



9th September 2022

To Our Lovely Grange Families,

Welcome to our first Friday Flyer of the new academic year! I hope you all had a wonderful summer, enjoying time with family and friends in the sunshine. ☀️

For those of you who are new to us, our Friday Flyer is a way of us staying in touch with you and letting you know all of our news and updates. These flyers will go out fortnightly and are published on Class Dojo, Facebook and our school website.

It has been wonderful to welcome you all back and to say a big 'hello' to our new Year R children who started school yesterday. I really don't know where the time goes and I can't believe we are here already at the start of a new school year, with a world of possibilities ahead of us all! September is a time of change and transition and I have been so proud of how well our children in Year 1 and Year 2 have settled straight back into school with such strength, independence and resilience.

In the same way, just seeing how excited and happy our new Year Rs are to be with us, has brought such a buzz to the whole school and the smiles on the staff's faces says it all.

This is going to be busy but fun term and all being well, we have so many things planned for the children to ensure that they really do have the flying start they deserve. A huge thank you must go to all of the staff who have put so much effort into preparing the classrooms ready to welcome the children. Hopefully you all had a chance to visit your child's classroom last term but if not, our 'Meet the Teacher' sessions will be taking place soon.

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 ☺️

PE days: these are the new PE days that that will start next week.

Please check for the day your child will have PE.

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: Wednesdays

Chaffinches and Robins: Thursdays

Wagtails, Owls and Blackbirds: Mondays (trainers only) Fridays (full PE kit)

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.



Class Dojo



The Class Dojo app is a brilliant way of staying in touch. It's safe, secure and private but offers a platform for us to communicate with you and for you to be able to contact your child's class teacher. It's also free!

Each child has their own portfolio into which photos and activities can be uploaded. The class page keeps you up to date with what's happening and often has photos of what the children have been up to that day.

If you haven't yet joined your child's class, please check 'clutter' in your emails for the invite or speak to your child's class teacher for details. The lovely office are also available to help.

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. We also have a large amount of good quality, second-hand uniform available, so let the office know if you need anything or pop in to have a look at the selection in our reception/ entrance area.



Loving Home Learning

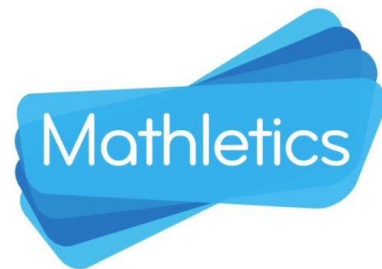
Children in Year 1 and Year 2 will soon be able to access Mathletics and Oxford Owl at home to help support the learning they are doing at school.

Mathletics gives them the chance to practice skills they've learnt in class, as well as experience a bit of healthy competition with other users.

Oxford Owl is a great resource for accessing online reading and ebooks and developing that passion for reading.

All of the children have their own login and if these haven't already been sent out, they will very soon! Please contact your child's class teacher on Class Dojo if you would like these sent out again.

Please look out for the weekly homework activities on Class Dojo too!



Parking outside of school

Unfortunately, our car park is reserved for staff only, so we ask that families do not access this car park during school hours.

It has been noted that some vehicles are parking near to the school gate and driveway on Franklin Road which is causing a hazard for families who are crossing this road. Please make sure you are legally parked if you have to drive to the school. We do encourage all of our families to walk if they can!



Things to look forward to!

Week beginning Monday 26th September: Meet the teacher for KS1. *More details to follow*

Friday 30th September: Macmillan coffee morning

Monday 3rd October: Harvest Assembly for children and staff

Thursday 20th October: School closes for the half term break

Monday 31st October: School reopens for Autumn 2

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 21st October: Staff training

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

Friday 7th July: Transition planning

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 Chaffinches at 99.56%!

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.



Holidays during Term Time

Attendance is so important in your child's educational development and so we always ask our families not to take holidays during term time.

Holidays taken will go down as an 'unauthorised absence' and will affect your child's overall attendance percentage.

You are also at risk of being issued a fine/ fixed penalty notice.

Use this link for more information:

<https://www.gov.uk/school-attendance-absence>

A Summer of Firsts!

Our Vision for the school is 'A Flying Start' and this really underpins everything we do to give your child the very best start to their school years. We pride ourselves on the nurturing and welcoming approach we have to education as well as our strength in inclusivity and recognising every child for their uniqueness and individuality.

I have been asking for children to share any 'firsts' that they experienced over the summer break and for families to send in photographs for our display in school. This could be anything from losing a first tooth, to paddling boarding, from learning to swim to making a cake!

Thank you to those of you who have already sent photographs in. The display in our main corridor is starting to come together and is a great talking point for the children and the grown-ups!

If you have any 'firsts' that you would like to share, please email them to me at:

s.myers@grange-inf.hants.sch.uk

Thank you- I can't wait to see what the children have been up to!



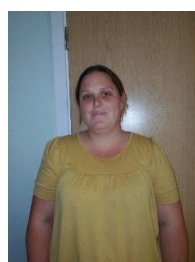
A Big Hello!

We were very excited to welcome new staff to our Grange Family this term.

Welcome to Miss Smees, Miss Hamilton, Mrs Vickery-Sales, Mrs Wilkinson and Mrs Pounds who have all joined the Year R team.

Welcome to Miss Fulcher who has joined the Wagtails class.

We know you will love being a part of Grange Infants and support our children in getting the 'Flying Start' they deserve!



Queen Elizabeth II 1926-2022

It was with great sadness that Buckingham Palace yesterday announced the death of her Majesty the Queen. Although our children are very young, many of them will undoubtedly be aware of the news either through families talking about what has happened or through the news. I have always been so proud of the nurturing approach we take as a school in supporting all of the children's emotional and social wellbeing and we will ensure that all questions and any sadness are managed sensitively and honestly.

The country has now entered a period of national mourning that will continue until the end of the State Funeral. There have been some posts on social media around an additional Bank Holiday on the day of the funeral but I will update you all once we have had more information from local authority and the DfE.

Although this website is temporarily unavailable whilst appropriate changes are being made, it will have more information: www.royal.uk

At the end of our Celebration Assembly today, I shared the news with the children in Year 1 and Year 2 and we held a minute's silence.



Mindfulness Moments

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

This week's mindfulness activity: **Rose, Thorn & Bud Check-In**

What a busy and fun first week it has been back at school!

You have been up to so many amazing things, let's take some time to reflect on the week you have had.

Using the 'Rose, Thorn & Bud Check in', have a think about the week you have just had.

Rose - think of one thing you are grateful for or that you have enjoyed this week at school.

Thorn - think of something that has perhaps challenged you or made you worry slightly. Don't forget you can talk to adults at school and at home about your worries so that we can help you with them.

Bud - think of something that you are looking forward to this year. Perhaps it is a school trip or a particular piece of learning, or maybe it is having the chance to play with an old friend you haven't seen for a while.

Spend some time writing, drawing or just thinking about a Rose, Thorn and Bud. You could share this on Class Dojo by sending it to your class teacher.

ROSE, THORN & BUD CHECK-IN



Wow Writers and Proud Pot this week:

Every Friday, we have a whole school celebration assembly where we find out about the amazing things the children have been up to.

Each class will put forward one child for their 'wow writing' and one child who has done something that they are really proud of!

A big congratulations to the following children who have excelled this week and been the very best that they can be!

Wow and Proud Congratulations

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	<p>Blackbirds</p> <p>Wow Writer goes to Esmee for her super handwriting and colour monster work!</p> <p>Proud Pot goes to Ronnie for good behaviour choices and spellings!</p>	
	<p>Wagtails</p> <p>Wow Writer goes to Alfie for ! in writing adjectives!</p> <p>Proud Pot goes to Verity for lovely neat writing about flying sheep!</p>	
	<p>Chaffinches</p> <p>Wow Writer goes to Arthur for his colour monster writing - great ideas!</p> <p>Proud Pot goes to Olivia for her colour monster picture and feelings writing!</p>	
	<p>Starlings</p> <p>Proud Pot goes to all of you for being brilliant on your first days at school!</p>	

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