



To Our Lovely Grange Families,


10<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn term. I hope you all had a restful and fun half term break and were able to enjoy some quality time with friends and family. It has been so lovely to hear all your news and to have the children back with us again, embracing new learning and ready for the many exciting challenges that lie ahead. It's amazing how much they change from the start of the year and such a privilege for us to see them blossom and grow into the brilliant and successful individuals they are. We can't wait to be part of the next step of their journey.



The Halloween parties were so well supported and we were all so impressed with the creative and imaginative costumes. Amazingly, the children coped well with the change and excitement on their second day back and their behaviour at the parties was, as always, outstanding.

We have loved welcoming new families in to see us in action as part of our open sessions. As always, the children were friendly, polite and gave a warm welcome. The feedback we have had, has been so positive and it's been lovely to hear how our reputation has got out into the community! Some of our visitors felt so at home exploring the Early Years and making new friends, that they didn't want to leave!

This is set to be another busy and productive half term, with the children already excited about a certain 'C' word... There is much to do, see and learn before we approach the festive season but we have started practising our songs and I am already so impressed with the enthusiasm and enjoyment I have seen in their singing. Look out for more details about their performances later on this term. We are very excited that we can once again invite families in to see these very special performances and I'm sure the children will be coming home (if they haven't done so already) giving you a sneaky peak of what they are learning!

Wishing you all a peaceful and restful weekend. 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!

Miss Myers 😊

**PE days: these are the new PE days that that will start from 30<sup>th</sup> October. Please check for the day your child will have PE.**

The children will come to school in their PE kits as we no longer change in school. Please can you make sure **all jewellery** is removed as part of our health and safety guidance.

Please make sure all clothing is clearly named; it is amazing how easily jumpers are lost!

**Starlings and Sparrows: Wednesdays**

**Chaffinches, Robins and Wagtails: Mondays**

**Owls & Blackbirds: Tuesdays** *Y2 will need to wear shorts underneath their trackies/leggings for this gym unit*

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 on top so please **avoid hoodies or other sweatshirts**.

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



## Remembrance Day

### We will remember them

Remembrance Day was a key event for the whole school this morning and we couldn't have been prouder of the children who showed their respect and appreciation in our one minute silence. A huge thank you to the many children who showed such care and creativity in their poppy art. Many of you will have seen the beautiful Remembrance display in our reception porch which was created by Mrs Cripps and Mrs Sayer; thank you to them both for their creativity, thought and care.



Theo, Blackbirds



Aaliyah, Owls

We simply had to share with you these absolutely stunning paintings from Mrs Collinson's Art Club.

I think you'll agree, they are beautiful!

### 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: Wagtails with 95.3%**

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.**



### Whole School Attendance this half term

We have been pleased to see that whole school attendance is on the up!

Whilst this is great news, we have seen that lates are starting to creep back in and this is having a serious impact upon learning, peer to peer interactions and wellbeing.

Would you believe that 5.2 hours were lost last week due to late arrivals!

It is so important that you get your child to school on time to make sure they really are getting the 'flying start' that they deserve.





Things to look forward to!

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November:** Wear Odd Socks to school to launch Anti-Bullying week

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November:** Year R local area walk

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November:** Children in Need- wear Spots/non uniform and bring £1 donation

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November:** Year R Host 'Real life' Superheroes

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November:** Owls trip to Fort Nelson

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December @ 2pm:** Parent and family Christmas decoration afternoon

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December:** Christmas Jumper Day, Christmas Dinner & Christmas Pass Parties!!

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 3.15pm:** School closes for the Christmas break

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January:** School opens for the Spring term 2024!

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

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February:** Common closure day for Gosport and Fareham schools

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July:** Transition planning

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July:** Behaviour and restorative practice



### Anti-Bullying Week 2023

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November sees the start of National Anti-Bullying week. To raise awareness, we are inviting the children to wear odd socks to school. The wackier the better!

### Children in Need 2023

On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November, we will be raising money for this wonderful charity. We are inviting the children to wear spots or non-uniform in exchange for £1.





## We need you!

As part of their topic on Everyday Heroes, Year R would love to hear from anyone who is an essential or key worker and would be prepared to come in and talk to the children about the vital role they play in the community.

This is taking place on **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November** and we need more parents, family members or friends to come and tell the children all about the job they do.

This could be anything from nurse to delivery driver, paramedic to mechanic.

Please pop into the office to find out more or see Miss Brimecome.

Thank you!

## Forces Group

I had the privilege of finding out all about this week's Forces Group activity. They had an amazingly creative (and messy!) session! with Mrs Sayer making spoon characters. This time of shared experience is so important for these children who all have parents who are currently deployed. Being able to talk freely about feelings with friends who truly understand makes all the difference in building resilience to cope with the ups and downs of forces life.

Communication is key so please let Mrs Sayer know of all current and future deployments.



## Hot Chocolate Friday

Since my last newsletter, I have had the pleasure of meeting with two more groups of fantastic role models for hot chocolate and a biscuit. I loved hearing about what they had achieved and the impact they have had on their family and friends.

A huge congratulations to the children who joined me for a treat this week.

I am so proud of you all for your amazing achievements and for always keeping our Grange Values!

You are amazing!



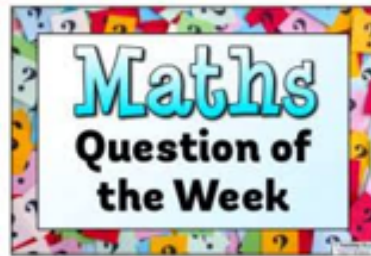
Over the last two of weeks both year 1 and Year 2 have had the chance to go on school trips and to experience some amazing activities that have enhanced their curriculum and helped to inspire excitement and curiosity.

**Blackbirds enjoyed a day out at The Royal Armouries for their workshop on Florence Nightingale.**



**Robins, Wagtails & Chaffinches had great fun at Search Museum, learning all about Toys, Old and New.**





Thank you to all the Mums and Dads who supported their children with last week's button problem.

Here is another maths question. Remember, these are open ended activities that all children from Year R to Year 2 will be able to have a go at.

I will leave a box in the reception area to you to drop off your solutions to the problem. There will be printed versions for you to pick up from there too. 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. 😊

## Fruity Pairs



Kate and her brother, Sam, take a snack to school everyday.

Today they find a pot of raisins, a banana and two apples in the kitchen. They choose one item each.

What could Kate and Sam choose?  
Can you think of a different combination of two items?  
Can you find **all** the combinations of two items?  
How do you know you have got them all?

For a tougher challenge-

Mum complains that all the food they eat costs her a lot of money!  
She works out that a pot of raisins is 11p, a banana is 14p and an apple is 27p.

Can you order the different possible choices from the pair that costs the least to the pair that is most expensive?

How did you decide? We would love to hear your reasoning.

Please put your entry in the box in reception by Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November. The name will be drawn on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November in celebration assembly.



# WOW & PROUD

## CONGRATULATIONS



### *Chaffinches*

Wow Writer goes to **Roman** for his brilliant toy label with clever adjectives!

Proud Pot goes to **Evie L-E** for being a great learner on the school trip to SEARCH museum!



### *Sparrows*

Wow Writer goes to **Nancy** for writing her name and Ch sounds correctly!

Proud Pot goes to **Reggie** for doing a special job with the Read, Write Inc visitor yesterday!



### *Robins*

Wow Writer goes to **Noah** for work on his toy writing - super handwriting!

Proud Pot goes to **Ruben** for his lovely, accurate painting of a toy penguin!



### *Starlings*

Wow Writer goes to **Isaac** for writing his name and showing perseverance with letters he found tricky!

Proud Pot goes to **Tiana** for super rhyming words!



### *Wagtails*

Wow Writer goes to **Conor** for writing his sounds!

Proud Pot goes to **Jaxon** and ALL the Wagtails for their excellent behaviour and learning on the school trip!



### *Blackbirds*

Wow Writer goes to **Logan** for his beautiful Poppy poem!

Proud Pot goes to **Riley** for super work on fractions in Maths, working on yellow/green and purple headers!



### *Owls*

Wow Writer goes to **Julia** for her amazing and respectful Poppy poem!

Proud Pot goes to **Harley** for super work on fractions in Maths, working on green and purple headers!