



Things to look forward to!

Fri 24th May:

School closes at 3.15pm for the half term break

Wed 5th June:

Stories, Songs and Smiles sessions start for our new entrants

Fri 7th June:

Grange Infants Forces Day

Wed 12th June:

Y2 trip to Arundel Wetlands

Fri 14th June:

Y1 beach trip

Thurs 27th June:

Transition workshops for Y2

Tues 2nd July: Transition Coffee afternoon 2pm, more details coming soon!

Thurs 4th July:

Polling Day CLOSURE AND Summer Fayre 3.30-5.30pm

Fri 5th July:

School closed for INSET

Weds 17th July:

Y2 leavers' performance at St Mary's church 2pm

Mon 22nd July:

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

Mon 22nd July:

School Sports Afternoon at 2pm- families invited!

More details to follow!

Tues 23rd July:

School closed for INSET



Happy Friday Grange Families,

A big thank you to all of the children for an amazing couple of weeks in which I have loved seeing the many achievements and successes across the school. No matter whether it's small steps or giant leaps, I am always so proud of the children at Grange Infants and what effort they put into their learning, as well as their behaviour. It never fails to make me smile when I see children overcome a challenge or have one of those 'light bulb moments' when things simply click into place. Well done to everyone for keeping our Grange Infant School Values and shining bright!

It is hard to believe that we are heading into the May half term break but as the saying goes, 'Times flies when you're having fun!' Teams have been busy planning the final half term and we have lots of exciting trips ahead for many of the children. It has been so nice to have a few sunny, warm days and we hope many more are ahead of us so we can make the most of our wonderful grounds and open spaces.

Our after school clubs continue to be a great success and we are proud of the opportunity we give the children to develop those important life skills such as cooking, gardening and art. I must thank the wonderful staff who give their time to run these clubs and in investing so much thought into activities and experiences. It has also been great to welcome Activeme360 and FunkdDance to widen our offer to the children.

There are lots of dates for you in this newsletter, so please take the time to read through and add them to your calendars so you don't miss anything. It's certainly going to be a busy end to the year!

As always, I wish you a relaxing and restful half term break. Stay safe and have fun!

My email will be checked daily: s.myers@grange-inf.hants.sch.uk

Best wishes, Miss Myers 😊



Friday Flyer

24th May 2024

PE Days for the Summer Term 2024



PE DAYS -

SOME CHANGES after HALF TERM!!

Year R

Starlings/Sparrows: MONDAYS

Year 1

Chaffinches/Robins/Wagtails: THURSDAYS

Year 2

Owls/Blackbirds: TUESDAYS

AND

Owls Athletics: THURSDAYS

Blackbirds Athletics: FRIDAYS

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.

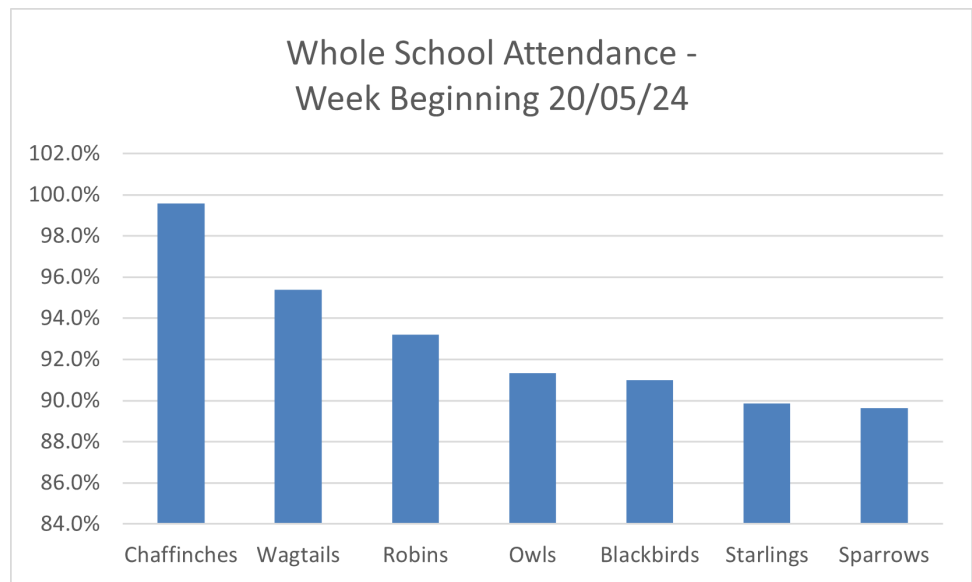
Attendance

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: Chaffinches with 99.7%

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!

Punctuality

Children should not arrive on school property unattended.

All latecomers must report to the office upon arrival, with the adult signing the child in on the sign-in sheet.

We have noticed that lates are becoming more and more frequent, and this does have a knock-on effect for the office team, the classroom staff and of course for the children. The beginning of the day sets the tone for the rest of the day's activities, and a smooth start is more likely to result in a stress-free day all round!

The children place their lunch orders during morning register and these are submitted to the office team at 9am, at which point all registrations codes and lunch orders are counted and verified before submitting to the head of the kitchen team. As you will understand, this is an extremely high importance task, and very difficult to do when a large number of children are arriving late! If you know you are going to be late, please call the office as soon as possible to place your child's lunch selection over the phone and in advance.

We must also inform our families that we have reviewed the reasons being provided by parents and in many cases, these reasons are not acceptable or appropriate. We take pride in our strong relationships with our families and will always endeavour to be sensitive to individual needs, however we must reinforce to parents the importance of arriving at school, on time, at the classroom doors, between **8.45-8.55am.**

Here are some helpful tips on how to make your morning run more smoothly to help with arriving on time:

Preparation is key! The more you can plan the day before, the less there is to go wrong in the morning.



- Plan breakfast ahead. Something quick and easy like cereal or toast, or fresh fruit and yoghurt are all a great way to start the day. Overnight oats are another breakfast winner and a versatile way of enjoying porridge during the warmer months!



- The same goes for packed lunches, if your child is having one, plan this the night before, or allow extra time in the morning to make the meal.



- Check your child's PE day and have their school uniform or PE kit all out, ready to put straight on in the morning. Leave shoes and bookbags by the front door!



- Set your alarm the night before, and check, check, check again! It's also worth setting a back up alarm for 5 minutes afterwards. Maybe consider setting a regular alarm on a smart speaker, if you have one, or a timer for the radio to come on so you can wake up to some music!

- Make sure your phone is fully charged before you go to bed! A flat battery will result in the alarm not going off. It is not recommended to leave devices on charge overnight, so maybe consider plugging your phone in earlier in the evening. This might result in you having less screen time which is also helpful for a good night's sleep.



- Have set bedtimes that everyone sticks to (easier said than done, we know!) or at least a calm routine in the evenings, perhaps a relaxing bath followed by a bedtime story - good for grown ups as well as the children!



- Manage distractions! Consider the activities your children have access to in the mornings. If using a tablet or games console, or football is going to distract them from getting ready, maybe this would be better as a reward for when they get home from school.

- Allow time for things to go wrong! When setting your morning routine, allow an extra 10-15 minutes in case of any emotional dysregulation, extra 'emergency' visits to the loo, forgetting to put something in the bookbag, etc, etc!

- If you are running late for any reason, please call the lovely ladies at the office ASAP so they can make arrangements for your child's arrival, and prepare to sign-in with your reason for being late.

- Always remember that there is no judgment. We are here to help!



Your Speak out. Stay safe. certificate

Awarded to:

Grange Infant School

A massive thank you and a big well done to all pupils for being such great listeners and taking part in *Speak out*.
Stay safe. with Buddy.



Peter Wanless
Chief Executive

Date: May 2024

Thank you for
helping to keep
more children safe!



NSPCC

EVERY CHILDHOOD IS WORTH FIGHTING FOR

NSPCC: Speak Out Stay Safe

PANTS

Over the last couple of weeks, we have focused upon safeguarding and in empowering children to keep themselves safe.

All children in school took part in our Speak Out, Stay Safe assembly and we then welcomed NSPCC volunteers into school to run workshops with our Year 2 classes.

This education for our children is invaluable and is just one part of our on-going safeguarding curriculum that runs throughout all year groups.

If you would like to find out more or would like to discuss things further with your child, the website has great support and advice for families:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/pants-underwear-rule/>



Keeping Safe Online

Top Tips

Following the item in our last newsletter about online safety, we will be adding 'top tips' for parents and families to ensure they are keeping their children safe on line and are aware of current apps and games to be look out for that could pose a risk.

This week, our topic is 'Parental Controls' and ensuring you are putting safeguarding strategies in place to check that the content they view or the games they access are suitable for their age and approved for child -access in the UK.

The following link will take you to the NSPCC page that has some brilliant advice around how you set parental controls on devices ensuring effective filtering and monitoring of what your child is accessing:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/parental-controls/>

NSPCC

Parental controls

Get advice on setting up parental controls to help keep your child safe online.



Annual Parent and Families Survey 2024

Our annual parent survey came out yesterday.

This is such a valuable way of our families communicating their views about the school and it gives opportunity to identify strengths as well as areas to develop. As we have done before, there will be a prize draw of all participants, with a £25 voucher going to the winner!

Please return your completed form by Wednesday 5th June for a chance to win the voucher.

Your views, thoughts and suggestions are such a great way for us to seek to make improvements and to make Grange Infants the best it can be!

Thank you

Parent Survey

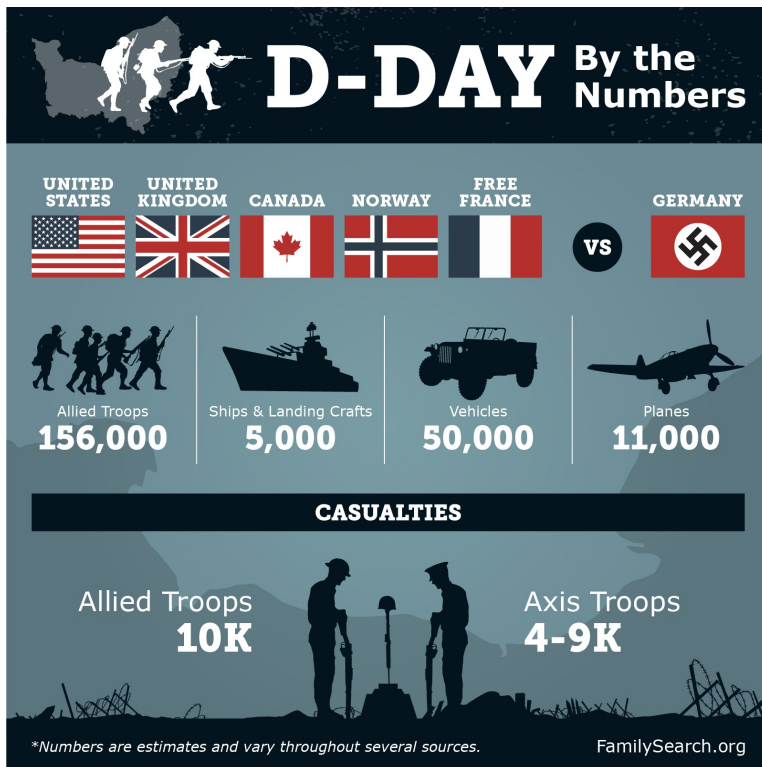


Your Opinion Counts

Forces Day - Friday 7th June 2024

As you know, we are a Forces School and very proud to be!

6th June marks the 80th anniversary of the of the D-Day landings along the Normandy coast during World War II. We will be celebrating the event in school on Friday 7th June, inviting the children to come to school dressed either in costumes or in clothes which are in some way representative of our countries forces. Please do not go to any great expense, we absolutely love a homemade costume and even a subtle tribute to the brave men and women will be absolutely fine. The children will move around school doing a range of fun and informative activities and we hope to make it a day to remember!





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Summer Fayre 2024

Thursday 4th July - 3.30-5.30pm

Join us on the field for lots of fun!



Jungle Run

Trampolines

Go-Karting

Bouncy Castle

Ice Cream

Carousel

Refreshments

Coconut Shy

Hot Food

Teddy Tombola

Hook-a-Duck

AND MORE!

Variety of Stalls

Bounce-Band

Buy a pass for unlimited use of the inflatables for £5!

Please bring cash as we are unable to accept card payments. Thank you!

If you would like to host a table-top stall, please contact your child's school office directly to book.

Stalls are available for £20 for school fundraising but all profits made are yours to keep!

Any parent volunteers available to help will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your continued support of our school community ♥.

School will be closed during the day on Thursday 4th July as the Juniors are being used a Polling Station.

However, as our fayre is taking place out of school hours and parents will be with their children, the event can still go ahead! Wahoo!

Why not pop next door, place your vote, and stick around for all the fun of the fayre!

Wow and Proud Congratulations



Sparrows

Wow Writer is **Vincent** for writing a simple phrase!

Proud Pot is **Logan** for his excellent behaviour this week & keeping our Grange Values!

Starlings

Wow Writer is **Tiana** for using 'and' in her sentence!

Proud Pot is **Esmae** for her lovely chick drawing!



Chaffinches

Wow Writer is **Mary-May** for super writing about amazing plants!

Proud Pot is **Evie LE** for her fabulous gardening project!

Robins

Wow Writer is **Kaycee-Mae** for excellent writing about amazing plants!

Proud Pot is **Lachlan** for the amazing rain stick he made for his homework project!



Wagtails

Wow Writer is **Jennifer** for amazing writing about amazing plants!

Proud Pot is **Austin** for beautiful neat writing when writing about plants!

Blackbirds

Wow Writer is **Felicity** for her wonderful Bee poster!

Proud Pot is **Alex B** for his awesome Bee homework project!



Owls

Wow Writer is **Sofia** for a beautiful poster about saving the bees!

Proud Pot is **Peter** for his lovely 'forever dandelion' homework project!