



GRINDON HALL CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

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Key Dates

- Friday 25th January – School Holocaust memorial day.
- Thursday 31st January – Y11 and Sixth Form Parents' Evening (4pm-6pm)

Hot Choc Friday!

I was delighted to welcome 4 students to share 'Hot Choc Friday' rewards with me in my office today! The four KS3 students were given this reward to say well done for their hard work and effort and I understand from Mrs Germany that there were so many children who could have attended that there needed to be a draw!

The 4 students today were Gabrielle Geraldie, Madison Bell, Liam Krohn and Luke Ross. It was delightful talking to them about the things they love at Grindon Hall and we had a super conversation about favourite foods too!

Well done to them and all the students who I have seen working so hard this week. They really make us proud.

Kind regards

Chris Robinson
Interim Principal

Term Dates 2019-2020

Term dates are available on the school website for the next academic year (and attached to the school newsletter email to parents). As previously stated in correspondence at the end of the last academic year, Grindon Hall will be moving to the standard 190 teaching days which falls in line with schools locally and nationally.

Please ensure holidays are **not** booked during term time. It is crucial students are present for each teaching day in order to reach their full potential and to not fall behind with their learning.

Literacy Focus

Cressida Cowell has been a children's author and illustrator for 20 years and is best known for her award-winning How to Train Your Dragon series, The Wizards of Once series and the Emily Brown picture books. Cressida has been an ambassador for the National Literacy Trust for over a decade and is supporting the Read On. Get On. campaign to get all children reading well by the time they leave primary school. I am sure that KS3 reluctant readers would benefit from her advice and guidance too.



Cressida Cowell's top tips for parents to help your child discover the magic of reading:

Ask for recommendations. Ask your child's teacher, your local librarian or bookseller for recommendations of books that will get your child excited about reading.

Read aloud with your kids way beyond the age they can read for themselves. Books read to you in your parents' voice live with you for your entire life. Reading together sends an important message to your child: books are important and are powerful, magical things that can make your dad cry or your mum laugh.

Make sure your kids see you reading. You are a reading role model for your child! Often parents read in the evening when the kids are in bed, which means they never really see their parents with a book. Show your kids that books are an important part of life.

Make reading together achievable and enjoyable. If it's stressful, no one is going to want to do it! Start off small, by reading together for just 10 minutes a day. Pick a

time of day that works for you and your family. And it doesn't need to be 10 minutes all at once; little and often works just as well.

Don't force your child into finishing a book they don't like. Follow your kids' interests – there really is a book for everyone. Go to your local library and let your child try out lots of different reading materials and genres.

Comics, graphic novels and magazines all count. So go with what your kids like.

Early years fun in the snow.



The Reception children were very excited to see the first snow of the year. The children and staff went out and painted the snow and wrote our names. It was such a fun morning!

Here's hoping everyone has a good weekend!