

7th October 2024



Things to look forward to!

Tuesday 8th Oct: Individual pupil photos

Thursday 10th Oct: Raptoexotics Visit to Year 2

Wednesday 16th Oct: Nasal Flu Sprays Don't forget to do your consent form!

Friday 18th October: Year R class photos for The News

Thursday 24th October: Halloween parties after school

Friday 25th October: School closes at 3.15pm for the half term break.

Tuesday 5th November: Children return to school for Autumn Term 2



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

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 Monday 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 today 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; I will try and add some recordings to Dojo so you can enjoy watching them singing their hearts out for our celebration. We will be collecting any donations for the rest of this week and this gives you a great opportunity to look through your cupboards for any tins or packets that can be donated to local food banks.

Year 1 continues to embrace new learning, and the showers held off allowing them to enjoy their adventure around our local area, finding out about compass directions, As always, their behaviour was outstanding and I was proud to hear that they stayed true to our PLANES Grange Values.

Year 2 are looking forward to their visit from Dave, and Raptoexotics. This visit is always such a hit with the children as they get to meet and handle an array of unusual creatures.

Thank you to all of you who supported our Macmillan Coffee on 26th September what a turnout! 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 as many of you as possible 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 when it comes around. We can't wait to welcome you back again on Monday! Miss Myers  $\bigodot$ 

#### Macmillan Coffee Morning

A huge THANK YOU to those of you who supported our annual coffee morning in support of Macmillan Cancer Support.
With the donations for wearing something green as well as our popular raffle, we made a much appreciated contribution for this worthy charity!





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#### 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.



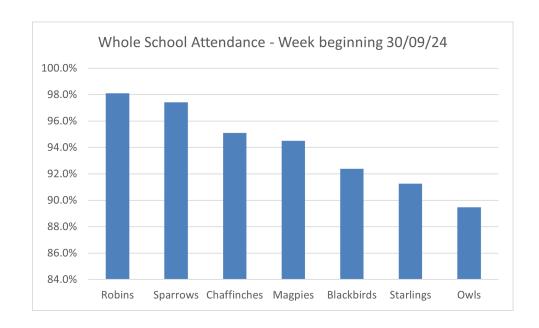
#### Attendance

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: Robins with 98.1%

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!



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#### 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 week.

All donations will go to the Salvation Army and local food banks, including Acts of Kindness.





#### 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 week and spot any conkers or pine cones, Year R would love to have them for their mud kitchen 'recipes' and their 'transient' art work!







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#### Hot Chocolate 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 to join me for hot chocolate and a treat each week. This was launched last year and the children loved coming along and talking about their achievements and proud moments.

Last week was the first Hot Chocolate event 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!





#### Year 1 venture out in the local area!

Last week, Chaffinches and Robins went on a walk around the local area, identifying the compass points of North, South, East and West as well as spotting features such as houses, street signs and shops.

Their behaviour was fantastic and we were all so proud of them for representing the school and being model citizens out and about in public.



#### Nasal Flu Spray

Don't forget to complete your consent for the flu spray which takes place Wednesday next week, 16th October.

The consent form is to give consent OR withhold consent, so it really is important you do the form no matter your decision.

The children's flu vaccine helps protect against flu. It's offered to children aged 2 to 3 years, school-aged children (Reception to Year 11) and children with certain long-term health conditions.















The Immunisation team will be coming to school soon to administer the flu nasal spray to the students.

Date - 16 / 10 / 24

### FLU: 5 REASONS TO GET PROTECTED AGAINST FLU

- Protect your child The vaccine will help protect your child against flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia,
- Protect you, your family and friends Having the vaccine will help protect more vulnerable friends and family.
- No injection needed The nasal spray is painless and easy to have.
- 4. It's better than having flu The nasal spray helps protect against flu and has been given to millions worldwide
- Avoid costs If your child gets flu, you may have to take time off work or arrange alternative childcare



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