



13<sup>th</sup> May 2022

Happy Friday Grange Families,

Already, this half term is flying by and we only have 2 weeks left before our Jubilee celebrations and the half term break! We have so much to pack in and so many exciting experiences and opportunities for the children (even when we have 3 day weeks!)

We welcomed in a new month and have celebrated key events such as Florence Nightingale's 202<sup>nd</sup> birthday on the 12<sup>th</sup>, which also marks International Nurses Day, a time for us all to be thankful for the care and hard work from these keyworkers over the last two years.

This week has seen the start of the Year 2 SATs which we always call 'special jobs'. Year 2 children have not had to complete these for the last two years and we have been so impressed with the children's fantastic learning attitude and resilience, trying their very best and putting in so much effort. Well done to all of them and a big thank you to the rest of the school for being so respectful and quiet.



Please remember, there is always someone here to help, to advise and to listen. No worry, query or question is ever too big or too small! Find us on the playground in the morning and at the end of the day, or pop into the office to see one of the lovely office staff.

Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Myers 😊

### PE days for the Summer 1

Please check which day your child will need to come to school in their PE kit as these have changed for the new term. Please can we ask that PE kit consists of plain trackies in black or blue (or dark coloured shorts in warmer weather), a white t-shirt and either the school jumper or a dark coloured sweatshirt. Earrings and jewellery must be removed before the start of the day.

Owls and Blackbirds: Monday

Wagtails, Robins and Chaffinches: Thursday

Starlings, Sparrows and Woodpeckers: Wednesday



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## Weekly attendance: Cool to be In School

Each week, attendance is tracked across the school and on a Friday the class with highest attendance for that week, gets a certificate. At the end of each term, we look at who has had the best attendance overall and that class gets to choose an item for their class such as a new game.

**This week the winners are: Woodpeckers with 97.6%!**

Congratulations and well done for your great attendance this week.

Don't forget, the more you're in school, the more learning you can do!

**As a school, we have a responsibility and a duty of care to ensure that children attend school regularly and that attendance is good.**

**Where attendance drops, we will make contact with parents and carers and work with you to get attendance back on track.**

**Should your child be unwell and unable to attend that day, please contact the office to let us know and this will be recorded on our registers.**

**During out of office hours, you will be able to leave a message.**



## The more you're in school, the more you'll learn!

We have been working hard with our families to improve our overall attendance figures which have taken a bit of a battering in the last few months. It is often surprising what an impact the odd day off can make, particularly early on in the year. This can then make it more of a challenge to improve that attendance quickly.

Of course when children are poorly and really not well enough for school, that will be an authorised absence but with common colds and other minor illnesses, we can administer Calpol and then call you if things don't improve.



## Attendance Certificates

We have had some really positive feedback on our 100% attendance certificates, as well as certificates for improving attendance.

A big thank you and well done to all of our families and children for supporting us on this vital aspect of school improvement!



## Here's what the Grange Infant School Council has been up to



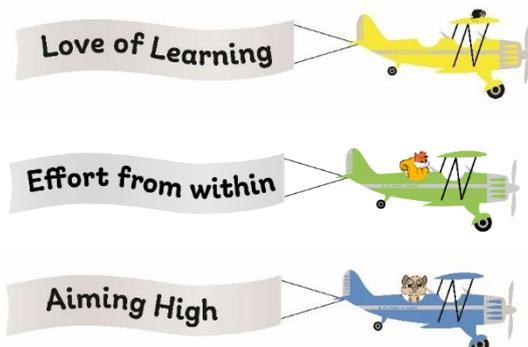
Our school councillors are loving their new roles, embracing responsibility and aiming high to give their very best to improving the school. Last week, they were interviewed by myself and our Safeguarding governor Mrs Sharp, to get their views on certain aspects of safeguarding in school. They really impressed us with their knowledge and we felt reassured that they know how to stay safe in all aspects of life.

One question we asked, was:

*How does Grange Infant School keep you safe?*

These were their responses:

- You lock the gates; children can't get out
- Teachers will come if you're hurt or getting hurt by someone
- We have our school value- safe and secure
- If you leave the classroom, you tell the grown up where you are going
- The adults take a register so they know who's here
- If you're poorly, you might get a sick bowl and then the school will call your parents
- My safe place is my classroom, where I belong
- There are lots of germs like corona but we wash our hands lots and use sanitiser. We used to be in bubbles too to keep safe
- At break and lunch, the adults help us; the dinner ladies open food for us if we can't
- There are medical kits in school (on trips) and you might get an ice pack
- I feel safest in my class, next to my teacher and friends
- I can go to an adult in school if I am worried



## The Queen's Platinum Jubilee



**Come and celebrate with us!**

Here's a reminder of what our plans are:

Next **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May**, we are inviting the children to come into school in **non-school uniform** in exchange for chocolate or wrapped cakes (with a good use by date) for our Jubilee raffle the following week.

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May** is then our official Jubilee celebration day. We are inviting all of our families to a Grange Infant Jubilee picnic on our field (please don't rain!). **The picnic will start at 12.30pm** and we will open our gates ready to welcome you at 12.20pm. You will collect your child/ren from their classes and then take them onto the field for the picnic.

At around 1.30pm or just before, we will ask the children to line up with their classes and they will then return to class. Once they are settled, we are then hosting a Jubilee craft session during which you will be able to join your child/ren in their classroom to make a Jubilee-themed piece of art or craft which they can take home. If you have children in different year groups, you will be able to visit their classrooms too.

At around 2.45pm we will then ask parents to move outside of the classrooms whilst we get the children ready to go home. We will be opening the doors at the earlier time of 2.55pm so that you can collect your child and walk round to the main playground at the front of school for our Jubilee raffle at 3pm.

### Plant a Tree for the Jubilee!



As part of our celebrations, we will be planting a tree for the Jubilee at the front of the school. We are working closely with local authority to source a high quality tree and want to involve our families in choosing the type of tree we plant.

We will send out details soon!

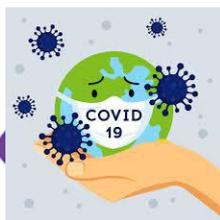
### Jubilee Bunting

If your child would like to take part in Caroline Dineage's (MP) bunting competition, please can these be returned by Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May.

Thank you



**This week's COVID Update- This will be our final update.**  
**We will notify families should we have an outbreak in the future.**



From 1<sup>st</sup> April, free testing will end for most people. We are all very aware that COVID is still out there and although our number of cases has dropped this week, we are still maintaining hygiene vigilance to keep everyone safe.

We would ask that you continue to report all positive cases if you still have LFTs that you can use to test. We do understand that getting hold of tests is going to be difficult now, so would ask that you follow the normal routines for any illness and let us know if your child is unwell. NHS advice can be found using this link: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/coronavirus-in-children/>

If you need to visit the school, please can you wear a face covering unless exempt and try to keep any face to face meetings or conversations to a minimum. In school, tables and high-touch areas are cleaned and sanitised regularly. Staff may choose to wear a face covering and we limit any mixing of year group bubbles. All our teaching spaces are well ventilated and hand washing is standard for all staff and children.

#### **Updated Government Guidance:**

[https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus?qclid=EAIaIQobChMIyq\\_6vM\\_C9QIVS7D+Ch0iiAKHEAAYAiAAEgJEKPD\\_BwE](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus?qclid=EAIaIQobChMIyq_6vM_C9QIVS7D+Ch0iiAKHEAAYAiAAEgJEKPD_BwE)

**Update: Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May Confirmed positive cases**

**Year R: 0**

**Year 1: 0**

**Year 2: 0**

#### **Chicken Pox and Scarlet Fever**

We still have some cases of chicken pox in school and recently, have had a couple of cases of scarlet fever.

Please use the links below to find out more:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/chickenpox/>

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/scarlet-fever/>



#### **Nivea Sun cream for Children**

##### **Allergy warning**

Now that we are seeing warmer weather and some beautiful sunshine, it is likely that you will be starting to put sun cream on your children. We wanted to make all of our families aware that Nivea Suncream contains almond oil which could be an allergen for those children with a nut allergy.

Please check all ingredients carefully.

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May:** Non-uniform day in exchange for chocolate or cake for the Jubilee Raffle

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May:** Jubilee Family Picnic and celebration on the field at 12.30pm

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May:** School closes for the half term break at **3.15pm**

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June:** Summer 2 starts

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July:** Transition session 1 for the children  
(Year 2 children will be visiting the Juniors)

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July:** School closed for **INSET** Transition planning

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July:** Transition session 2 for the children

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July:** Whole school sports afternoon from 1.30pm

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July:** School closes at **1.30pm** for the summer break



With the hope of warmer days ahead, please can we remind you all about sun safety and well-being.

Every child should have their water bottle in school every day. All classes have access to water dispensers so that bottles can be topped up during the day as we are encouraging them to drink more to keep hydrated.

On warmer, sunny days, please can we ask for your child to come to school with an application of sun cream already on. Under health and safety guidance, we cannot apply sun cream to any child but can guide and support them in doing it themselves should they need an additional application.

Sun hats are great for shading little faces and eyes. It's always a good idea to put a name on belongings clearly!

### Parent Questionnaire

Thank you to the many of you who have completed our Parent Questionnaire.

It is always so useful for us to have feedback like this, so that we can identify what we do well and where we need to improve.

We will be drawing one of the questionnaires next week and that person will win a £25 voucher!



## Wow Writers and Proud Pot this week:

Every Friday, we have a whole school celebration assembly where we find out about the amazing things the children have been up to. Each class will put forward one child for their 'wow writing' and one child who has done something that they are really proud of. A big congratulations to the following children who have excelled this week and been the very best they can be!

# Wow and Proud

## Congratulations

### Owls

Wow Writer goes to  
Darcy T for her  
beautiful poem and  
excellent use of suffixes!



Proud Pot goes to  
Poppy for great effort  
with her special reading  
job!

### Woodpeckers

Wow Writer goes to Louie for  
super spelling and thinking  
carefully about his sounds!



Proud Pot goes to Michael  
for moving up to **orange** books!

### Chaffinches

Wow Writer goes to  
Emilia-Rose for her  
beautiful poem, her best piece  
of work all year!



Proud Pot goes Kian for being  
very resilient when learning  
about shapes, and great  
revising!

### Robins

Wow Writer goes to  
Oscar; he remembered his  
finger spaces!



Proud Pot goes to  
Chloe for matching  
words to the picture  
independently!

### Wagtails

Wow Writer goes to  
Emily-Rae for super spelling  
and lots of effort!



Proud Pot goes to  
Soraya for imagining what  
characters could be saying!

### Starlings

Wow Writer goes to  
Ezra for using his sounds  
to spell words from  
the farm!



Proud Pot goes to  
Isabelle for fantastic  
learning about money,  
giving the right amount  
of coins!

### Blackbirds

Wow Writer goes to  
Emily for great predictions about  
what could happen in a book!



Proud Pot goes to  
Charlie for great  
behaviour and kindness in school!

### Sparrows

Wow Writer goes to  
Bethany for excellent  
writing about the  
chicks who were born at  
our school!



Proud Pot goes to  
Florence for reading  
100 times!

## Charity Focus

We always like to promote local charities and highlight those that are at the heart of our community.

This week, we would like to share with you **The Azaylia Foundation** which supports children fighting cancer by helping them to access treatment that may not be readily available. They also work with cancer research and medical institutions to advance early diagnosis and accelerate the availability of new treatments in the UK:



<https://www.theazayliafoundation.com/>

### A few last reminders...

Please can we ask all of families and visitors to remind themselves of some of the restrictions that are in place on our school site. These are for the health and safety of our whole community and we would ask that all visitors to our site respect the following:

E-scooters must not be ridden on any part of the school site including the driveway.



Smoking and the use of vapes or e-cigarettes are not permitted on any part of the school site.



Sadly dogs (unless guide dog) are not permitted on the school site.



Thank you for your support in keeping Grange Infant School safe and secure!

Safe and Secure

