



SPRING TERM

Second Half-term 2019

Issue Number 27

Back to School

PUPILS RETURN TO SCHOOL AT THE USUAL TIME **on MONDAY 25th February, 2019.** Registration bell sounds at 8.50am.

HEADLINES

- ⇒ Some of our pupils took part again this year in the Young Voices Concert at the arena in Sheffield. It was a very long and late day for them! We thank them for representing our school and I know they all had a great time. Thank you to all the staff who volunteered their time to accompany them.
- ⇒ Miss Mawson had a baby boy in January and we congratulate her. We are very pleased and look forward to seeing the new baby in school sometime soon.

Key Stage 2 Playground

We have 'huge' plans to transform an area of the Key Stage 2 playground sometime this year and have involved the School Council in the design stage. Governors have also approved it's go ahead. Our bid to the Local Authority for a contribution was successful; so coupled with what we have saved through fundraising events, we are well on our way to accomplishing this objective.

School Council

The School Council visited Forest Pines for our annual breakfast meeting on Thursday, 31st January. This is always a really rewarding event and they get a lot out of the experience. This year's focus was on the rights of the child and our school aiming to achieve the Rights Respecting Schools Silver Award. The children are becoming very familiar with the UN Convention articles.

We were joined by a school governor, Mrs Fields, who was particularly impressed with their mature and thoughtful approach to the tasks set ensuring that every member of the Council was listened to and respected. Mrs Fields said that they were an absolute pleasure to be with and were clearly proud of The Grange Primary School.

We also discussed the KS2 outdoor area, looked at plans and what gym equipment they would like, as well as having a lovely breakfast!

Mile Run

The launch of The Golden Mile has been a huge success across school. Collectively, we have run over 1600 miles: **this is further than London to Madrid!** We have seen a significant improvement in our fitness levels and our resilience towards physical exercise. Thank you to Miss Turtle for getting us started.

New Staff - Welcome!

Miss Crowe in Year 4 has the pupils all very well settled; we welcome her to our team.

Foundation Stage 2 – Reception Family Friday starting 1st March

From 2.20pm to 2.50pm

We will be holding a session where you can come and take part in a range of reading and number activities with your child. This is a valuable learning experience for you and your child which will give you an understanding and insight into some of the things we do at school. We hope that you can join us for lots of fun!

Foundation Stage 1 – Nursery – Friday Stay and Play

The nursery children have been enjoying our Friday 'stay and play' sessions with parents and families, who have joined in with a variety of play activities including reading, block building, playdough, role play in our home corner and being creative on our project table. The FS1 staff have welcomed opportunities to engage with families and share the children's progress through Tapestry and learning journey books. We will be developing these sessions further after the half term with a new 'Book Chatter' every Friday, where parents can join in with stories, songs and rhymes and experience quality advice from Miss Robinson following her recent training.

Attendance this Term

F1	87.69%	F2H	94.36%
F2C	91.36%		
1M	94.42%	1G	91.60%
1H	98.22%	KS1 HIGHEST	
2K	95.87%	2R	93.59%
3G	94.21%	3W	94.93%
4C	96.56%	4S	95.07%
5D	92.54%	5S	95.73%
6C	95.05%	6F	96%
6T	96.73%	KS2 HIGHEST	
Over all 94.66% (not including nursery)			

School Events, Trips or Workshops

Date	Day	Activity	Term
25 th February	Monday	Pupils return	Spring 2 nd Half
4 th March	Monday	Parents Meetings (F1 & F2)	
5 th March	Tuesday	Parents Meetings (Y1 & Y2)	
6 th March	Wednesday	Parents Meetings (Y3 & Y4)	
6 th March	Wednesday	World Book Day	
7 th March	Thursday	Parents Meetings (Y5 & Y6)	
7 th March	Thursday	Behaviour guidance drop in sessions for parents/carers (further information to follow) – 9.00am	
7 th March	Thursday	Travelling Book Fair arrives	
14 th March	Thursday	Travelling Book Fair collection	
15 th March	Friday	Red Nose Day	
21 st March	Wednesday	FS1 Dough Disco – 11.15am	
28 th March	Thursday	FS1 Easter Activity Morning 10.00am – 11.00am	
29 th March	Friday	FS2 Easter Activity Morning 9.00am – 10.00am	
5 th April	Friday	School closes at 2.00pm	Summer Term 1 st Half
23 rd April	Tuesday	School re-opens for Summer Term	

SCHOOL YEAR			
February to July 2019 – Opening and closing, including half-terms			
Date	Day	Activity	Term
15 th February 2019	Friday	School closes – Half-term	Spring Term 2019
25 th February 2019	Monday	Pupils back to school	Spring Term 2019
5 th April 2019	Friday	School closes	Spring Term 2019
8 th & 9 th April 2019	Mon/Tues	Inset Day – school closed	Spring Term 2019
23 rd April 2019	Tuesday	Pupils back to school	Summer Term 2019
6 th May 2019	Monday	Bank Holiday	Summer Term 2019
13 th to 16 th May 2019	Monday	Year 6 SATs Week	Summer Term 2019
24 th May 2019	Friday	School closes – Half-term	Summer Term 2019
3 rd June 2019	Monday	Pupils back at school	Summer Term 2019
19 th July 2019	Friday	School closes	Summer Term 2019

Reminder: Please ensure your child wears school shoes and has indoor shoes in school. Trainers or boots are not acceptable to be worn all day in school. Although we are taking part in the Golden Mile, children are given the opportunity to change into their trainers before taking part in this event.

Gates - reminder

The gates are set to **open automatically** at the following times:

*8:00am – 8:15am	(for breakfast club)	*8:40am – 9:15am	(start of school day)
*11:35am – 12:00pm	(Nursery)	*2:50pm – 3:15pm	(end of school day)
*3:50pm – 4:15pm	(for after school clubs)		

Parents/carers and pupils are expected to use the pedestrian gates properly. Please be patient and do not try to force the gates open. **They will not open if they are pushed.** The vehicle gates are **not** to be used by pedestrians; this is for your own safety and the safety of your children.

