




To Our Lovely Grange Families,

6th October 2023

Welcome to another Friday Flyer! I don't know where the time goes and I can't believe how quickly we are approaching the half term. Our wonderful Year Rs are settled in and doing so well, making new friends, exploring their fantastic learning base and already making great progress in their learning. Watching them arrive at school every morning with such confidence and huge beaming smiles, really is so lovely and they have become a welcome and much-loved part of the Grange family. They joined the rest of the school this week for our Harvest celebration and their fantastic performance of 'Big Red Combine Harvester' brought a smile to everyone's face! A huge well done to Year 1 and Year 2 for their performances too. We were joined by Claire from St Mary's church who led our celebration and it was a real treat for her to meet all of the children and see how generous our community has been!

Year 1 continues to embrace new learning, and the unexpected warm weather helped them to enjoy their adventure around our local area, including a visit to the church last week. As always, their behaviour was outstanding and I was proud to hear that they stayed true to our **PLANES** Grange Values.

Thank you to all of you who supported our Macmillan Coffee morning last Thursday- what a turnout! We were amazed at the amount of cakes and treats and overwhelmed by the array of home baking too. It was so lovely to have the opportunity to chat to parents and to also see parents and families connect with each other. We will be running regular coffee mornings throughout the year with different themes such as behaviour and children's health and would love to see you there. 

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! Miss Myers ☺

You're Amazing!



Thank you to everyone for your generosity and support for our Macmillan coffee morning. The event was so well attended and the amount of cakes, biscuits and treats helped us achieve the grand total of

£350.25 for such a worthy cause and a charity close to so many hearts.



Grange Infant School's Values

At our school, we guide our children's behaviour and interactions with their peers and the adults in their lives through our six values of **PLANES**.

These values underpin everything we do, every day and the children quickly recognise these, can talk about each one and know how these values help them to be the best they can be.

We talk to the children about what each value looks like in life and those things they can do to help them fully embrace them, helping them to become unique, successful and independent young citizens.

Each week, the adults in school award certificates to individuals who have demonstrated good examples of where they have worked towards or demonstrated one of these values. Please talk to your child about these values as this home/ school link will really help to embed these.

Polite and Respectful



- Listening and looking at the person who is talking to you
- Using manners and speaking to people with respect
- Sharing and turn taking
- Accepting other people's views even if they are different from our own

Nurture and Care



- Showing care for myself and others
- Taking care of my school and environment
- Helping others
- Being a good friend

Love of Learning



- Persevering even when things get tricky- not giving up!
- Knowing yourself and how you learn best
- Knowing when it is best to work independently or with others
- Learning from mistakes and moving on with learning

Effort from within



- Striving to reach a goal
- Doing a great job
- Working independently
- Making progress in my learning from my own personal starting point

Aiming High



- Having aspiration- being the best you can be!
- Keeping focused and working hard
- Using what you already know to help you learn new things
- Embracing challenge

Safe and Secure



- Making safe choices
- Walking around the school
- Making others feel safe through kind words and actions
- Knowing who I can talk to if I am worried, sad or scared

Weekly attendance: Cool to be In School

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: The Chaffinches with 99.13%

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.

Should your child be unwell and unable to attend that day, please contact the office to let us know and this will be recorded on our registers. During out of office hours, you will be able to leave a message.



Attendance is a key priority for school improvement at Grange Infants. To keep attendance at the forefront of our minds (and our families!), we will be sharing with you the attendance of each class for that week in every newsletter. This is with the intention of our community understanding how important attendance is and the value we place on it in ensuring the children have the best possible start to their education.

This week's results:

Class	Percentage attendance for the week ending 6.10.23
Chaffinches	99.13
Owls	98
Blackbirds	97.67
Robins	97.45
Sparrows	96.07
Wagtails	92.69
Starlings	90

Join our Friendly Team of Governors and Make a Difference to Our School!



Here at Grange Infants, we have a small but passionate Governing Board that oversees, advises and guides the team on the day -to -day life of the school. Whilst this is a voluntary role, it gives so much back and past governors have always shared how much they value the feeling that they have made a difference.

This is where you come in!

We are currently looking to recruit two parent governors to join us. You would be a voice for the children and families but also play an integral role in maintaining our commitment to every child's 'Flying Start'.

If you would like to find out more, please speak to me, Miss Myers and I can take you through the role.

It really is so rewarding!

This is also a useful link to find out more:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/governors/volunteer>



Another Thank you!

Our Harvest Festival has shown again the kindness and generosity of our Grange families this week. We all understand the impact that the cost of living is having on everyone and so your donations really do mean so much and will make a difference to the many families locally who need support. **We will be collecting items until next Friday 13th October.**

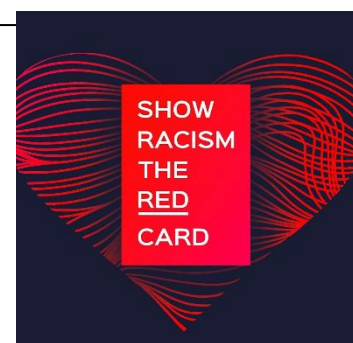
All donations will go to the Salvation Army and local food banks.



Show Racism the Red Card



On Friday 20th October, we are inviting the children to wear something red in recognition of this educational charity's day. This could be a red t-shirt or a sweatshirt to show support for this much valued cause.



Things to look forward to!

Tuesday 10th October: Coffee and a chat with Mrs Kennell and Mrs Cave

Tuesday 10th October: Individual photos 😊

Friday 20th October: Wear **red** to show Racism the Red Card
School closes for the half term break

Monday 30th October: School re-opens for Autumn 2

Tuesday 31st October: Halloween Party for all classes 3.15-4.30pm
More details to follow

Wednesday 1st November: Owls' trip to Fort Nelson

Thursday 2nd November: Blackbirds' trip to Fort Nelson

Tuesday 7th November: Chaffinches trip to Search Museum

Wednesday 8th November: Wagtails' and Robins' trip to Search

INSET dates for this year- we like to give you plenty of warning so you can prepare!

Friday 9th February: Common closure day for Gosport and Fareham schools

Friday 5th July: Transition planning

Monday 22nd July: Behaviour and restorative practice



Morning Drop-off

Our drop-off window is between 8.45 and 8.55am each morning. As you know, this can be a very busy time, so it is essential that the children are **dropped off at their class door** so that we all know they are safely in school. We have had a couple of incidents where children have brought themselves in from the main driveway or the Juniors' site which for young children is too much of a risk.

Thank you for your understanding 😊

Meet the Teacher Meetings

Thank you to those of you in Year 1 and Year 2 who attended parent meetings. If you were unable to make it but would still like to find out how your child is getting on, please get in touch with your child's class teacher via Class Dojo.



Bonkers for Conkers (and pine cones!)

If you're out and about this weekend and spot any conkers or pine cones, Year R would love to have them for their mud kitchen 'recipes' and their 'transient' art work!



Become a Volunteer and make a difference to our School!

We love having volunteers in as part of our team and the difference they make to our children is HUGE!

If you have some spare time and would like to become a volunteer, please ask at the office for more details.



Regular school attendance is an important part of giving children the best possible flying start in life!

Make every minute count.



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. The office opens every morning **at 8.30am**. A message can be left if there is no one to answer the phone or you can email absence through to:

adminoffice@grange-inf.hants.sch.uk

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!



Medical, dental and hospital appointments

With our continued drive towards good attendance of at least 95% and higher, we would ask that all routine medical and dental appointments are made outside of the school day.

However, we are very aware of the current difficulty all of us are having in getting appointments, let alone at specified times. Appointments can be hard to come by, so if you find you are struggling to make one outside of school hours, please can you provide evidence either as a paper copy, forwarding an email or a screenshot of your text. We would also ask for a copy of hospital appointments too for our records.

Attendance so far this term is around 96% which is amazing and we want to maintain this!



Give your child 'a Flying Start'



Is your child starting Year R in 2024?
Come and visit our friendly school in the heart of Rowner, where every child gets a flying start!



Open Events

We are delighted to open our doors to prospective new families on:

Mon 6th November	9.15am
	6.00pm
Wed 8th November	6.00pm



Contact us with any questions!

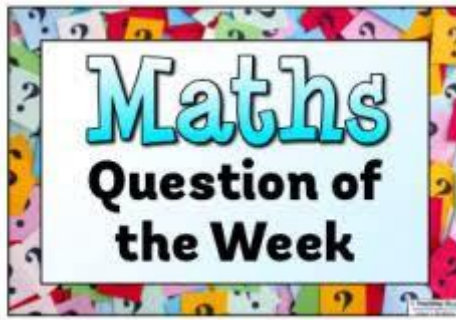
02392582984

adminoffice@grange-inf.hants.sch.uk

www.grangeinfantschool.co.uk

Apply from 1st November 23
at www.hants.gov.uk/admissions

Introducing Mrs Poate's Regular Slot:



I would like to invite children and parents to have a go at the Maths Question of the Week.

These will be open-ended problems that all children from Year R to Year 2 will be able to have a go at.

But choosing to do this problem shouldn't go unrewarded. I will leave a box in the reception area for you to drop off your solutions to the problem. During Celebration Assembly, I will draw one of the entries out of the box and that child will win a small prize. The main reason for doing this is that you will be showing your children that maths and learning are cool and fun things to do. 😊

Button-up



My coat has three different buttons.

Sometimes, I do them up starting with the top button. Sometimes, I start somewhere else.

How many ways can you find to do up my coat?

How will you remember them?

Do you think there are any more? How do you know?

Are you sure you have found all of the ways? Can you prove it?

If you have really enjoyed this problem you could think about what if my coat had 4 buttons?

Please put your entry in the box in reception by Thursday 19th October. The name will be drawn on Friday 20th October in celebration assembly.

Hot Chocolate Friday with Miss Myers

As part of our drive towards the recognition of amazing behaviour and role modelling, I will be inviting a child from each class in Year 1 and Year 2 to join me for hot chocolate and a treat each Friday.

Today was the first recognition treat and I was joined by this delightful group for a chat about why they have been recognised and how proud we all are of them.

You are amazing!



you're
AMAZING
just the way
YOU ARE

Wow & Proud Congratulations



Sparrows

Well done for another super week.
We hope you had fun!
Year R will join Wow & Proud soon.



Starlings

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Chaffinches

Wow Writer goes to **Madiha** for independently writing the Three Little Pigs story!
Proud Pot goes to **Skyla** and **Keegan**, they should be super proud of their retelling and writing of the Three Little Pigs story!



Robins

Wow Writer goes to **Lachlan** for showing huge improvement in his handwriting!
Proud Pot goes to **Aimee-Leigh** for amazing detailed drawings about what we saw from North, South, East and West of the school on our local walk this week!



Wagtails

Wow Writer goes to **Jennifer** for super writing and retelling of the Three Little Pigs story!
Proud Pot goes to **Theo** for enjoying himself so much when writing his Three Little Pigs story he didn't want to stop!



Blackbirds

Wow Writer goes to **Riley** for super ideas and effort!
Proud Pot goes to **Archee** for a beautiful drawing of all his family, showing lots of effort from within!



Owls

Wow Writer goes to **Hazel** for amazing sentences using irregular verbs!
Proud Pot goes to **Eowyn** for learning from her mistakes and showing fantastic perseverance!