




To Our Lovely Grange Families,

7<sup>th</sup> October 2022

Welcome to another Friday Flyer! I don't know where the time goes and I can't believe how quickly we are approaching the half term. Our wonderful Year Rs are settled in and doing so well, making new friends, exploring their fantastic learning base and already making great progress in their learning. Watching them arrive at school every morning with such confidence and huge beaming smiles, really is so lovely and they have become a welcome and much loved part of the Grange family. They joined the rest of the school this week for our Harvest celebration and their fantastic performance of 'Big Red Combine Harvester' brought a smile to everyone's face! A huge well done to Year 1 and Year 2 for their performances too. We were joined by Clare and Jude from St Mary's church who led our celebration and it was a real treat for them to meet all of the children and see how generous our community has been!

Year 1 and Year 2 continue to embrace new learning, and despite the rather blustery and damp weather, enjoyed their adventure around the 17<sup>th</sup> Century Village, Little Woodham. As always, their behaviour was outstanding and I was proud to hear that they stayed true to our PLANES Grange Values even when they were distracted by the antics of another local junior school!

Thank you to all of you who supported our Macmillan Coffee morning last Friday- what a turnout! We were amazed at the amount of cakes and treats and overwhelmed by the array of home baking too. Based on the success of the day, we will be looking to offer other coffee morning opportunities families can drop in to chat over a cuppa and a biscuit. Watch this space for more... 

It really has been so lovely to see so many of you and to hear all of your news. 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. May I wish you all a wonderful and restful weekend. We can't wait to welcome you back again on Monday! Miss Myers ☺

**You're Amazing!**



Thank you to everyone for your generosity and support for our Macmillan coffee morning. The event was so well attended and the amount of cakes, biscuits and treats helped us achieve the grand total of **£271.19** for such a worthy cause and a charity close to so many hearts.



## Grange Infant School's Values

At our school, we guide our children's behaviour and interactions with their peers and the adults in their lives through our six values of **PLANES**

These values underpin everything we do, every day and the children quickly recognise these, can talk about each one and know how these values help them to be the best they can be.

We talk to the children about what each value looks like in life and those things they can do to help them fully embrace them, helping them to become unique, successful and independent young citizens.

Each week, the adults in school award certificates to individuals who have demonstrated good examples of where they have worked towards or demonstrated one of these values.

Please talk to your child about these values as this home/school link will really help to embed these.

### Polite and respectful

Listening and looking at the person who is talking to you

Using manners and speaking to people with respect

Sharing and turn taking

Accepting other people's views even if they are different from our own

### Love of learning

Persevering even when things get tricky- not giving up!

Knowing yourself and how you learn best

Knowing when it is best to work independently or with others

Learning from mistakes and moving on with learning

### Aiming high

Having aspiration- being the best you can be!

Keeping focused and working hard

Using what you already know to help you learn new things

Embracing challenge

### Nurture and care

Showing care for myself and others

Taking care of my school and environment

Helping others

Being a good friend

### Effort from within

Striving to reach a goal

Doing a great job

Working independently

Making progress in my learning from my own personal starting point

### Safe and secure

Making safe choices

Walking around the school

Making others feel safe through kind words and actions

Knowing who I can talk to if I am worried, sad or scared

### **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 98.06%**

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.**



**Another thank you!**

Our Harvest Festival has shown again the kindness and generosity of our Grange families this week. We all understand the impact that the cost of living is having on everyone and so your donations really do mean so much and will make a difference to the many families locally who need support.

All donations will go to the Salvation Army and local food banks.



## We are looking for a Parent Governor!

We have an exciting opportunity to join our friendly and committed Governing body.

We are looking for a parent or carer to join us who has an interest in school improvement and is able to give their time on a voluntary basis to support our lovely school.

At present, the Governing Body meets once a month for two hours to discuss aspects such as finance, progress, safeguarding and attendance.

If you'd like to find out more, please pop into the office or chat to me, Miss Myers, on the playground before or after school.

It really is a worthwhile and rewarding role!

## Things to look forward to!

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October:** School closes for the half term break

**Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October:** School re-opens for Autumn 2

**Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October:** Halloween parties for all year groups (letters coming home soon!)

**Week beginning 21<sup>st</sup> November:** Year R Meet the teacher

**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 21<sup>st</sup> October:** Staff training

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February:** Common closure day for Gosport and Fareham schools

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July:** Transition planning



## 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 5<sup>th</sup> December**.

Please look out for a consent form which has been sent via email (do check your junk/spam!).

The consent form must be completed and submitted to ensure your child gets this vaccine.



## Meet the Teacher Meetings

Thank you to those of you in Year 1 & Year 2 who attended parent meetings.

If you were unable to make it but would still like to find out how your child is getting on, please get in touch with your child's class teacher via Class Dojo.

Year R meetings will take place the week beginning 21<sup>st</sup> November

Look out for the sign-up sheets outside your child's classroom **after** the half term break.



## Mindfulness Moments

Our weekly slot with Miss Reed: Take time out for a moment of mindfulness

This week's mindfulness activity:

Hello everyone! We are half way through the first half term, and what a fantastic one it has been. This week, take some time to have a 'present moment'. Find a comfortable space, this could be inside or outside. Sit, lay or stand quietly. Spend some time thinking about:

Right now I can see...

Right now I can hear...

Right now I am touching...

Right now I can smell...

Right now I feel...



## **A Surprise Visitor!**

It was an exciting day for Grange Infants yesterday when the Gruffalo himself paid us a visit!

The children were treated to a very special story session brought to life by the imagination and creativity of Malcolm from Gosportarians.

Make sure you watch the action on Class Dojo!





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

Make every minute count.



### 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. The office opens every morning at **8.30am**. A message can be left if there is no one to answer the phone or you can email absence through to:

[adminoffice@grange-inf.hants.sch.uk](mailto:adminoffice@grange-inf.hants.sch.uk)

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.



We are also noticing an increase in children arriving late to school. The window for dropping off your child is **8.45-8.55am**.

Any minutes late soon add up and affect attendance, and children miss valuable social and learning time. It is so important that children are here on time and ready to learn!

**Thank you.**

### Goodbye and Good luck Miss Smith!

We sadly say goodbye to Miss Smith from the Blackbirds class today who has been a teaching assistant with us since January. We are so sorry to see Miss Smith go but wish her every success in her new career.

Please stay in touch Miss Smith  
- we will all miss you so much.



### Goodbye and Good Luck Mrs Green!

You will no doubt have seen that Mrs Green is going to be having a baby very soon! Mrs Green leaves us today to start her maternity leave and we wish her all the very best. We can't wait to meet Baby Green!



**Give your child 'a Flying Start'**



**Is your child starting Year R in 2023?**

Come and visit our friendly school in the heart of Rowner, where every child gets a flying start!

**Open Events**

We are delighted to open our doors to prospective new families on:

**Mon 7th November 6.00pm**

**Tue 8th November 1.30pm**

**Mon 14th November 1.30pm**

**Tue 15th November 1.30pm**

**Wed 16th November 6.00pm**



**Contact us with any questions!**

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[adminoffice@grange-inf.hants.sch.uk](mailto:adminoffice@grange-inf.hants.sch.uk)

[www.grangeinfantschool.co.uk](http://www.grangeinfantschool.co.uk)

**Apply from 1st November 22  
at [www.hants.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.hants.gov.uk/admissions)**

Little Woodham 17<sup>th</sup> Century Village - KS1 Visit





# Wow and Proud Congratulations



## Blackbirds

Wow Writer goes to Amelia for her brilliant hat story!

Proud Pot goes to Jeron for his fantastic story based on the Queen's hat!

## Owls

Wow Writer goes to Olly for such a brilliant story about a hat!

Proud Pot goes to Willow for outstanding Maths work; number bonds to 20 and to 100!



## Wagtails

Wow Writer goes to Charlie for his brilliant hat story!

Proud Pot goes to Josie for being so brave in hospital!



## Chaffinches

Wow Writer goes to Ava for using the word 'spectacular'!

Proud Pot goes to Owen for his likes and dislikes about the local area!



## Sparrows

Wow Writer goes to Connor for excellent 'p' writing!

Proud Pot goes to Kamsi for brilliant sorting m & s objects and sounds!



## Robins

Wow Writer goes to Jotsaroop for excellent use of connectives!

Proud Pot goes to Eleanor for really good listening on the Little Woodham trip!



## Woodpeckers

Wow Writer goes to Zayn for excellent 'p' writing and kinetic letters!

Proud Pot goes to Maia for brilliant reading and blending cvc words!



## Starlings

Wow Writer goes to Alisia for her lovely picture and writing her name!

Proud Pot goes to Sonny for fantastic emotional resilience!

