
The Grange Junior Newsletter

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Welcome to the first newsletter from Grange Junior School. I hope you have all had an enjoyable summer holiday with some time to relax with your family. I should like to extend a special welcome to our new families and I look forward to a strong and positive partnership which will benefit all of our pupils.

Site Development



The children were very excited to see the new reading areas which were created over the summer holiday. These areas are designed to encourage all pupils to think of reading as an enjoyable activity and to develop their language skills. We will be buying some new books for all the classrooms and there are two ways in which you can contribute. You may have some books at home which are in good condition but your child has now finished reading ~ these would be great for the class library.

Alternatively you may wish to send in a donation to our book fund for us to purchase the books. If you are able to contribute in either way we would be most grateful.

School Resources



The children are given all the resources they need to complete their work in school. It would be helpful, however, if your child had some basic equipment that would support his/her work in school. Your child's pencil case should contain a pen and pencil, a ruler, coloured pencils and a calculator. Other equipment such as a protractor and pair of compasses would be helpful. These items will help your child with work at home and at school. In the

near future we are hoping to offer a home learning pack for the children to buy in order to help them with their home learning.

Hot Meals



We are all very disappointed that it has not been possible to offer the children hot meals this term.

Unfortunately there was a problem with the Local Authority plans and we were unable to proceed with this project. We hope this is a minor setback and we will soon be able to offer a hot meal service. I will keep you informed of our progress.

Marlborough Project

The Marlborough Project group meets every Friday

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morning between 09.00 and 11.00 in the EAL Suite. The group meets to share experiences and support one another in the successes and challenges of family life. If you would like more information about the group please contact Mrs Lotter who is one of the school's Learning Mentors. The first session will be on **Friday, 17 September**.

Governor News from Christine Elliott, Chair of Governors

Welcome to the new school year from the Governors of Grange Junior School. When I visited the school last week I was pleased to see the staff all very busy getting the classrooms ready to receive your children. I was particularly impressed by the smart, colourful reading area which has been installed in each classroom and I hope that the children will enjoy using them. There is now a vacancy for one more Parent Governor and Ms Rosewell will be writing to you about this soon. In the meantime, especially if you are a parent new to the Junior School, please think carefully about whether this opportunity is for you. Training is available for this rewarding role in our school.

High School Forms

High School transfer forms have been sent out to all pupils in Years 6 today. Please make sure you have received your form from

your child. If you have any queries about the process please do not hesitate to contact us.

Music Lessons

We have received a number of requests for children to learn a musical instrument. The peripatetic music staff will be meeting the children over the next couple of weeks and you will receive a letter explaining the outcome of these meetings.

Violin lessons are full but places are available for steel pans and woodwind.

Uniform

The children have returned to school looking very smart in their school uniform. Thank you to all of you who support us in maintaining this high standard.

Please remember that all the children need to wear school shoes and not trainers or plimsolls.

Lost Property



We have collected a number of items of lost property that were left in school at the end of last term. These are currently being displayed for parents and children to look through so please take the opportunity to come into school to search for any lost item. Any items that have not been claimed by next Friday will either be used as

'spares' in school or thrown away.

Please ensure that your child's clothes and other personal belongings are named. This will enable us to return lost property straight away.

Clothes Needed



We are in need of boys' swimming trunks and girls' and boys' underwear. If you have any of these items that your child no longer requires please send them into school for 'spares'.

Breakfast Club and After School Club

The Breakfast Club and After School Club area is looking very smart following the summer holiday work.

Please remember that these two facilities are open to all Grange pupils. Breakfast Club is open between 7.45 and 8.30 each morning and After School Club is open from 3.30 until 6.00 each afternoon. If you are interested in your child attending please contact the school office.

Inhalers



If your child suffers from asthma and requires an inhaler please ensure that

he/she has one in school to use if required.

Addresses and Telephone Numbers

Thank you to all the new parents who have completed and returned the admission forms. If you have not yet managed to send yours into school please do so as soon as possible.



If you have changed your address or telephone number since last term please let us have the new details in order for us to update our records. It is essential that we have accurate information in order for us to contact you if necessary.

Attendance and Punctuality



It is very important that your child attends school regularly and on time. Please make sure that your son or daughter leaves home in good time to start school at 08.45. If for some unavoidable reason a child arrives late to school he/she must report to the school office before going to class.

If your child is ill and unable to attend school please notify the school on the first day of absence. A telephone call is fine!

Thank you for your support.

Mobile Phones

I should like to remind parents that mobile phones are not allowed in school. Should we need to contact you in an emergency then a call will be made from the school office. If there is an exceptional reason why your son/daughter needs his/her mobile phone in school please complete one of the forms in the school office. Your son/daughter should then hand in the phone every morning and collect it at the end of the day.

Cycle Training

There is an opportunity for pupils in Year 6 to achieve the Bikeability Level 2 Certificate which will allow them to ride their bike to school. The course will take place in school over 4 days. A separate letter giving full details has been sent out today.

‘Learn About Grange’

We will be holding our annual ‘Learn About Grange’ evening on **Thursday, 14 October between 4.00 and 7.00 p.m.** Full details of the evening will be sent out in a separate letter.

Assemblies

Each class will be presenting an assembly during the term and you are most welcome to join us when your child is involved. The majority of class assemblies are on a Friday at 10.15 a.m.

Your child will keep you informed of the assembly date and both staff and children appreciate your support if you are able to attend.

We will also be holding special assemblies to celebrate:

Eid ~ Friday, 17 September

Harvest ~ Thursday, 7 October

Divali ~ Friday, 12 November

Parents’ Information Sheets

A sheet giving details of the areas of work your child will be covering this term is attached to this newsletter. In addition to the work being covered in school there are suggestions for home learning opportunities.

Diary Dates

A list of dates for the term is printed on the back of this newsletter and I trust you will find them useful when planning your diary.

I should like to remind you that you can also find lots of information on the school website ~

www.grangejuniorschool.org

I hope you have found this newsletter both interesting and informative. If there is any other information you would like included as a regular item please let me know ~ it is important that the newsletter meets your needs!