



29th April 2022

Welcome to the summer term Grange Families,

I hope you all had a restful Easter break, relaxed with your families and ate lots of chocolate! It has been lovely as always, to see the children's happy, smiling faces and to hear all about the exciting things they have been up to. The playground has such a positive buzz every morning and I always love that time before the doors open for the new day, when I can walk around, have a chat with the children and watch them having fun with their friends.

On Monday, we celebrated St George's Day and thought about what it means to be British, showing strength and resilience just like George did when he faced the 'dragon' and embracing our rich and diverse culture. I shared some symbols of England and was pleased to see how many children recognised the Houses of Parliament, The Queen, Wembley Stadium and Costa Coffee! We will soon be celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and look forward to welcoming our families to help us celebrate. *Read on to find out more!*

We will be welcoming some new children to our school next week and after their visits today, I know they are going to love being part of Grange Infant School. I was so proud of how polite and welcoming all of the children were today, proving once again how kind and caring they truly are. We now have our list of new entrants who will be joining Year R in September and have been pleased to see so many younger siblings who will be joining the Grange Family. Thank you for choosing Grange to give your child a 'flying start'!

Polite and Respectful



Nurture and Care



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 Bank Holiday weekend,

Miss Myers ☺

PE days for 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**



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: **Starlings with 99%**

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.



A polite request about scooters

Electric scooters or 'e-scooters' are growing in popularity and whilst these may give an adrenalin rush and are lots of fun, it is actually illegal to ride a privately-owned electric scooter in public.

Whilst we can't 'police' what happens outside of our school gates, we do have the right to state that

e-scooters are not to be ridden on our school site.

This is for the health and safety of our children and their families.

Can we also ask that bikes and normal scooters are also not ridden whilst on the school site.

Thank you for your understanding on this matter.



Introducing our new Grange Infant School Council

A huge well done and congratulations to our new school councillors, who took up their new positions this week. They can't wait to get involved with school improvement, helping to make the school the very best it can be and promoting our school values and vision.

They had their first meeting with Mr Price yesterday and are keen to embrace their roles.

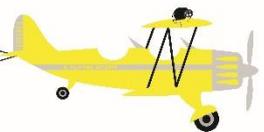
Look out for future news about what they have been up to!



Aiming High



Love of Learning



Effort from within



The Queen's Platinum Jubilee



Come and celebrate with us!

We are so excited about the upcoming celebrations for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and want to share with you what our plans are!

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

Friday 27th 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 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 then walk round to the main playground at the front of the school for our Jubilee raffle at 3pm.

In addition to this celebration afternoon, we will also be voting for and then planting a Jubilee tree and making our very own Jubilee time capsule! Watch out for more details on how to vote.

The children will also be invited to take part in the Caroline Dineage MP bunting competition and this will be sent home soon.

We will be putting together our very own Grange Infant School Jubilee time capsule and asking for ideas and items from our families to be added to this ready to be sealed and put away for the next 25 years. I will let you know more details soon.

Platinum Pageant: Hopes and Dreams for the future

On Sunday 5th June, there will be a pageant in London to celebrate the Jubilee, featuring a 'River of Hope'. This will highlight awareness of environmental concerns and the hopes and dreams children have for the future of the planet. I would like to ask the children (and families) to share their own hopes and dreams for the future and these will be added to the Jubilee display in school.

Please could you talk to your child about what their wish for the future would be and then email this to me with a photograph of your child to my email address: s.myers@grange-inf.hants.sch.uk

This week's COVID Update



From 1st 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?gclid=EAIaIQobChMIyq_6vM_C9QIVS7DtCh0iiAkHEAAYAiAAEgJEKPD_BwE

Update: Friday 29th April Confirmed positive cases

Year R: 0

Year 1: 0

Year 2: 0

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions or concerns.





Monday 2nd May: School Closed for Bank Holiday Monday

Thursday 5th May: School closed for Polling Day

Wednesday 11th May: Class photos

Friday 20th May: Non-uniform day in exchange for chocolate or cake for the Jubilee Raffle

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

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

Monday 6th June: Summer 2 starts

Tuesday 5th July: Transition session 1 for the children (Year 2 children will be visiting the Juniors)

Friday 8th July: School closed for **INSET** Transition planning

Monday 11th July: Transition session 2 for the children

Thursday 14th July: Whole school sports afternoon from 1.30pm



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 clearly!

Parent Questionnaire

We are sending out our parent questionnaire today and would like to invite all parents to complete this, as it is a great way of finding out what we do well and where we need to look to improve.

Every questionnaire that is returned will be entered into a draw with the winner receiving a £25 gift voucher.

Thank you for the talking the time to tell us how we're doing!



Wow and Proud Congratulations

Sparrows

Wow Writer goes to **Henlee** for writing numbers!

Proud Pot goes to **Logan** for writing 4 phrases about the farm using finger spaces and full stops!

Chaffinches

Wow Writer goes to **Hudson** for brilliant work with suffixes!

Proud Pot goes to **Ava-Rose** for **Red** words—super work!

Blackbirds

Wow Writer goes to **Sammy** for her brilliant poem!

Proud Pot goes to **Katelyn** for dividing by 3 in Maths.

Starlings

Wow Writer goes to **Amethyst** for her writing about the farm!

Proud Pot goes to **Theo** for 10s and units in Maths; 1 is a snail & 10 is a crab!

Robins

Wow Writer goes to **Doug** for great work with -er suffix!

Proud Pot goes to **Ella** for great work in Maths with 2s!

Owls

Wow Writer goes to **Archie** for his fantastic poem!

Proud Pot goes to **Shannon** for great work on reasoning in Maths.

Woodpeckers

Wow Writer goes to **Hazal** for writing about food at the farm!

Proud Pot goes to **Louie** for 10s and units in Maths; 1 is a snail & 10 is a crab!

Wagtails

Wow Writer goes to **Leon** for beautiful handwriting and poem ideas!

Proud Pot goes to **Omari** for reaching **Orange** level in reading!



Help Grange to be winners with Dunelm!

Dunelm in Fareham are running some fantastic competitions for local schools to win some fabulous prizes.

Please visit our Facebook page and follow the links on our feed; you can vote for us to win '**Grow Your Own Sunflowers and Strawberries**' kits, and also for us to win a beautiful **Butterfly House**! We know these would be lovely additions to our school that the children would be fascinated by.

The competitions are closing on Sunday 1st May so please get your votes in before then.

Do feel free to share with your friends and loved ones too!

Unexpected visitors!

There was quite the buzz around school on Tuesday when we had a visit from a few 6 legged friends - approximately 20, 000 honey bees! The little workers followed their queen and settled on a branch in our Year R playground (all children were safely inside their classrooms).

We were very fortunate to be able to watch local bee keeper and expert Paul safely remove the queen bee and her worker bees in a special basket called a 'skep', and capture the process on video - if you haven't seen already, do check out Class Dojo, as it really was fascinating!

Also a fun fact, over the course of its lifetime, a bee will produce just 1 teaspoon of honey. We must really appreciate all the hard work that goes into making the honey we enjoy with our morning porridge!

