



Autumn Term 2 – December 2022 - Newsletter (Issue Number 49)
END OF TERM
Thursday 15th December 2022
Spring Term 1 – Pupils to School – Wednesday 4th January 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Just like that, the Christmas period is upon us!

Thank you for all your support for the national Children in Need and British Legion contributions.

The sports leaders, Miss Gibbons, Miss Ashdown and Mr Whittingham, continue to drive our participation in local authority events. We thank them for their strive in ensuring that our pupils are given opportunities where these are available. Your efforts have not only been recognised by us but also externally, with the achievement of the Schools Games Mark SILVER for 2021/22 – well done and once again, thank you!

Thank you to all those who engaged in the Parents/Carers meetings this term. We value the opportunity to discuss your child/children's education and other matters that may concern them.

School Fund

The school fund is the monies we take in from the some of the fundraising activities in school such as the raffle ticket sales during the Christmas period. We will be using some of the School Fund to supplement the breakfast bagel provision for purchasing the butter and also to buy some reading books. Thank you for your generosity.

Year 1 Reading

Year 1 are welcoming parents/carers each Friday morning to read with your child in class. Thank you to the parents who have attended. It is a great opportunity to see your child in class, meet the teacher and reinforce the importance of reading to your child.

Firefighter Readers

We have continued to welcome Scunthorpe Firefighters into school to read with Y5 and Y6 pupils. We are grateful for their time and dedication to supporting literacy and reading.

Study United

This half term saw selected Y5 pupils completing their Supporter to Reporter project. They have had a fantastic experience: visiting the stadium, attending a match, interviewing players and much more!

Road Safety

Y3 and Y4 have participated in road safety workshops this half term to support their education and awareness, keeping them safe in the community.

A.I.M High Poetry Workshop

We were proud to host a number of local primary schools for a writing workshop for Y5 and Y6 pupils. The day was facilitated by poet, Matt Abbott, who took the pupils on a journey through poetry and enabled them to create their own individual pieces.

The Forge

The Forge charity kindly took their time to visit pupils in Y5 and Y6 for an assembly to raise awareness of the issues surrounding homeless and roofless people in the local area.

Festive Activities

As always, we have taken time to enjoy seasonal festivities in school with parents/carers, this year opening our doors for carol concerts and the FS2 nativity. The Foundation Stage also celebrated the season with their annual breakfast with Santa. Thank you for your attendance in abundance. It was nice to see a full hall.

Children in school have participated in a virtual pantomime, Christmas Jumper Day and the annual Christmas dinner. Our annual Christmas raffle returned this year raising a huge £1540.10, thank you to all who have participated.

We say farewell and huge thanks to our long-serving Chair of Governors. Mrs Thompson has been affiliated in one capacity or another with Grange Lane Junior School and The Grange Primary School for about 36 years! From 2016, she took the role of Chair of Governors. Her understanding of our community and empathy for our pupils and families, together with the drive to improve our pupils' chances through the offer in school, has always been what has mattered the most to her. We thank her most sincerely for her many years of service and wish her endless happy and relaxing moments with her family.

We say a big thank you to Miss Gathercole who has been with our school since 2016. She has been instrumental in our school's improvement journey, especially in her leadership of Science and most recently PSHE. Her commitment in ensuring that our pupils' needs are met, both academically and pastorally, is to be admired. We wish her all the very best for the future ahead.

After-school Clubs

Day	After School
Mondays 3pm - 4pm	SATS boosters Y6 - invite only
Wednesday 3pm - 4pm	FS2 Craft with Mrs Cooper - 10 children maximum Y2 Maths Club with Mrs Henderson - 15 children maximum Y3/Y4 Big Sing with Mrs Simpson – 20 children maximum
Thursdays 3pm - 4pm	Multisport Y1/Y2 – external provider

REMINDERS

1. Attendance and Punctuality

We would like to remind you of the school's attendance procedures.

If your child is absent from school, please contact us daily on 01724 843601 to share:

1. The reason your child is not at school
2. The date you expect your child to return to school.

At 8.40am until 8.50am, all the school doors are open and pupils are expected to arrive into their classrooms.

Classroom doors are closed promptly at 8.50am and the only way to get into school after this time is via the school office. This is to prevent any disruption to the learning of children already in school.

All children who arrive after 8.50am, must report to the school office.

Children who arrive after 8:50am but before 9:00am will be marked as late (Attendance Code L) in the attendance record and parents/pupils must record the reason for lateness to office staff.

Any child who arrives for school later than 9:00am will be marked as having an unauthorised absence for the morning. (Attendance code U).

If you are experiencing any difficulties with getting your child to school regularly (and on time) then please ask to speak to Mrs Hempstock (Pastoral Manager). We look forward to working together with you in ensuring your child's regular attendance to school.

2. PE Days – Autumn Term 2

Children should come to school in their **PE uniform** on their PE days; this kit must be the school PE kit colours (black shorts, a plain white T-shirt, trainers and a jumper/joggers in colder weather).

If children are not wearing the correct kit (i.e. pink tops, T-shirts with cartoon characters, logos other than the school's etc), parents/carers will be contacted and asked to bring in the correct kit, or they must bring in their formal school uniform, to get changed into.

PE kit/uniform requirements are also outlined on the school's website.

PE Days for Spring 1 Please remove jewellery and wear PE kit.	
Monday	Year 2
Tuesday	FS2 Year 1
Wednesday	Year 3
Thursday (delivered by Primary Sports)	Year 5 Year 6
Friday	Year 4

Diary Dates:

School Dates		
Term	Dates	Activity
Spring 2023	Tuesday 3 rd January	Staff INSET Day
	Wednesday 4 th January	Pupils back to school
	Friday 10 th February	Half-term
	Monday 20 th February	Pupils back to school
	Friday 31 st March	End of Term
MAY DAY Monday 1st MAY – SCHOOL CLOSED		
Summer 2023	Monday 17 th April	Staff INSET Day
	Tuesday 18 th April	Pupils back to school
	Monday 8 th May to Thursday 11 th May	Year 6 SATS WEEK
	Friday 26 th May	Half-term
	Monday 5 th June	Pupils back to school
	Friday 21 st July	End of Term
Autumn 2023	Monday 4 th September	Staff INSET Day
	Tuesday 5 th September	Pupils back to school

Keeping Children Safe this Winter:

Water safety: Winter brings new dangers of frozen water of which entering cold water can be fatal. Keep yourself, children and pets safe by staying away from open bodies of water. The Royal Life Saving Society UK offer some advice to help you and your family stay safe this season.

Online safety: Please visit our twitter page (@grangelanejr) to view the CEOP festive countdown about how to keep your children safe online during December.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, Mrs Thorpe, Governors and all the staff.