



To Our Lovely Grange Families,

3rd December 2021

Welcome to this week's flyer and welcome to December! The festive vibe is definitely here and classrooms are starting to sparkle and shine. We've even seen a few cheeky elves making mischief around the school! Yesterday was our annual Christmas decoration afternoon and whilst we couldn't have families in this year, the children still had an exciting afternoon, leaving trails of glitter and sequins behind them. The hall looks amazing and a huge thank you must go to the staff who gave their time today to put up the tree, hang many baubles, string up lights and set up the Nativity. The children were so excited when they came into assembly today and saw that Christmas had definitely arrived!

Key Stage 1 loved their Victorian experience last week and the costumes were fantastic; thank you for all the effort made. They learnt so much from what life was like as a Victorian school child to having an insight into how disgusting hospitals were at the time. The atmosphere walking around school was buzzing and I think we can all agree, this was such a brilliant way to be hooked into the learning. Year R have loved their Heroes and Villains topic, rescuing carrots and designing and making their own gingerbread superheroes. The school smelt delicious!

We have a busy two weeks ahead of us with all classes busy practising for their performances and everyone getting into the party mood. We can't wait to share with you the children's performances and will be letting you know nearer the time how these will be accessed on line. Letters went out this week about our Festive Passes which are always a huge success. Please see below to find out more.



Thank you to everyone for continuing to work with us on our new entrance arrangements. We are asking everyone to keep to our one way system to help keep everyone safe and this has been working well. With the weather set to get colder, the pathway on the field has become more slippery, so please take extra care when using it. We are trying to remind the older children not to run but to walk carefully to avoid any slips or trips and will endeavour to get salt and grit put down to help. Whilst we do have Infant staff out to monitor this path, please speak to us if you have any worries.

Wishing you all a restful weekend. As always, my door is open so please let me or the amazing office team know if there is anything we can do to help. We are always here for you! Miss Myers ☺

Parent Meetings

It has been so lovely for the teachers to catch up with many of you during this week's parent meetings and phone calls. This relationship and the communication we have with you is such an important part of every child's learning journey here and makes sure we all work together to give every child a flying start.

Please see your child's teacher if you have not made an appointment this week but would like to find out how your child is getting on.



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: OWLS with 97.1%

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.



Reporting School Absence

If your child is going to be absent for any reason, please can you make sure you phone this through into the school office. A message can also be left if there is no one to answer the phone.

Whilst we love Class Dojo and all that it offers, please can we ask that parents do not use the messaging service to report absence.

Thank you!



Mrs Bramble's Table Top Sale

The Department for Education has recently asked schools to make sure all families have access to good quality second hand uniform. Thank you to the kind donations from our families in the past, we now have a large collection of clothing that is available. The lovely Mrs Bramble is often outside on the playground in the morning and would love to see you. She has lots of offer and has been known to source other items that families might need, so please ask!



Christmas Raffle

Any unwanted gifts?

As part of our lovely raffle this year, we are asking if any families have any unwanted gifts or items that they would like to donate.

Please send in any donations to the school office. These would be much appreciated and will added to our usual chocolate hampers.

Thank you!



Christmas Jumper Day

Next Friday, 10th December, is our Christmas jumper day. We are inviting the children to wear their Christmas jumpers or Christmas outfits for the day, in exchange for chocolate for our very popular Christmas chocolate raffle at the end of term.



The children will also be having their Christmas dinner that day, so thank you to those of you who have returned your order form for the lunch. It's always a lovely, gravy-covered event!



Applying for School Places

If you have a child who is due to start in either Year R or Year 3 in September 2022, please make sure you have completed the application within the window.

This window closes 15th January 2022 and any applications made after this will be classes as 'late' and may affect the allocation of the school.

Please use this link:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/admissions/applicationprocess/yearrandyear3>

Grange Gardeners: Become a Grange Volunteer!



Do you love gardening? Do you have a spare hour or so each week? Then we need you!

We are looking for a volunteer/s to help maintain our lovely garden areas. Whilst we try to do what we can during the week, there are times of year, such as autumn, when lots needs to be done to maintain them and keep them looking their best. You definitely don't need to be an expert but you do need to love being outdoors! During the spring and summer term, we would love to run a gardening club too.

Please let Miss Myers know if you're interested and want to find out more



COVID Update



With news this week of a new variant, I am sure, like us, your thoughts are once again focused on keeping safe and thinking about measures to limit any transmission of the virus.

I wanted to reassure our families that our daily routines and procedures have not changed and we are still committed to ensuring that Grange Infant School follows all Government and Council guidance. This week we have reminded all our families of the one way system for entering the school site. Please can we ask all families to respect this and to ensure that a safe distance is maintained whilst waiting on the playground.

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 clean 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.

Since September, we have had 9 positive cases all of which were from contact with a positive case outside of school. We will update families should the number of cases increase, in line with guidance from the DfE.

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

Friday 10th December: Christmas jumper day and Christmas lunch

Monday 13th December: Christmas week- Our festive celebrations letter went out on Tuesday but have added another copy to the bottom of the flyer for your reference

Thursday 16th December: Christmas disco and party

Friday 17th December: end of term- 1.30pm finish

INSET dates for this year- we like to give you plenty of warning so you can prepare!

Friday 18th February: Common closure day for Gosport and Fareham schools

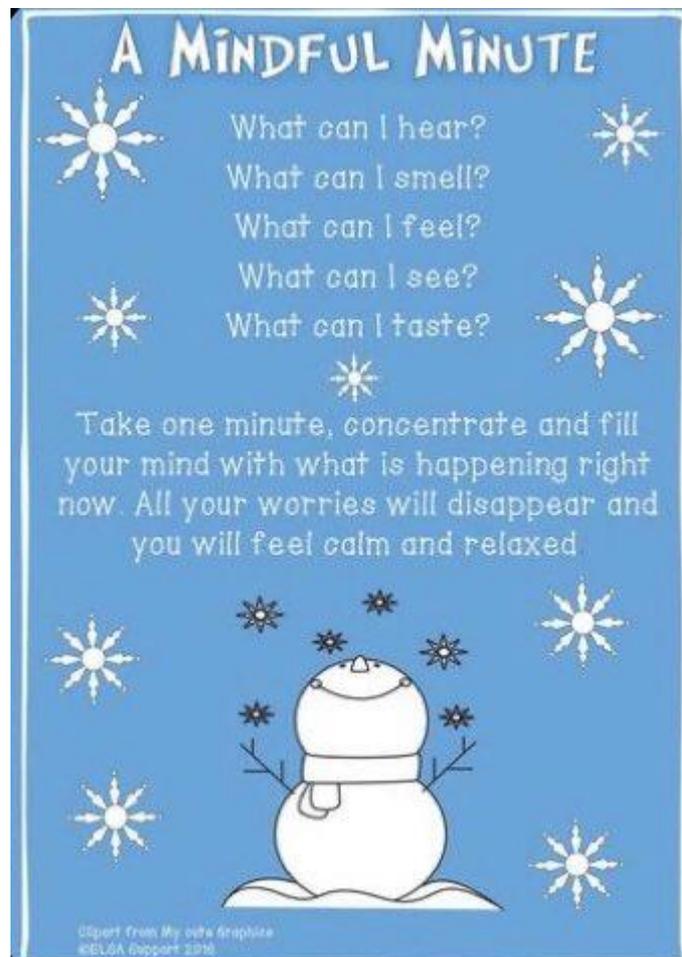
Friday 8th July: Transition planning



Mindfulness Moments

Our weekly slot with Miss Reed: Take time out for a moment of mindfulness

This week's mindfulness activity:



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 huge congratulations to the following children who have excelled this week and been the very best they can be!

This week Wow and Proud go to....



Starlings- Proud Pot goes Aaliyah for her lovely Christmas card!

Wow writer goes to Austin for his fantastic effort in phonics.

Sparrows- Wow writer goes Jaea for identifying the graphemes and writing 'dad' copying from the sound mat.

Proud pot goes to Avaya for carefully making her Christmas decoration.

Woodpeckers- Proud pot goes to Eliza for listening to sounds and writing CVC words to match the picture.

Robins- Wow writer goes to Josie for writing sentences independently.

Proud pot goes to Ella for playing collaboratively with her friends 😊

Wagtails- Wow writer goes to Olly for his writing about the hospitals.

Proud pot goes to Willow for using her bonds and exploring inverse. Well done 👍

Chaffinches- Wow writer goes to Oliver for his super sentences and using brilliant finger spaces.

Proud pot goes to Oscar for his pairs of numbers in maths 😊

Blackbirds- Wow writer goes Kiara her beautiful handwriting!

Proud pot goes to Theo for his amazing perseverance and neat handwriting 😊

Owls- Wow writer goes to Darcy.T for her information mind map.

Proud pot goes to Nicholas for working hard on his bar models this week.

Congratulations!

Grange Infants School Council

Our wonderful school council with Mr Price, has been thinking about a more sustainable world this week and how we can help the planet through looking after and planting more trees. Thank you to Mr Hanser from Grange Junior School, who has asked us to take part in planting a new copse on the school grounds. The school council visited Mr Hanser this week to collect 10 sapling trees including silver birch, dogwood, rowan and hawthorn. Whilst it's so cold, the baby trees will spend the winter keeping cosy and getting ready to be planted out in the spring.

Thank you Grange Infants School Council; you're amazing!



A Request from Acts of Kindness

They will be collecting different items for each day in December. We would love to support this charity who reach out to local families in need.

If you would like to support this, please bring any of the items listed below in a bag and these will be collected at the end of term by Acts of Kindness. Any item will be much appreciated no matter how small.



The Acts of Kindness Reverse Advent Calendar 2021



Christmas Festive Celebrations at Grange Infant School – 10th December to 16th December 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Christmas is fast approaching here at Grange Infants and we would like to end the term with some festive celebrations! Following the success of previous years, we are again, offering the children our Christmas Festive Pass.

For a total cost of £8.00 per child, they will receive:

- 1) Class Parties
- 2) Year group disco full of activities!
- 3) Party drink and a Christmas homemade biscuit
- 4) A visit and Christmas gift from a special guest 😊
- 5) A secret Santa gift for a female
- 6) A secret Santa gift for a male
- 7) A raffle ticket for our Christmas draw
- 8) Lots of festive fun!

This year's Christmas dinner will be held on **Friday 10th December 2021** and on this day we would like to invite the children to wear their **Christmas jumpers (non-uniform)** in exchange for a chocolate donation for our very popular chocolate hamper raffle. A raffle ticket is included in the total cost but you are welcome to purchase extra at a £1 per strip of 5.

On **Monday 13th December** the Year R children will be taking part in the secret Santa gift wrapping. Year 1 will take part on **Tuesday 14th December** and Year 2 will wrap their gifts on **Wednesday 15th December!**

Year group discos and class parties will take place on **Thursday 16th December** and start at 3.15pm until 4.45pm. Children can come dressed in their **party outfits/ non-uniform** and remain in them throughout the day. Collection will be outside the external classroom doors for all classes.

Our school council will draw the raffle prizes during the last week of term and winners will be notified by text so we can make safe arrangements for collection.

If you would like your child/ren to take part in the Christmas festive celebrations, please complete the attached booking form and return it with your £8.00.

Many thanks for your continued support and look forward to celebrating with all the children.

Miss Myers
Headteacher

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Ages: 6 - 12 years

Times: 09:00 - 16:00

Monday 20th December -
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