



Things to look forward to!

Mon 25th March:

Easter Bonnet Parades

YR: 9am

Y1: 9.30am

Y2: 10.00am

Wed 27th March:

Easter Raffle Draw

Thur 28th March:

KS1 Homework Showcase

School closes at 3.15pm
for the Easter holidays

Mon 15th April:

The summer term begins!

Thur 2nd May:

Polling Day Closure

Fri 24th May:

School closes at 3.15pm
for the half term break

Mon 22nd July:

Last day of Summer term,
it's a Monday Fun Day!

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

Fri 5th July:

Transition planning

Tue 23rd July:

Behaviour and restorative practice



Dear Grange Families,

And so another week ends and we are fast approaching the Easter break. With only one week to go until Easter, the week ahead is going to be a busy one, packed full of Easter themed activities and events, a 'goodbye and good luck', as well as a visit from local authority! Thank goodness it looks like Spring may be finally on it's way, with a hint of blue skies and sunshine ahead.

Now that Spring is in the air, we can start to think about learning through the great outdoors, exploring what the local area has to offer from our field and wooded area, to Alver Valley and the beach. We are so lucky to live in an area of such rich and diverse culture and it is important that the children get to explore what the environment has to offer. Our curriculum always looks to develop the children's understanding of global impact, sustainability and ways to look after the planet. With Earth Hour taking place tomorrow and nature starting to wake up, now is the perfect time to think about the importance of caring for the planet, preparing the children for the future ahead.

We are all looking forward to an annual Easter Bonnet Parades on Monday and can't wait to see the school bursting with creativity and colour. It has been lovely to hear about the unique and resourceful ways that the hats, headbands and bonnets are being made and I have no doubt that the children (and the adults at home!) have enjoyed this project.

Please remember, there's always someone here to help, to advise and to listen. No worry, query or question is ever too big or too small! Find us on the playground in the morning and at the end of the day, or pop into the office to see one of the lovely office staff.

Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Myers 😊



Easter Bonnet Parades

It's nearly that time of year again when the mini eggs and fluffy, yellow chicks make their annual appearance!

We will be holding our Easter bonnet parades on Monday 25th March at:

Year R: 9am

Year 1: 9.30

Year 2: 10am

The forecast is not looking great, so the parades will be held in our hall; please make your way to the main entrance just before the start time.

Please remember you don't need to spend out on decorations; we would rather see those creative, home-made hats!



Friday Flyer

22nd March 2024

PE Days for the Spring Term 2024



There have been no changes to PE days, but here is a reminder of them below!

Year R

Starlings/Sparrows:
Wednesdays

Year 1

Chaffinches/Robins/
Wagtails: Mondays

Year 2

Owls/Blackbirds:
Tuesdays

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 on top so please avoid hoodies or other sweatshirts.

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



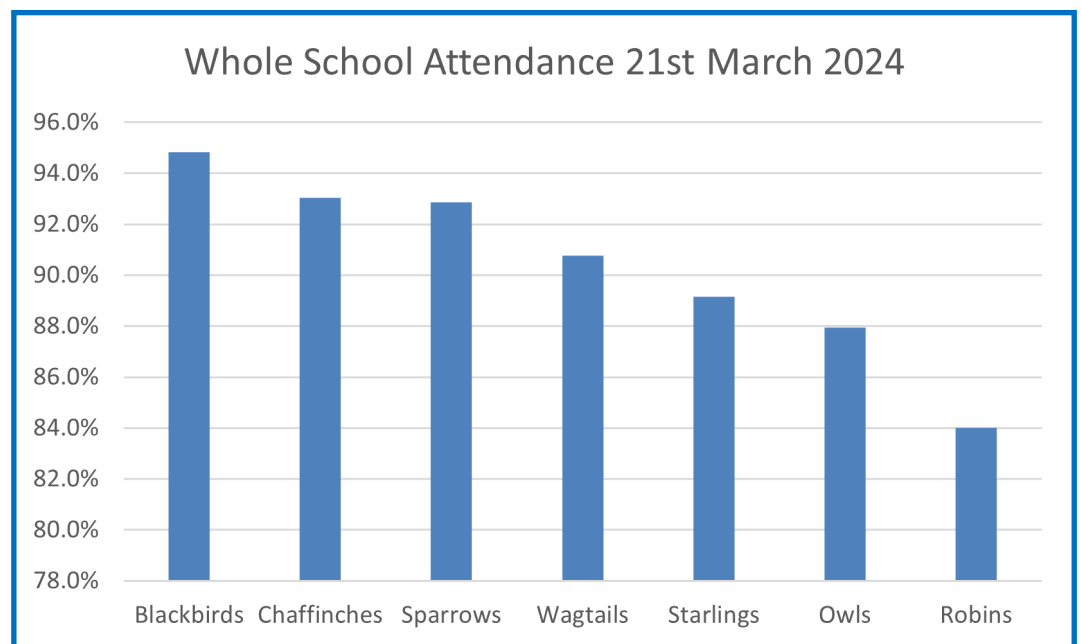
Attendance

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:
Blackbirds with 94.83%**

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!

Earth Hour 2024

On Saturday, 23rd March at 8.30pm, millions of people across the globe will unite to show that they care about the future of our planet, by switching off for one hour.

It really is that simple but could have such a huge impact. Just switch off your lights or devices for one hour. Think about other quick changes you could make for that hour; turn off the heating and put on a jumper, have a picnic tea!

Use this link to find out more about what you can do to support this event:

https://www.wwf.org.uk/earth-hour?utm_source=Grants&utm_medium=PaidSearch&utm_campaign=EarthHour2024&utm_term=EarthHour2024&utm_content=EarthHour2024&utm_referrer=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.wwf.org.uk%2Fearth-hour%3Futm_source%3DGrants%26utm_medium%3DPaidSearch



Red Nose Day 2024

Wear what makes you happy!

Thank you so much for your support today for such a worthwhile cause. It was wonderful to see the array of 'happy' outfits and smiling faces.



Warmer weather wakes up the bugs!

We are so lucky to have a large amount of open space here that the children can access in warmer weather. After the Easter break, we are hoping the children can access our field every day and enjoy this open space. Whilst the children love being able to run freely and access our climbing and fitness equipment, this does mean that we may see an increase in bugs such as mosquitos and ticks.

As many of you will be aware, we share the school site with a couple of families of foxes and whilst we love the relationship we have with nature, there are always things we need to be aware of...

Foxes and other British wildlife, carry ticks and these can be transferred onto long grass as they walk through. We remind children not to venture into longer grass and we do have the grass cut regularly but there is still the risk that ticks can be picked up. Please look out for these little critters and use the link below for advice should you find one:

<https://www.nhsinform.scot/illnesses-and-conditions/injuries/skin-injuries/tick-bites>

Children may also be more prone to allergic reactions to mosquito and midge bites, so should your child get a bite and need additional medication, please can you bring in a labelled bottle of anti-histamine/ Piriton as we are in very short supply.



The Chickens come to Year R!

Year R had some unusual visitors last week when Izzy and her chickens came to say hello! The children will be learning about the farm next term so this was a brilliant taster session to get them hooked in! A huge thank you to Izzy for coming in and sharing her passion for working with all sorts of creatures both feathered and furred!



Wow and Proud Congratulations



Sparrows

Wow Writer is **Hunter** for beautiful letter formation and reducing the size of his writing to write a beautiful sentence!

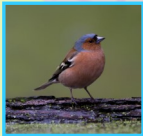
Proud Pot is **Olivia** for being kind & respectful on the carpet and listening to grown-ups!

Starlings



Wow Writer is **Ayla** for writing her simple phrase using her kinetic letters!

Proud Pot is **Theo A** for working really hard when he is oral blending!



Chaffinches

Wow Writer is **Roman** for writing a super description of his wild thing!

Proud Pot is **Keegan** for writing his wild thing description independently!

Robins



Wow Writer is **Emily** for her work on fractions!

Proud Pot is **Henry** for his work on fractions!

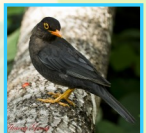


Wagtails

Wow Writer is **Evie D** for writing 4 amazing poems on World Poetry Day!

Proud Pot is **Jennifer** for persevering and making a lovely collage!

Blackbirds



Wow Writer is **Alfie** for his brilliant Titanic poster!

Proud Pot is **Melody** for her beautiful Titanic painting!



Owls

Wow Writer is **Mason** for a detailed non-chronological report about the Titanic!

Proud Pot is **Owen** for absolutely smashing purple headers in Maths this week!

Thank you for all your donations for the Easter Raffle!

If you forgot to bring it to school today, it's not too late,
you are welcome to bring up to the office next week. Thank you!

