



Where Children Come First

Ms Beverley Boswell
Headteacher (BEd Hons) NPQH

The Grange Community Primary School
Avocet Way
Banbury
OXFORDSHIRE
OX16 9YA

T: 01295 257861
E: office.2058@grange.oxon.sch.uk

3rd September 2024

Hello all

Welcome back to school gang! For all our new families and students – especially our Reception students - I want to offer a very special welcome to The Grange family; it must be a bit overwhelming and daunting for you right now; rest assured, everything will be fine.

I hope that you have enjoyed a wonderful summer break and hope you are ready and raring to go tomorrow – 4th September. The team have been in school undergoing training and preparing for another successful year at The Grange. As always, the old girl looks in great shape – Mr Taylor has been hard at it to get us ship-shape and we are ready to open those green gates for business.

IMPORTANT HOUSEKEEPING UPDATES:

- Morning drop-off - The school gates will open at **0825** and will shut at **0840**. Classroom **doors open at 0830 and shut at 0840**. As usual, you are required to use the car park walkway to enter the school site unless you have a mobility issue or are registered as 'Disabled' - access to the school site will be at the drop-off point if this is the case. Children accessing the school site independently will come through their usual entrance on the left as they enter the school. A member of staff will be at the gate if you need anything and to see students on site. The route around the school site will remain the same with KS2 parents able to 'about turn' when they have dropped off. KS1 and Reception parents will go around the school building and leave the site past Chasewell Community Centre. Your class teacher will be at the door to wave you in, smile and say 'Hello'. We need drop-off to be prompt. **Registers will close at 0845 and the first teaching session or assembly will begin at 0850.**
- **15.15: At pick up**, gates will open at 1510 and all students will be released at **1515**. You will be required to queue in the pedestrian walkway. You can come onto the site a tad earlier to wait to pick up at the classroom door if you so wish. If you have given permission for your children to wait at the drop-off point, they will be escorted there, and staff members will ensure a safe handover. KS2 students who have received permission - via the 'School Office' to walk home, will be released from the relevant doors/areas.

Uniform: Second-hand school uniform is available on request from the School Office and we will make available, once a term, a rail of range of uniform that you can access outside school (if you have any uniform that is too small, etc. and is in good condition, please donate to school). **Please ensure that all uniform is labelled and that PE kits are in school colours only. Hair bands and clips must be of reasonable size and be in school colours. Skirts and dresses must be knee length.**

School lunches: Please ensure that the meals that you choose for your child are agreed with your child – make them part of the decision-making. Our food waste was at a record high last year, with children saying that they didn't like the choice – we will let you know if your child is not eating their meals.

Staff news:

Mrs Williams returned from Maternity leave just before the end of the summer term. She returns as Reception Lead and Leader in Learning and will be working three days a week – great to have you back Jude.



Teachers:

- Mr Badger ended his teacher training with a First Class Degree – congratulations, we are very proud of you. He will continue his career at The Grange – earning this post and he will be a huge asset to the team, Welcome home Alex.
- Miss Eeles is not returning to school for a few weeks as she is suffering from acute hyperemesis gravidarum – baby due in the Spring. Congratulations Georgia.
- **Teaching Assistants:**
- UKS2 – Would you believe it - Miss Bagg could not stay away and has returned to The Grange; great to have you back.

Current Staffing Structure 23-24

Headteacher Acting Deputy Headteacher and SENDCo

Ms Beverley Boswell
Miss Amelia Bramall

Reception Lead Reception Team

Mrs Judith Williams
Mrs Judith Williams
Miss Amelia Bramall
Mr Kallum Dixey

Key Stage 1 Year 1/2

Mr Colin Lane (Senior Teacher)

Year 1/2

Miss Alicia Richardson

Year 1/2 Lower Key Stage 2 Year 3/4 Year 3/4 Year 3/4

Miss Laura Mawby
Mrs Zoe Rann (Senior Teacher)
Mrs Sarah Cropper (until end of Term 2)
Miss Fowler (maternity leave) Term 3
onwards
Mr Alexander Badger

Upper Key Stage 2 Year 5

Mrs Keyleigh Travers

Year 5/6

Mrs Gurdeep Gill (Senior Teacher)

Year 6

Mr Gavin Connor

PE Leader

Mrs Lucie Smith-Childs

Music Teachers

TBC

Children and Families Officer (CAFO)

Lynne Clark

School Business Manager Administrative Officer Admin Assistant

Mrs Georgina Taylor
Miss Louise Cotter
Mrs Mel Buckle

Site Manager

Richard Taylor

Higher Level Teaching Assistants

Mrs Vanessa Grant
Mrs Julie Deegan
Mrs Angie Benjafield



Teaching Assistants

Mrs Chloe Gisevicius
Miss Sam Salmata
Miss Emily Malcher
Miss Georgie Mwansa
Miss Sarah Tustain

Miss Naomi Heath
Miss Julia Szydlik
Ms Esther Bagg
Ms Kelly Tibbert

Learning Support Assistants

Lunchtime Carers

Teaching Assistants (on rota)

Ms Zofia Nosal
Mr Mike Akers

Wrap Around Care

Miss N Heath
Miss J Szydlik

Mrs Angie Benjafield

Catering

School Lunch Company

Dates coming up.... please attend all relevant meetings etc

Thurs 5th Sept

3:30 – KS1 Parent Evening
3:20 – 4.15 Years 5 and 6 Teacher/Parent drop-ins

Mon 9th Sept (Year 6 PGL Week)

3:30 – Reception Parent Talk
3:30 – Years 1,2,3,4, Teacher/Parent Drop-ins

Thurs 12th Sept

3:30 – Rec/Ks1 Phonics Talk

Tues 17th Sept

3.30-5.30 Reception Parent Consultations

Weds 18th Sept

3.00-5.00 Reception Parent Consultations

19th September

Year 1 and Reception Phonics Information session @ 3.30pm

Monday 23rd Sept

2.15 – 3.15 Reception Stay and Play

Tuesday 24th Sept

3.30 Year 6 Parent Information Evening

READ, READ, READ, READ, READ: Reading continues to be one of the most important aspects of your child's learning. Now, more than ever, we need to focus on supporting our children with their reading at home and in school. We will also be working on improving vocabulary and spelling this year. Please ensure that your child reads at home every day and that your child's Reading Record is completed. Reading Records will be needed in school every day.

Attendance: Please ensure you do not take your child out of school for holidays during term time. Every minute counts.

CONGRATULATIONS!: Mrs Mwansa is expecting a baby – due in November.



The Grange Way is at the heart of our school, the glue, and the moral compass. It is the most important part of our daily life and contributes to the consistently outstanding behaviour and attitudes of our children. Therefore, it is incumbent upon us all to show it and mean it – I cannot wait to see it in action tomorrow.

I SMILE AND SAY 'HELLO'
I CARE FOR EVERYONE AND EVERYTHING
I KEEP HEALTHY AND HAVE A POSITIVE ATTITUDE
I LISTEN TO LEARN
I WORK HARD TO CHALLENGE MYSELF

On Fridays, I will continue to remind our students of the Friday Five:

- Read, read, read, read, read;
- Be active;
- Tell someone close to you that you love them and that you are grateful;
- Stay Safe;
- Show The Grange Way.

We are acutely aware that holiday times can be tricky and that unexpected things and events crop up in your lives. If there is significant information/news that we need to know about, please let us know via the school office, speak to your class teacher or call Mrs Clarke (01295 257861 Option #2).

That's all for now. Early to bed tonight please – see you tomorrow...it'll be Christmas before you know it – 16 Saturdays!

Kind Regards,



Ms Boswell
Headteacher

