



SPRING TERM

2nd Spring Half-term 2017

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HEADLINES

- ✓ We congratulate Miss Stephenson on her good news! She had a baby girl in March.
- ✓ Thank you for the children in FS2 for warmly receiving Miss Field. She has settled in very nicely and is supported very well by the highly experienced team in FS.
- ✓ We have welcomed two new members of staff to our main office:
 1. Miss Cook
 2. Mrs Davison.

Mr Henderson also joins our Pastoral and Inclusion Team as we continue to strengthen this provision.

- ✓ Mrs Sands and Miss Thomas have worked hard in putting a bid together for some funding to support the development of our playground. Fingers crossed we are successful!

Summer Plans

During the summer holidays, we are planning for some site works to take place. The main entrance fence and gates will be replaced with new fencing and automated gates coupled with cameras. We hope this will address the issues we have had at the start of the school day and eradicate the abuse that staff members have endured. We will also be focusing heavily on the development of all our playgrounds.

More on Google Expeditions – led by Mrs Knowles

Our pupils were treated to an out of this world experience earlier this term with thanks to Mrs Knowles. With Google Expeditions, students can take field trips right from their classroom. Expeditions allow a teacher, acting as a “guide”, to lead classroom-sized groups of “explorers” through collections of 360° and 3D images while pointing out interesting sights along the way.

The experience was available to all pupils from year 1 to year 6. KS2 used the cardboard headsets to access their virtual expeditions. KS1 used the 2D version on the iPad due to the health warnings about children under the age of seven using the headsets.

The teachers received training to lead the field trips from their iPad. Teachers were able to pause the field trip at any point to get pupils attention and could also refer pupils to points of interest within the expedition. The information available on the iPad for teachers enabled a smooth learning experience. The pupil's reactions when the headsets were on were of awe and wonder; they could experience things such as swimming with sharks and going to a rainforest. Their reactions were positive in every session – pupils interacted with each other and the teacher actively and enthusiastically. The possibilities for using the expeditions are endless: as a stimulus for writing, new topic launch, maths stories, British Values and international links.

The BOOK FAIR raised £531.69, which will contribute towards new books for the libraries. Thank you!

Back to School

PUPILS RETURN TO SCHOOL AT THE USUAL TIME TUESDAY 25TH APRIL, 2017. Registration bell sounds at 8.50am.

WORKSHOPS FOR FAMILIES

This term we have offered various workshops and information sessions to parents/carers. Although we haven't had great attendance, those who have attended have benefitted from these and the teachers have also enjoyed their time delivering them and enhancing their relationships with our community. I want to thank those of you who have attended, this is truly very much appreciated – spread the word, please!

Wear a Hat Day

We raised £162.65 for the Brain Tumour Research. Amazing job – thank you!

SLEEPING WITH THE SHARKS!

Y5 and Y6, May 24th at The Deep in Hull, is fast approaching. Parent/Carer meeting will be at 2.30pm, Tuesday 16th May.

Attendance this Term

This term we congratulate 6D who gained the highest attendance with 96.4%. Reception (FS2) classes have the poorest attendance so far this term. Can we promote good attendance, again, please? Thank you very much.

Spring Term attendance figures:

*FS2R 88.73%, FS2S 88.74%, 1H 92.91%, 1R 89.58% 2F 92.97%, 2G 95.4%, 3K 93.58%, 3M 93.55%, 4G 95.77%, 4I 95.32%, 5C 95.26%, 5T 92.2%, 6FM 95.35%, 6D 96.4%. **Overall 93.27% - this is below the national expectation and as such extremely disappointing** (last half-term = 94.4% and half term before = 94.5%).*

YEAR 6 SATs - Y6 have been busy preparing for the upcoming SATs in May. The children have been working hard and we are very proud of the mature and sensible attitude they are displaying. In addition to revising in class, the Y6 pupils have been attending booster clubs and have been eagerly completing their revision guides at home. Thank you to all the parents who have continued to support us in preparation for the tests. Please watch out for a booklet to follow soon.

Parent Support Sessions

We have had great fun during this term's parent support sessions making our own reward charts to use at home, discussing issues such as sibling rivalry, family rules, positive communication, e-safety and much more. These sessions are growing in popularity and are very much driven by the subjects that you want to cover. Being a parent can be challenging at times and The Grange Primary School's Pastoral Team can support you. Please contact Miss Baker if you would like any support by phoning the school office on 01724 843601 or email pastoral.tgps@northlincs.gov.uk.

Dough Disco – FS1 (Nursery)

FS1 Nursery staff would like to say a huge thank you to all the parents, grandparents and family friends who came to join in with our Dough Disco. The children thoroughly enjoyed this fun activity, which combines the use of play dough and music to develop fine motor skills, balance, grip, hand-eye co-ordination and self-esteem.

Farewell to Miss Valentine

Thank you to Miss Valentine who has been supporting us in the office during her 'free' days from college. We appreciate her help and wish her all the very best as she continues with her studies.

E-Safety

Please look out for the E-Safety after school computer club information. Places will be strictly limited and offered on a first come first served basis. Parents/carers are required to attend the club with their child/children. We will look at topics such as: Is it real? How long do things stay online? Bullying isn't nice, what can I do about it? During the sessions we will use an evidence based age appropriate programme including animated clips and quizzes.

Parent Engagement

Thank you to all the parents that attended parents meetings and supporting your child's education. We know from research that when parents/carers show an active interest in their children's education, children achieve much more. We have a large number of very supportive parents at The Grange Primary School and we thank you all for engaging with us. If you would like any more information on how you can support your child's education, please speak to the class teacher or ask to see Miss Baker via the main office or email pastoral.tgps@northlincs.gov.uk.

Other News

We are still in discussions with the building project manager regarding the replacement of our bike shelter. Please note that although several reminders have been sent out regarding leaving bikes on our premises, people continue to do so. Bikes are left at your own risk and discretion; the same applies to scooters. Thank you.

If you missed the reading workshop with Ms Tipler from the Local Authority, the videoed session is available on our website.

As we approach summer, please apply sun cream at home (whole school including Foundation Stage children). Sun hats and water bottles are welcome.

Mrs Davey, Mrs Austin and our Enrichment Group have been working hard on our flowerbeds. Please ensure that children do not pick the plants during their walk into and out of school.

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Hair – please ensure that this is tied up; no patterns, lines or fancy haircuts, please.





Slippers – slippers with characters or huge ones are not allowed please. Huge ones in particular pose a Health and Safety hazard. We will replace indoor plimsols if children have grown out of them.

Packed lunches -kindly remind your child to take home any rubbish. This will help you monitor what they have eaten.

Diary Dates for Summer Term 2017

Children back to School on Tuesday 25th April

Year 6 SATs Week is week beginning 8th May 2017

DATE	DAY	ACTIVITY	TIMES
APRIL			
24 th	Monday	Staff INSET Day – School closed to pupils	
26 th	Wednesday	Year 2 Trip – Nick Sharratts Big Draw-along	10.30am to 11.30am
28 th	Friday	Book Talk Workshop for FS1 - Nursery	11.30am
MAY			
1 st	Monday	MAY DAY	SCHOOL CLOSED
8 th	Mon - Thur	Year 6 SATS Week	Various times
15 th	Monday	Year 6 Trip to York	All day
16 th	Tuesday	Parent/Carer meeting regarding The Deep trip	2.30pm
24 th	Wednesday	The Deep Sleepover for year 5 and Year 6	
School closes for Half-term on FRIDAY, 26th May. Children return to school on MONDAY, 5th June.			
JUNE			
9 th	Friday	FS1 Trip to Pink Pig	
Sports Days – kindly note that there will be no seating provided. You are welcome to bring your own. Should you wish to do so, this will be at your own risk.			
20 th	Tuesday	1. FS2 (Reception) 	9 am – 10.30am
		2. KS1 (Y1 and 2) 	10.30am – 12pm
21 st	Wednesday	1. KS2 - Y3 and 4 	9am – 10.30am
		2. KS2 - Y5 and 6 	10.30am – 12pm
22 nd	Thursday	Sports Day – Reserve Day in case of poor weather	
JULY			
Week beginning 10 th July	✓ Parents Meeting to discuss the reports ✓ SEN-D Reviews – Invitation only		
Week beginning 10 th July to Thursday 20 th July	Transition weeks for pupils to work with next teacher for 2017/18 – not all teachers will be available as some may be coming to us from other settings. Where new teachers are not available, alternative provision will be made for the pupils to work with another teacher. 21 st July with 2016/17 teacher.		
21 st	Friday	FS1 Spotty Party	
School closes for the term on Friday, 21st July at 2pm			
Children return to school on TUESDAY, 5th September			