



The Grange Primary School

December 2023

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Attendance information. School: 90.84% National: 92%



We have thoroughly enjoyed planning a range of events in school on the run up to the end of term: breakfast with Santa; sing alongs, concerts and visits to Church and our very own Santa' Grotto. Thanks to the generous support you have given, we have raised £1409.21 from the events and also £417 from the movie nights. This will support us in the purchase of resources and planning trips and workshops to enhance the curriculum. We would also like to say a huge thank you to



Santa for giving his time to the Thrive room when he is so busy at this time of year. Also, sincere thanks to all the local businesses and parents who donated gifts and prizes.

PE Days Spring 1	
Monday	Y2
Tuesday	FS2 & Y1
Wednesday	Y3
Thursday	Y5 & Y6
Friday	FS1 & Y4

Key Dates Spring 1	
Reopen	Monday 8th January
Whole School Big Talk Education	Monday 15th January
Close for half term	Friday 9 th February
Reopen after half term	Monday 19 th February
Close for Easter break	Thursday 28th March
Reopen after Easter break	Tuesday 16th April
SEND coffee afternoons	
	Monday 29th January Monday 26th February Monday 25th March

Parents We are increasing the opportunities for parents to come into school to spend time with their children and see their learning. We really appreciate your feedback on these events so that we can adapt them and make them more enjoyable and accessible for as many parents as possible. This term, parents have begun to come in on 'Welcome Wednesday' to see work that children have completed - each class taking a turn to host this event. KS1 parents walked to church with us - there was an overwhelming attendance at this event and the children enjoyed seeing you there. We would like to welcome more parents/grandparents in to school to volunteer to listen to children read - please contact the office if this is something that you would like to support us with.

Pupils and Enrichment On the 10th November, we welcomed Paul Sturgess (from the Harlem Globetrotters) into school - the world's tallest basketball player! He shared with the children the importance of embracing differences and working towards a goal. A local resident also donated some Christmas craft packs that pupils in school have enjoyed using to create cards and gifts for the community. Years 5 and 6 participated in a new, virtual reality workshop to raise awareness about gangs. They responded really well to this style of learning and it generated a lot of valuable discussion in class about how to keep safe in the community. Pupils in KS1 and KS2 have participated in the Get Ahead Speed of Light workshop - a thoroughly enjoyable experience for the children. To support their learning, Year 1 took part in a Great Fire of London workshop and Year 6 visited Yorkshire Wildlife Park and all pupils were a credit to the school. We also hosted a maths workshop, inviting other schools to attend, for our maths experts in Y5 and Y6.

Community Thanks to all of your support, we raised £143.75 for The Royal British Legion through the annual poppy appeal. Our community ambassadors continue to visit Edmund House weekly for reading and other activities with the residents. As always, look out in the playground each Feel Good Friday for the Lidl treats! Over the next month or two, while the weather is coldest, soup will also be available. Feedback has been overwhelmingly positive about this and we will aim in the new year to make sure that Nursery and Foundation Stage 2 parents have easier access to the donations too.

Governors Our governors have been present in school supporting all of our events and visits - their time is greatly appreciated and thank you so much for their continued support.

Share a Story <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CKYqu2q5aig> Twas The Night Before Christmas

Have a very restful break and a happy new year from all at The Grange Primary School

