



END OF SUMMER TERM

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We have survived moving two sites into one building and unpacking! What a relief to see us all settled into one building that is simply 'the best'! We cannot express enough to you, how thoroughly pleased and elated we are, to see how all our pupils have settled so well and are conducting themselves with such maturity and poise throughout school. We are all entirely grateful for the support and compliments we have received – thank you!

We aim to invite you all into the building in September. We will organise a rolling schedule of visits and link these to workshops in the classrooms, so not only will you get to view your child's/children's classroom, but you will also appreciate an aspect of the curriculum.

Despite our hectic start in June, we have still managed to get a lot of activities done including:

- ✓ Years 3, 4 and 6 working with an Artist
- ✓ The Frederick Gough Band entertaining the whole school
- ✓ Poverty Proofing our school
- ✓ Sports Day
- ✓ Gaining recognition for our work – Fairtrade Award (thank you to Mrs Knowles) and International Schools Award (thank you to Miss Rands).



BRICKS!

We sold bricks whilst the school was being built and these bricks have now formed part of the school building. In June, we held a viewing of these bricks. Those who had purchased a brick, past and present staff and pupils, were invited to a reception, in the presence of Mr Dakin, our local MP. It was so nice to meet different people who had an association with the school in one way or another – we had a teacher who worked here in the 1950s, to two sisters who attended then and stated that this was their best teacher! These two sisters had been bought a brick by their mother and were just told to visit, clueless as to what they were here for. Their mother had done this as a surprise and what a pleasant one it was too!

We had a daughter of one of the cleaners so many years ago who used to come into school to wait for her parents to finish work. During this time she would complete her homework whilst her parents worked. I could go on and on... so many interesting stories.

Sincere gratitude to Mr Dakin, who despite the day being a very important one (the elections were going on), made every effort to grace our occasion.

We would love to add to this 'wall of fame' and will organise another event later in the year when you will have another opportunity to buy a brick.

School Entrances



Once pupils return on Tuesday, 6th September, both school entrances should be operational. This means that pupils will be able to access

our premises from either:

1. Cornwall Road (the main entrance) or
2. 2. Southfield Road.

As of the time I write this newsletter, the contractors are on schedule for the Cornwall Road entrance to be ready. **This means the school gates will revert to the later opening time of 8.40am.**



Attendance Matters
...every school day counts!

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certainly matters!

The Government

expects schools to be no lower than 96% and for several years we have been above this. Unfortunately, there has been a drop in our statistics and we need your support to get this to 100%!

During her time here, Mrs Hardy had been instrumental in encouraging attendance of our pupils and to this end, has contributed two trophies, one for each key stage to continue the good work she initiated. We have been using these trophies and it is the award during assembly on Fridays that the children cheer the most for. A certificate is presented to the class with the highest attendance collectively each Friday and if a class achieves ten certificates, they are given £10 to organise a small party.

We thank Mrs Hardy for supporting us with this, and ask you to please support us in addressing this issue next academic year.

French Day – Mrs Austin



FRENCH DAY

Thank you to Mrs Austin, who teaches French throughout Key Stage 2 and puts such enthusiasm into organising activities to support this aspect of the curriculum. July 12th welcomed a market place in school where children were able to appreciate and indulge in all things French, from croissants to brioche.

Thank you to our two past pupils who helped with the day – Alisha and Jamie Clements. Seeing thriving past pupils return

to our school always makes us smile knowing that we must have done something right in guiding them towards the next step of their educational journey.

Global awareness is instrumental to our pupils appreciation of the world in which we live in and we are also supported very well by our staff in bringing this knowledge to our pupils. Thank you all!

Staff Changes

Farewell

We say a huge, huge thank you and heartfelt farewells to the following staff:

✓ Miss Spiers (FS2 class teacher), who is moving from the area. Miss Spiers has been instrumental in the great results we have seen over the past few years. Her enthusiasm and calm disposition has impacted greatly on the progress children she has taught have made. She has ensured our children

have had a solid start in Year 1. She will be a great asset to any school setting.

- ✓ Mrs Binch – Sports Instructor
- ✓ Mrs Carolan - Learning Assistant
- ✓ Mrs Childs – Learning Assistant
- ✓ Mr Ellis – Year 1 Class teacher
- ✓ Miss Fletcher - Learning Assistant
- ✓ Mrs Johnson - Learning Assistant
- ✓ Miss Shipley – Learning Assistant
- ✓ Mrs Sloan – Year 4 Class teacher
- ✓ Mrs Small - Learning Assistant
- ✓ Miss Sullivan – Office Staff



We thank each and everyone of them for their contribution towards our pupils learning and towards school improvement as a whole. We wish them all the very best for the future ahead.

Welcome

We welcome the following staff to our team:

- ✓ Mrs Rosser – Year 1
- ✓ Miss Gibbons – Year 2
- ✓ Miss Gathercole – Year 4
- ✓ Miss Turtle – Year 5



Maternity Leave – Mrs Simpson

Mrs Simpson leaves us sometime in November to start her maternity leave. As from September, she will support in Year 5 until her leave date. We congratulate her and wish her a smooth pregnancy.



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School Performance – FS2, Year 1 Phonics, Year 2 and Year 6 SATs

Please visit our website on www.tgps.uk.com for a breakdown of our performance. We are proud of all our pupils' achievements and thank all the staff for their collective input into the progress our pupils make. The news recently, within our education sector, has been dominated by the plummeting of the KS2 results. I am pleased to say that we haven't been seriously affected by this and are so pleased with what our pupils achieved. Although, it has been joint effort, I must thank the Year 6 teachers and their support mechanism, especially for all hard their work in relentlessly driving for the highest standards possible and to the pupils for their perseverance and desire to want to achieve well. We are all very, very, proud!

Sports Day - This year showed a change in the organisation of our Sports Days and feedback from the majority of parents and all staff was that, they preferred this structure and very much enjoyed the morning. Thank you to the parents who suggested this – we do listen and whenever we can make adjustments, we do. Well done to the great sportsmanship of all our pupils. Gratitude goes to Mrs Binch for effectively organising the events – it took hours of preparation and your efforts paid dividend, thank you!



Working in Partnership

1. Hull Collegiate – for the past three years we have been fortunate to be invited for a yearly event organised by Hull Collegiate School, a co-educational independent school in Anlaby, near Hull. The invitation usually extends to very few pupils. They spend the whole day there, engaging with other pupils on a selection of activities. Now that we are in our new building, we are looking to strengthen these links by reciprocating this visit with us hosting their pupils here sometime during the Autumn Term. Thank you to Miss Wray, who has been instrumental in making these events happen.
2. Pupil Premium Workshop (Grimsby) – Our track record of performance means that from time to time we are asked to offer support to others. In July, Miss Thomas, Mrs Simpson and I, shared our practice on provision for Pupil Premium Pupils with a group of 16 schools. We received outstanding feedback! It is always gratifying when others gain from our experiences.

As I round off this newsletter and the academic year 2015-2016, I must thank every single staff member for their dedication and commitment to our pupils and families, and for their joy of what they do and do so well! Our school wouldn't be where we are now, in a very good position academically and pastorally, without their support. Thank you to, to the families who continue to 'walk' with us and appreciate that what we do, we do for the best of each and every pupil and the community in which we serve. I have the absolute 'best' Senior Leadership Team working with and alongside me and I wouldn't be one happy headteacher if it wasn't for the support, encouragement, belief, trust and confidence they have in me. I sincerely thank them all. To Miss Baker, whose wealth of knowledge in pastoral care is that of excellence, I am truly grateful that she chose to work with us and thankful for her support; and to my most trusted and the best deputy any headteacher could wish for, Miss Thomas, who has always, unfailingly stood by me in some most challenging situations, that time after time we have triumphed through, I am truly blessed to have her right by my side through this whole journey that we continue to travel.

I wish you all a very special and safe Summer holiday,

Mrs Thorpe and all at The Grange Primary School.

Diary Dates for Autumn Term 2016			
DATE	DAY	ACTIVITY	TIMES
SEPTEMBER			
Pupils back to school Tuesday 6 th September 2016 Gates open at 8.40am			
12 th	Monday	Writes for Photographs (Whole School)	9.00am
13 th	Tuesday	Roald Dahl Day	All day
OCTOBER Please look out for Harvest Festival Event			
14 th	Friday	Red, White & Blue Day	All day
21 st	Friday	School Closes for Half-term	3.00pm
31 st	Monday	School Re-Opens	Usual Time
DECEMBER Please look out for Christmas Concert letters			
16 th	Friday	School Closes	2.00pm
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3 rd	Tuesday	Staff Training Day	
4 th	Wednesday	Pupils back to school	Usual Time