake school' and since then I've had lots of lovely handshakes from children in the morning and afternoon.

Mrs Lenton took her role in improving parental engagement one stage further yesterday by filling in for the lollipop lady who unfortunately couldn't make it on Thursday morning. Mrs Lenton was first in line with the lollipop to help children and families cross the road. I was sadly involved in a meeting so couldn't come out and see her myself, but I'm assured she did a great job! Perhaps she's considering a career change in the future?



On Tuesday this week we had a visitor in school to do some training with several members of staff around school. We spent the lunchtime doing a tour of the school and went outside to see the children playing out. I was delighted to receive an email from her later that evening which is credit to the hard work of the staff at Grimes Dyke.

Just to say thank you so much for inviting me to come today. It was an absolute pleasure to work with you and your staff team. I loved seeing your school – what a fantastically nurturing environment you have created, I was really bowled over with how nurturing and relationship aware everyone was, and it was great to see so many children having such a fun time at lunchtime. You've built a fantastic place.



On Monday we celebrated 'National Teaching Assistants Day' and said thank you to all of our support staff at school in the only way we know how...cake! Our support team do an incredible job at Grimes Dyke supporting children and the teaching staff and generally keep the school running like clockwork. Thank you to each and every one of them! If you'd like to see photos of them looking a little bit silly, please check our Twitter page.

Don't forget that Monday 30th September is a training day in school, so school is closed to all pupils.

Miss Hill