



To Our Lovely Grange Families,

18th November 2022

Welcome to this week's flyer. It's been a busy couple of weeks and we have loved welcoming new families in to see us in action as part of our open sessions. As always, the children were friendly, polite and gave a warm welcome. The feedback we have had has been so positive and it's been lovely to hear how our reputation has got out into the community! Some of our visitors felt so at home exploring the Early Years and making new friends, that they didn't want to leave!

Remembrance Day was a key event for the whole school last week and we couldn't have been prouder of the children who showed their respect and appreciation in our one minute's silence. A huge thank you to the many children who showed such care and creativity in their poppy art. Many of you will have seen the beautiful Remembrance display in our reception porch which was created by Mrs Cripps and Mrs Sayer; thank you to them both for their creativity, thought and care.

We have lots more events ahead of us this half term and as always, it's set to be a busy couple of weeks with Children in Need today and the on-going preparations for the festive period. It's been lovely to hear the children practising and I know many of you will have been treated to a sneak preview at home, with Wriggly Nativity and Clip Clop little Donkey being firm favourites! We can't wait to share with you the children's performances and will be letting you know nearer the time how you secure your place. Dates and times for each year group are detailed in the calendar below.



As a school, we are always finding ways to promote a love of reading and next week sees the launch of our book event, 'A Book Before Bedtime'. It will be such a lovely evening of storytelling and treats, so we hope many of you will join us.



Wishing you all a restful weekend. 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 as from 31st October.

Please check for the day your child will have PE.

Now that the weather has taken a turn for the worse, we would suggest that the children bring their plimsolls into school in a bag. We have had lots of cold and soggy feet this week and wellies don't work well for being active!

Starlings, Sparrows and Woodpeckers: Tuesdays

Chaffinches and Robins: Mondays

Wagtails and Blackbirds: Wednesdays

Owls: Thursdays



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 Blackbirds!

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.





Thank you for your support today for Children in Need. It was so lovely to see the children dressed up in t-shirts, spots, onesies and pyjamas! They've all had a great day and those who had school dinners today, were treated to a delicious homemade Pudsey biscuit from the lovely kitchen team!

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.



Congratulations Mrs Green!

We are so excited to announce that Mrs Green welcomed her baby girl into the world last Sunday!

Congratulations to Mrs Green and her family.

We can't wait to meet her!



A Polite Request

We have noticed that more parent cars are starting to creep back into the car park. Please can I ask that families do not park on site at drop-off and pick-up each day. We would encourage families to walk to school as part of a healthy lifestyle and to reduce impact on the environment.

Thank you!



Class 'Drop boxes'

We have noticed that reply slips, notes from parents and trip returns can sometimes get lost in the children's book bags.

As a solution, we are going to trial class 'drop boxes' into which returns can be placed safely by parents for the class staff to collect. These will be placed outside each classroom in the morning.



PE Clothing

Please can ask that for gym sessions, such as using wall bars and boxes, the children have PE shorts. These can be worn underneath trackies in the colder weather or can be brought in separately for the lesson.

Things to look forward to!

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



We are very excited to announce our new reading challenge, 'A Book For Every Season', encouraging a love of reading at home.

We are inviting those families who wish to take part, to our launch night on **Thursday 24th November**, from **5.00pm to 6.00pm**. During the launch, the children and their families will be able to listen to some stories shared by Miss Myers and other guest readers.

For each season there will be a different book and theme. You will be able to have a hot chocolate with a Winter story, a crunchy biscuit for Autumn, Juice for Summer and a mini egg for Spring! Don't forget to dress in your best warm Winter outfits!

We will be inviting participants back to celebrate finishing the project on **Thursday 26th January**, again from **5pm- 6pm**.





SMSC stands for Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural development and is the over-arching umbrella that encompasses personal development across the whole curriculum. Here is a little bit of information about what we do at Grange Infant School to ensure our children have a broad and balanced range of activities and learning opportunities.

Spiritual - In RE lessons, the children learn about the religions of Christianity and Hinduism. The teachers encourage the children to reflect on their own beliefs and values and to show respect to beliefs and values of others. We also collectively reflect during assembly time.

Moral- This is taught almost constantly and in every lesson. Children use our school values to help themselves to consider if they have made good behaviour choices. We have clear behaviour systems to help children to make good moral choices. The children can explain the difference between right and wrong and can explain why it is important that everyone follows the school values. This is also about making good learning choices such as putting in effort, aiming for the hardest challenges and persevering when things get tricky.

Social- This is about working and playing together. Two of the learning behaviours that we teach are 'collaboration' and 'listening', which are the skills needed to work in a pair or as part of a team. We encourage children to be kind, caring and helpful towards their friends. We celebrate how, at Grange, we share the same values which help us work together to achieve the same goals.

Cultural- In many subjects we are inspired by people from different cultures. These could be sports stars, artists or authors. We celebrate diversity by discussing the similarities and differences between ourselves and people from different cultures.

Through these activities, we aim for the children to be reflective and considerate individuals who are respectful and feel respected. We strive for the children to feel confident enough to share their reflections and their opinions and continue to do so after they leave us at the end of Year 2.



The connect4communities programme, funded by the Department for Work and Pensions Household Support Fund, aims to support those most in need with significantly rising living costs. Grange Infant School, as with all schools in Hampshire, has been allocated funding to support our families who are in need and who may be struggling with the rising costs of food, energy and clothing.

We are here to support all of our families at this difficult time and with Christmas and winter ahead, want to reach out to see how we can help. We are asking for any families who are worried about food and energy costs to get in touch. We will then arrange a chat with you to agree how we can support you, whether that be through vouchers for food, winter coats, clothing and blankets or support for heating. You will be invited in for a chat and a cuppa with me, Miss Myers, and I can talk through with you what we can do to help.

If you would like to arrange a chat, please email in to the following address:

adminoffice@grange-inf.hants.sch.uk

All emails are private and will be handled sensitively.

The connect4communities website also has links for local area and regional support such as food pantries and holiday clubs. Use this link to find out more:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/socialcareandhealth/childrenandfamilies/connectforcommunities>

Food banks in the Gosport area: Please make contact to see what they have available first:

Gosport Basics Bank: The Old Railway, Gosport. 07826 305900

Family Church, Gosport: Empower Centre, 2A Layton Road, Gosport 0300 3020090

Jacob's Well Centre, The store cupboard, Toronto Place, Gosport

Salvation Army, The Crossways, Gosport 02392 524349

Trash Café, 49a Stoke Road, Gosport- Pay 'as you feel'

Gosport Borough Football Club: Feed a Family hampers: 07868 089757

Revitalise Charity shop: Good quality second hand clothing: 82 Gregson Avenue, Gosport



At Grange Infant School we value the importance of pupil voice. Our children have a say in how they learn and their learning environment. To help harness their valuable thoughts and ideas we have an elected school council. In their role, they are expected to gather the thoughts and ideas of the children in the class they are representing about all aspects of learning in school.

All school councillors are issued with a smart school council badge, and have their photo displayed on our dedicated Grange Infant School Council notice board located opposite Miss Myers' office. School councillors are changed each term ensuring a good rotation of children.



School Council meet with Mr. Price Monday afternoons. They help look after the school environment including inspecting the school and grounds, litter picking, tidying the library and helping in their own classrooms. They also meet to discuss various issues effecting the pupils.

So far, this term, they have been litter picking around the school entrance and playground, ensuring the library is tidy and books are on the correct shelves, carrying out monitoring duties in the hall during lunchtime and generally assisting in their own classroom.



Wow and Proud

Congratulations



Blackbirds

Wow Writer goes to **Chloe** for effectively using sound tiles for her diary!

Proud Pot goes to **Ava-Rose** for her beautiful colour wash in Art!



Owls

Wow Writer goes to **William** for really productive writing for his diary entry!

Proud Pot goes to **Poppy** for excellent writing for a diary!



Wagtails

Wow Writer goes to **Violet** for excellent spelling and punctuation in her diary writing!

Proud Pot goes to **Kawsar** for moving up to **orange** reading books!



Chaffinches

Wow Writer goes to **Avaya** for excellent recount of the school trip and good finger spaces!

Proud Pot goes to **Alfie** for brilliant sharing/dividing in Maths!



Sparrows

Wow Writer goes to **Roman** for brilliant number writing!

Proud Pot goes to **Jennifer** for her fantastic gingerbread drawing and improving and revising!



Robins

Wow Writer goes to **Bethany** for excellent writing recount and good finger spaces!

Proud Pot goes to **Louie** for his amazing and accurate painting of a police car!



Woodpeckers

Wow Writer goes to **Alvia** for fantastic kinetic letters!

Proud Pot goes to **Nathan** for 'Challenge 1 More' in Maths!



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Starlings

Wow Writer goes to **Sonny** for writing his name beautifully!

Proud Pot goes to **Evie** for brilliant numbers writing!