



26<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Happy Friday Everyone,

As you are aware, we were visited by Ofsted this week. During the two day inspection, the HMI inspector, Chris Parker, spent time with staff and most importantly, the children, to gain a true picture of Grange Infant School.

Although we are unable to share the outcome of this inspection until the final draft is released, we want to thank our whole school community for the care and support that has been given. The preparation by the staff team for the process ensured a smooth inspection and Mr Parker shared that he could see the journey that Grange Infants is on.

The staff showed their unquestionable commitment to the children and the children themselves, were amazing. We really couldn't have been more proud. A special thank you must go to the five children who read to Mr Parker as well as the group of 6, who spent time with him chatting about the school and their love of reading. Thank you to Oscar T-P, Esmee H, Riley S, Marcus, Ruby-Rai, Melissa, Spencer, Jim, Emilia-Rose, Elizabeth and Henry. You were superstars!

The children are at the heart of everything we do and whilst we always maintain high expectations for their learning, their happiness and their safety always come first. At every part of the inspection, from Year R all the way to year 2, we saw happy faces and children that clearly loved being at Grange. We have all agreed how lucky we are to be part of their journey and the privilege it is to give them their 'flying start'.

Mr Parker would like to pass on his thanks to the children and staff for being so warm and welcoming. He would also like to thank those of you who completed the 'Parent View' online questionnaire, for your honest feedback and for taking the time to share your view of our school.

The report now enters a process of quality assurance and although this can take time, we are hopeful to be able to share the outcomes by the end of term.

Please remember, that staff, like you, will have to wait for the final outcome, so won't be able to tell you anything!

May we take this opportunity to wish you all a restful and relaxing half term break.

We look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June.

Miss Myers ☺

Headteacher

Mr Rod Feilder

Chair of Governors

### 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: Woodpeckers with 98%**

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!

**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.**

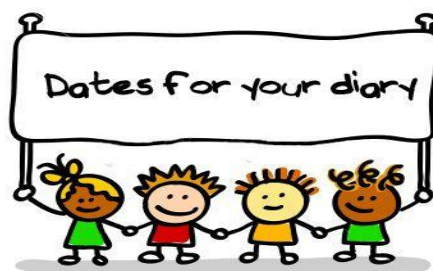
**During out of office hours, you will be able to leave a message.**



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 26.5.23
Woodpeckers	98
Blackbirds	96.92
Starlings	96.09
Wagtails	93.48
Chaffinches	92.67
Robins	92.07
Owls	90.87
Sparrows	86



### Things to look forward to!

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May:** School closes at 3.15 for the half term break

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June:** School re-opens at 8.45 for Summer 2

**Week beginning 5<sup>th</sup> June:** Key stage 1 beach trips *Letters going home in bookbags today!*

**Week beginning 12<sup>th</sup> June:** Phonics screening test for Year 1

**Week beginning 12<sup>th</sup> June:** Songs, Stories and Smiles sessions for new entrants begin

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July:** Transition morning for Year 2 children who are going to Grange Juniors

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July:** School closed for INSET- Transition planning

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July:** School closes for the Summer holidays at 1.30pm

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July:** The Grange Schools' Summer Fayre from 1.30pm! *Watch this space for more details!*

### INSET days for 23/24

We want to give our families as much notice as we can for our INSET day closures next year. Every school takes 5 INSETs a year for training and development.

We have agreed the following 4 dates and will need to confirm the 5<sup>th</sup> one at a later date once training has been agreed and booked.

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September:** Phonics whole school training

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September:** Safeguarding and behaviour

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

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

### PE days for the Summer 2

Please check which day your child will need to come to school in their PE kit as these have changed for the new term. Please can we ask that PE kit consists of plain trackies in black or blue (or dark coloured shorts in warmer weather), a white t-shirt and either the school jumper or a dark coloured sweatshirt.

**Earrings and jewellery must be removed before the start of the day.**

Owls, Wagtails: **Tuesday**

Blackbirds: **Wednesday and Friday**

Robins and Chaffinches: **Thursday**

Starlings, Sparrows and Woodpeckers: **Monday**



## Wall of Fame 2023

Assembly: Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June

This is a reminder of Mrs Serridge's, project 'Wall of Fame'.

This celebrates the active lives of our children and promotes the value of sport, fitness and well-being.

Please make sure you return the form for your child to join in so that they can share the sport or activity they do outside of school. *Letters are going home today!*

**LAST DAY TO RETURN IS FRIDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> JUNE!**



With the hope of warmer days ahead, please can we remind you all about sun safety and well-being.

Every child should have their water bottle in school every day. All classes have access to water dispensers so that bottles can be topped up during the day as we are encouraging them to drink more to keep hydrated.

On warmer, sunny days, please can we ask for your child to come to school with an application of sun cream already on. Under health and safety guidance, we cannot apply sun cream to any child but can guide and support them in doing it themselves should they need an additional application.

Sun hats are great for shading little faces and eyes. **Please make sure all hats are named clearly!**



## Tick Alert

We are so lucky to have a large amount of open space here that the children can access in warmer weather.

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>





# Wow & Proud Congratulations

Happy Half-Term!



## Sparrows

Wow Writer goes to **Evelyn** for independently writing a sentence during her morning job!

Proud Pot goes to **Leighton** for his excellent observational drawing of a chick using the correct colours!



## Woodpeckers

Wow Writer goes to **Mila-Rose** for writing sentences independently during morning jobs - lovely work!

Proud Pot goes to **Archie** for his fantastic drawing of a rocket in 'draw with me'!



## Robins

Wow Writer goes to **Eowyn** for an amazing letter using good vocabulary!

Proud Pot goes to **Mason** and **Jack D** for their DT plant support that has been made and is now in our veg garden!



## Owls

Wow Writer goes to **Scarlett** for beautiful writing, nice neat work!

Proud Pot goes to **Ely** for fantastic productivity!



## Starlings

Wow Writer goes to **Alisia** for using capital letters, full stops and finger spaces in her sentences!

Proud Pot goes to **Ruby-May** for excellent use of pastels in her observational drawing of a chick!



## Chaffinches

Wow Writer goes to **Alfie** for being so productive with his writing!

Proud Pot goes to **Michael** for his super writing and productivity!



## Blackbirds

Wow Writer goes to **Evie** for editing and improving her newspaper report!

Proud Pot goes to **Ava**, **Jim** and **Omari** for their super teamwork and their fantastic group DT plant support design!



## Wagtails

Wow Writer goes to **Adam** for the most beautiful handwriting!

Proud Pot goes to **Violet B** for being very resilient all week and for her beautiful project!



Love of Learning



# Mathletics



CONGRATULATIONS to:

- Violet B - Wagtails
- Elizabeth - Owls
- Charlie - Wagtails
- Aimee - Robins
- Spencer - Wagtails
- Kawsar - Wagtails
- Shania - Owls

For aiming high! And achieving a Mathletics certificate this week, well done for all your hard work.



Aiming High





Some ideas for food and fun over half term!

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Monday 29th May - Pick Up a Packed Lunch

Tuesday 30th May - Full Holiday Kitchen Club!

Wednesday 31st May - Pick Up a Packed Lunch

Thursday 1st June - Pick Up a Packed Lunch

Friday 2nd June - Pick Up a Packed Lunch

**PACKED LUNCH PICK UP 10.30 TILL 11 O'CLOCK**

**TUESDAY HOLIDAY KITCHEN CLUB 12 - 1.30PM**

Please use the sign up sheet and tell us your sandwich choice!



# STANDING WITH GIANTS

On display until Sunday 9 July 2023



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