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# The Grange Junior Newsletter

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Welcome to the second newsletter of the new school year. I hope those of you new to Junior School have found the transition stress free and easy to manage. It has been good to meet so many of you over the first few weeks of term.

## **Parent Governor**



We need parents to join our Governing Body. A letter was sent out two weeks ago inviting nominations for Parent Governors but unfortunately I have not yet received any replies.

Being a Parent Governor is a very important role and one that is very rewarding. Although the closing date has now passed if you are interested and would like to discuss this in more detail please do not hesitate to contact me or one of our Governors. You can make a real difference for all the pupils at Grange by joining the Governing Body.

## **Harvest Assembly**



Our Harvest Assembly is on **Thursday, 7 October** and we are asking each year group to dress in the colour of a different fruit. The year groups are as follows:

Year 3 ~ strawberries  
Year 4 ~ bananas  
Year 5 ~ blueberries  
Year 6 ~ apples

We would like the children to bring in a minimum of £1 donation for charity. Each class will then be able to choose what they would like to 'purchase' from the World Vision website.

I hope you will be able to join us on Thursday morning at 10.00 to share

this special assembly.

## **'Learn About Grange' Evening**

A letter has been sent out today inviting you and your child to join us on **Thursday, 14 October** between 4.00 and 7.00 for our annual 'Learn About Grange' Evening. This is an informal event and we hope you will take the opportunity to visit school at some point during the evening.

## **International Week**



We are planning an International Week in the week beginning **Monday, 18 October**. There will be lots of exciting events during the week and we

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hope you will support the activities. The children are invited to wear traditional costume on Wednesday, 20 October.

### Admission Forms



Thank you to all the parents who have returned the admission forms. There are still some forms that have not been returned. **It is very important that these forms are returned straight away.**

### High School Applications

Please remember that High School Application Forms need to be returned to school by **21 October** at the latest. Any forms completed after this date will need to be taken to the Civic Centre by **Friday, 29 October**.

If you have any queries about the forms please contact us and we will do our best to help you.

### Absence from School

If your child is absent from school please make sure you notify school on the first day of absence ~ a telephone call is fine!

If you have to take your child out of school for an appointment during the day please make sure you come to the school office first and not to the classroom. When returning to school after the appointment it is important that they do not come back

during lunchtime. Your child needs to return to school **either before 12.00 or at 12.55 p.m.**

### Cycling to School



The cycle training course has taken place this week. If your child achieved a Level 2 Bikeability Certificate he/she can ride his/her bike to school. A bike shed with lockers for safe and secure storage of helmets, gloves etc. is available for use. If your child is interested please send in a photocopy of the Level 2 Certificate and £6 deposit for a padlock and key for a locker.

### Head Lice



Please remember, **‘Wash, condition and comb ~ leave the bugs without a home’!** Bug busting combs are available from school for 50p. It is really important for every parent to do this at least once a week if we are to keep this problem under control.

### End of the school day

Thank you to all of the parents who have been waiting for their child in the

playground and not on the corridors. It makes a real difference and helps to keep everyone safe at a busy time of the day.

### Healthy Packed Lunches



Please remember how important it is to provide your child with a healthy packed lunch. Whilst most of us enjoy chocolate and cake it is not the healthy option! The children are rewarded for eating fruit, vegetables or having a pure fruit drink each day. Support your child in developing healthy eating habits and gaining Golden Merits!

**Our aim this year is to limit crisps to one day a week!**

### Half Term Holiday

The children finish for the half term holiday on **Friday, 22 October** at 3.30 p.m. The children should return on **Monday, 1 November**. **Please note that this is not a staff training day!**

I hope you have found this newsletter interesting and informative. Please let me know if there are any other items you would like included ~ the newsletter is for you!