



Things to look forward to!

Wk beginning 16th Sept:

Meet the Teacher for Year 1 and 2

Thursday 26th Sept:

MacMillan Coffee morning

Wk beginning 30th Sept:

Meet the teacher for Year R

Tuesday 8th Oct:

Individual pupil photos

Thursday 10th Oct:

Raptoexotics Visit to Year 2

Wednesday 16th Oct:

Nasal Flu Sprays

More info to follow

Thursday 24th October:

Halloween parties after school



INSET dates for this

year- we like to give you plenty of warning so you can prepare!

Friday 4th October:

Mental health and well-being

Monday 4th November:

Special Educational Needs

24th February:

The Empowerment Approach

27th June:

Transition and next steps

To Our Lovely Grange Families,

Welcome to our first Friday Flyer of the new academic year! I hope you all had a wonderful summer, enjoying time with family and friends in the sunshine.

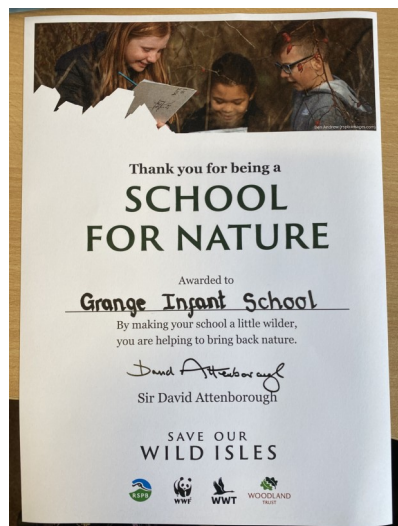
For those of you who are new to us, our Friday Flyer is a way of us staying in touch with you and letting you know all of our news and updates. These flyers will go out fortnightly and are published on Class Dojo, Facebook and on our school website.

It has been wonderful to welcome you all back and to say a big 'hello' to all of the children and hear all of their news. I really don't know where the time goes and I can't believe we are here already at the start of a new school year, with a world of possibilities ahead of us all! September is a time of change and transition and I have been so proud of how well our children in Year 1 and Year 2 have settled straight back into school with such strength, independence and resilience. In the same way, knowing our new Year Rs will be joining us on Monday, has brought such a buzz to the whole school and the smiles on the staff's faces says it all.

This is going to be busy but fun term and all being well, we have so many things planned for the children to ensure that they really do have the flying start they deserve. A huge thank you must go to all of the staff who have put so much effort into preparing the classrooms ready to welcome the children. Hopefully you all had a chance to visit your child's classroom last term but if not, our 'Meet the Teacher' sessions will be taking place soon.

It really has been so lovely to see so many of you and to hear all of your news. As always, my door is open so please let me or the amazing office team know if there is anything we can do to help. We are always here for you!

May I wish you all a wonderful and restful weekend. We can't wait to welcome you back again on Monday! Best wishes, Miss Myers 😊



Guardians of the Wild

A huge WELL DONE to last year's Year 2 for this amazing achievement following their visit to Arundel Wetlands. We have now been recognised as a 'School for Nature' which is so exciting!

We want to continue this great work through more sustainable choices and thought for our precious planet.



Friday Flyer

6th September 2024

PE Days for the Autumn Term 2024



Here are the PE Days for this first half term:

Year R

Starlings/Sparrows:
Will start PE later this term

Year 1

Chaffinches/Robins
WEDNESDAYS

Year 2

Owls/Blackbirds/
Magpies:
MONDAYS - PE
(full PE kit)

AND

Owls & Magpies
THURSDAYS

Dance - no jewellery

Blackbirds

FRIDAYS

Dance - no jewellery

Please can you make sure all jewellery is removed as part of our health and safety guidance.

It is always good practice to name all items of clothing too!

We would ask that PE kits consist of black shorts or trackies when it is colder and a plain white t-shirt.

School jumpers or cardigans can be worn so please avoid hoodies or other sweatshirts.

We encourage the children to wear black plimsolls or plain black trainers.

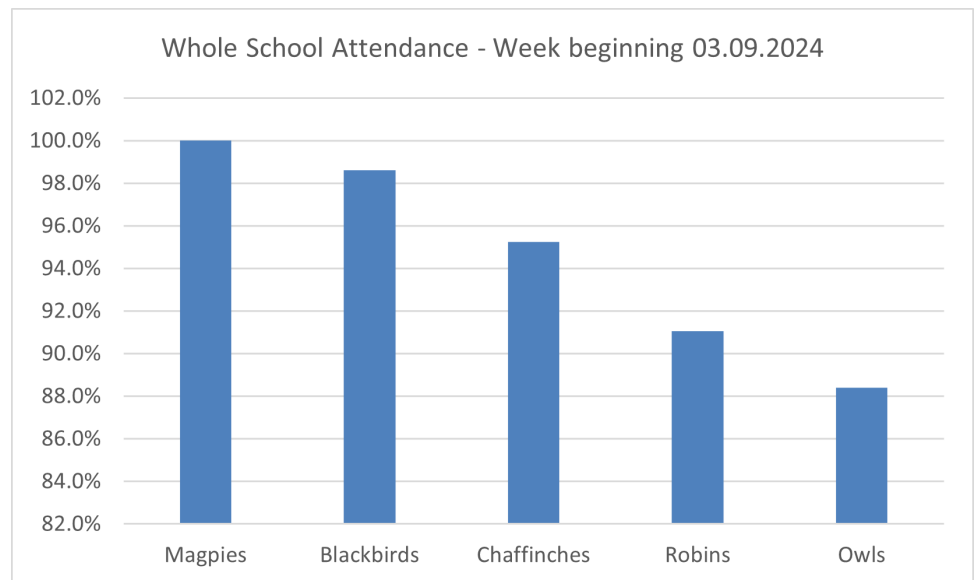
Attendance

Each week, attendance is tracked across the school and on a Friday the class with highest attendance for that week, gets a certificate.

At the end of each term, we look at who has had the best attendance overall and that class gets to choose an item for their class such as a new game.

**This week the winners are:
Magpies with 100%**

Congratulations and well done for your great attendance this week.



Don't forget, the more you're in school, the more learning you can do!

As a school, we have a responsibility and a duty of care to ensure that children attend school regularly and that attendance is good.

Where attendance drops, we will make contact with parents and carers and work with you to get attendance back on track. Please also note that we will request evidence such as text/email/letter confirmation from the medical practice for ALL appointments taken during school hours.

Reporting School Absence

If your child is going to be absent for any reason, please can you make sure you phone this through into the school office. A message can also be left on the absence line (option 2) if there is no one to answer the phone, or you are calling out of hours.

Whilst we love Class Dojo and all that it offers, please can we ask that parents do **not** use the messaging service to report absence. Thank you!

Class Dojo



The Class Dojo app is a brilliant way of staying in touch. It's safe, secure and private but offers a platform for us to communicate with you and for you to be able to contact your child's class teacher directly.

Each child has their own portfolio into which photos and activities can be uploaded. The class page keeps you up to date with what's happening and often has photos of what the children have been up to that day.

If you haven't yet joined your child's class, please check 'clutter' in your emails for the invite or speak to your child's class teacher for details. The lovely office are also available to help.

School Uniform

It has been lovely to see the children

looking so smart in their uniform! The office is well stocked with everything you need. We also have a good amount of good quality, second-hand uniform available, so let the office know if you need anything or pop in to have a look at the selection in our reception/ entrance area.

Gosport Community Hub based at Brune Park School also have a good selection of second hand items available to support local families.



Loving Home Learning

Don't forget children in Year 1 and Year 2 will soon be able to access Mathletics and Oxford Owl at home to help support the learning they are doing at school.

Mathletics gives them the chance to practice skills they've learnt in class, as well as experience a bit of healthy competition with other users.

Oxford Owl is a great resource for accessing online reading and e-books and developing that passion for reading.

All of the children have their own login and if these haven't already been sent out, they will very soon! Please contact your child's class teacher on Class Dojo if you would like these sent out again. Please look out for the weekly homework activities on Class Dojo too!



Parking outside of school

Unfortunately, our car park is reserved for staff only, so we ask that families do not access this car park during school hours.

It has been noted that some vehicles are parking near to the school gate and driveway on Franklin Road which is causing a hazard for families who are crossing this road. Please make sure you are legally parked if you have to drive to the school.

We do encourage all of our families to walk to school if they can!

A Summer of Firsts!

Our Vision for the school is 'A Flying Start' and this really underpins everything we do to give your child the very best start to their school years. We pride ourselves on the nurturing and welcoming approach we have to education as well as our strength in inclusivity and recognising every child for their uniqueness and individuality.

I have been asking for children to share any 'firsts' that they experienced over the summer break and for families to send in photographs for our display in school. This could be anything from losing a first tooth, to paddling boarding, from learning to swim to making a cake!

Thank you to those of you who have already sent photographs in. The display in our main corridor is starting to come together and is a great talking point for the children and the grown-ups!

If you have any 'firsts' that you would like to share, please email them to me at:

s.myers@grange-inf.hants.sch.uk

Thank you - I can't wait to see what the children have been up to!



A Big Hello!

We are very excited to welcome new staff to our Grange Family this term.

Welcome to Miss Rew, Mrs Edwards and Miss Flanagan who have joined the Key Stage 1 team.
Welcome to Mrs Standley-Gray who has joined the Early Years team.

We know you will love being a part of Grange Infants and support our children in getting the 'Flying Start' they deserve!



Friday Flyer

6th September 2024

Holidays during Term Time

Attendance is so important in your child's educational development and so we always ask our families not to take holidays during term time. Holidays taken will go down as an 'unauthorised absence' and will affect your child's overall attendance percentage.

You are also at risk of being issued a fine/ fixed penalty notice.

Use this link for more information:

<https://www.gov.uk/school-attendance-absence>

PENALTY NOTICE FINES FOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IS CHANGING

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FIRST OFFENCE

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or irregular Attendance the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child if paid within 28 days
Reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

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SECOND OFFENCE (WITHIN 3 YEARS)

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child to be paid within 28 days. No reduced rate will be offered.

The following changes will come into force for Penalty Notice Fines issued after **19th August 2024**.

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THIRD OFFENCE AND ANY FURTHER OFFENCES (WITHIN 3 YEARS)

The third time an offence is committed for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance a Penalty Notice will not be issued, and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates' Court. Magistrates' fines can be up to £2500 per parent, per child.

Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court can show on a Parents future DBS certificate, due to failure to safeguard a child's education.

10 SESSIONS (5 DAYS) OF UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE IN A 10-WEEK PERIOD

Penalty Notice Fines will be considered when there has been 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period.

PE Safety

As part of our drive towards healthy lifestyles and celebrating sport, please can we remind families that all jewellery must be removed before school on PE days.

We have noticed a number of children wearing necklaces and bracelets which are not permitted due to the risk of injury. Children will be asked to remove these and they will be returned at the end of the day.

Please can you make sure that children wear sensible and suitable footwear for PE. Our uniform states black plimsolls or plain, black trainers if possible.

For those classes who are doing gymnastics, the children **MUST** be in shorts. These can be brought in and kept at school.

Thank you!



Grange Infant's Office Hours

Our lovely office team is always here to help and support with any question, query or need. Miss Allison and Mrs Bamfield are our front of house duo with Mrs Fairs, our School Business Manager, available too. The team would like to remind our families of their opening times and to also let you know that in the event of an absence, to leave a voicemail which is picked up first thing.

The office is open from **8.30 to 3.30 every day**

Once the office is closed, the answer machine will pick up any messages.



Year R Wants and Needs!

Year R are continuously updating their inside and outside areas making it them interesting and exciting for the children and encouraging engagement. They are always on the look out for interesting items and resources, many of which may be found at home.

If you have any of the following items that you would be happy to donate, please let Miss Daniels or the office know:

Interesting/ colourful/ unusual clothing (adult sized)
Hats and accessories
'Home-themed' items



Home School Link Worker (HSLW)

Mrs Kennell



My role as the HSLW is to help you and your child get the best out of school and family life.

I can support you and your children with advice and signpost you to other professionals for additional help. I am able to advise you with any worries you may have about attendance, your child's emotional well-being, behaviour or mental health.

Every child and every parent matters and I am happy to support you any way I can.

You can contact me via the school office or pop into the Aviary, which is on the main playground, for a chat.

Keep an eye out for up-coming events that will be posted on class dojo and the school website.

Special Educational Needs

Coordinator

(SENDCo)

Mrs Cave



My role as the SENDCO is to support your child with their learning and development ensuring the best outcomes regardless of their personal starting point. I am here to offer advice to both staff and families for every child who has an additional need including learning, physical need or mental health.

I can support you and your children with advice and signpost you to other professionals for additional help. I can make referrals to external professionals such as the School Nursing team, Educational Psychology and Primary Behaviour Support.

You can contact me via the school office or catch me on the main playground, for a chat.

I work Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Support for Service Families

Year R ELSA

Mrs Russell



I'm sure you all know who I am, but for anyone that doesn't, I am Mrs Russell and I have worked at Grange for 10 years now. This year is a little different for me, as alongside teaching the Sparrows class, I have taken on the new role of Year R ELSA now that the lovely Mrs Sayer has retired.

I am really pleased that part of this role means I am responsible for all of our Service children at Grange Infants. As a former Navy wife who endured deployments with two young children and the upheaval and uncertainties that come hand in hand with Service life, it is something that is close to my heart.

I look forward to working with you to offer the very best support to your children. Please feel free to get in contact if you have any worries or concerns, and please keep an eye on this page for information, updates and fun things I have planned for the children.