




To Our Lovely Grange Families,

4th November 2022

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.



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. Dates are below on the calendar! 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!

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 first day back and their behaviour at the parties was, as always, outstanding.

It really has been so lovely to welcome you all back. 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 for this half term! Please check for your child's PE Day.

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, Sparrows and Woodpeckers: Tuesdays

Chaffinches and Robins: Mondays

Wagtails: Wednesdays - Full PE Kit AND Thursdays - Full PE Kit

Blackbirds: Wednesdays - Full PE Kit AND Fridays - School Uniform and Trainers

Owls: Thursdays - Full PE Kit AND Fridays - School Uniform and Trainers

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.



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: The Sparrows with 99.5%

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.



Regular school attendance is an important part of giving children the best possible flying start in life!

Make every minute count.





Children in Need is On Friday 18th November.

This is such a great event and as a school, we have always shown our support. This year we are asking staff and children to come dressed in something spotty or Pudsey-related for the day and to bring a **£1 donation**.

Thank you!

School Uniform

It has been lovely to see the children looking so smart in their uniform!

The office is well stocked with everything you need so please pop in during school hours.

We also have a large amount of good quality, second-hand uniform available, so let the office know if you need anything.



Flu Vaccine

The children's nasal spray flu vaccine is safe and effective. It's offered every year to children to help protect them against flu.

Flu is caused by the influenza virus. It can be a very unpleasant illness for children. It can also lead to serious problems, such as bronchitis and pneumonia.

It is now usual practice for children to have their flu vaccine in school. This is done using a nasal spray that the school nursing team will carry out on **Monday 5th December**.

Please look out for the consent letter which has been emailed out and complete the online consent form to ensure that your child gets this vaccine.



Hello and Welcome!

A warm welcome to our new team members who are joining us this half term.

Mrs Groome, Miss Parkins and Mrs Webber are all new teaching assistants in Year R. We looking forward to you all being part of our Grange team!

Mrs Pospiech is joining the Blackbirds class as a teaching assistant and Miss Kildea has also joined the Blackbirds as their teaching assistant for three days a week.

Welcome to you all! We know you will love being part of our school community!



Things to look forward to!

Tuesday 8th November: SEARCH visit for Owls and Wagtails

Wednesday 9th November: SEARCH visit for Blackbirds and Robins

Thursday 10th November: SEARCH visit for Chaffinches

Friday 18th November: Children in Need: Wear something spotty and be Spot-tacular for a £1 donation

Thursday 24th November: Reading event launch- more details to follow

Wednesday 30th November: Parent Christmas decoration afternoon at 2pm- more details to follow

Thursday 8th December: Christmas Jumper Day (bring in chocolate for our raffle), Christmas dinner and Christmas parties after school- more details to follow

Monday 12th December: Year 1 Christmas performance at 2pm in St Mary's Church

Tuesday 13th December: Year 2 Christmas performance at 2pm in St Mary's Church

Wednesday 14th December: Year R Christmas performances in the school hall. There are 2 slots available, one at 10am and one at 2pm. More details to follow about booking seats.

Thursday 15th December: Year 1 and Year 2 homework showcase after drop off

INSET dates for this year- we like to give you plenty of warning so you can prepare! These dates are the same as the Junior school

Friday 10th February: Common closure day for Gosport and Fareham schools

Friday 7th July: Transition planning



SEARCH visits

A quick reminder that Year 1 and Year 2 will be visiting SEARCH museum next week. Please pop permission slips and money into your child's class by Monday.

Year 1 and Year 2 had an amazing time learning the story of Diwali through dance with the lovely Millie from West End in Schools. The engagement and enjoyment was a delight to watch and I was so impressed with how quickly the children learnt all of the moves, ready to perform their finishing piece!





Starting school in September 2022

If your child is 4 or will turn 4 before 1 September 2022,
they can start school in September 2022.

For more information go to www.hants.gov.uk/admissions
Applications open for Hampshire residents on 1 November 2021

**THE NATIONAL CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS
SATURDAY 15 JANUARY 2022**

We will be hosting tours of the school on the following dates.

Please contact the office to book a slot to come and see us and see our amazing Early Years unit!

Please pass these details on to anyone you know who will be looking for a school place for September 2023 in our local area.

Tour dates:

Monday 7th November at 6pm

Tuesday 8th November at 1.30pm

Monday 14th November at 1.30pm

Tuesday 15th November at 1.30pm

Wednesday 16th November at 6pm

Tel: 02392 58298

Wow and Proud

Congratulations



Blackbirds

Wow Writer goes to Jeron for his super handwriting!

Proud Pot goes to Aaron for super effort in reading and moving up 2x Read Write Inc levels!

Owls

Wow Writer goes to Aakangshya for her excellent toy writing!

Proud Pot goes to Eddie for his incredible Power Ranger toy painting!



Wagtails

Wow Writer goes to Esmal for brilliant letter writing!

Proud Pot goes to Adam for a fantastic first week at our school!



Chaffinches

Wow Writer goes to Owen for lovely near handwriting!

Proud Pot goes to Theo R for his brilliant video about Gosport for his homework project!



Sparrows

Wow Writer goes to Jasper (JJ) for super handwriting!

Proud Pot goes to Kaydesh for coming to KS1 for phonics and moving up to pink!



Robins

Wow Writer goes to Finley for his fantastic adjectives!

Proud Pot goes to Hazal for her amazing toy drawings!



Woodpeckers

Wow Writer goes to Emelia for brilliant CVC words!

Proud Pot goes to Chase for being polite and respectful to his friends!



Starlings

Wow Writer goes to Theo for brilliant Y sounds!

Proud Pot goes to Ralf for writing the word 'frog' beautifully!

