



Where Children Come First

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Hello all

Before I say anything, I have to tell you that Jude and Mark had a beautiful baby boy. Jonah Jacob Murphy 🌈 25/08/23 7lbs 14oz. An incredible likeness to his big brother Jacob James. Very proud parents 🌈💙🌟 and very happy at The Grange.



23-24: On Tuesday 5th September, we start the academic year 2023-2024 - welcome back to school gang! For all our new families and students, I want to offer a special welcome to The Grange family; it must be a bit overwhelming and daunting for you right now; be 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. The team are in school today and Monday training and preparing for an epic year at The Grange. The old girl looks in great shape – Mr Taylor has been hard at it to get us ship-shape. Our refurbished school kitchen is almost ready to go and classrooms look fabulous.

IMPORTANT HOUSEKEEPING UPDATES:

- Morning drop-off - The school gates will open a tad earlier 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 on the door to wave you in, smile and say 'Hello'. Please see the labelled map attached to see where your classroom door is. 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.

We have a large cohort of new staff this year. Welcome all – you already have had an impact, fabulous start.

Acting Deputy Headteacher, Reception Lead and SENDCo: Miss Amelia Bramall

Teachers:

- Miss Fowler (Year 6), Mrs Cropper (Year 3/4) and Mrs VT (Year 3/4)

Teaching Assistants:

- UKS2 – Miss Szydlak

Admin Assistant:

- Mrs Mel Buckle

Dates coming up in September....

7th September: Reception Parents welcome meeting 2.30-3.15

7th September: Teacher drop in for Parents 3.15 – 5pm

11th September: Year 6 PGL Residential (all week)

15th September: Footy Kids Taster Day

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: You know how much I nag you about the importance of attendance – please ensure you do not take your child out of school for holidays during term time. Every minute counts.

CONGRATULATIONS!: Miss Quinn was married in August and is now Mrs Travers – she was a most beautiful bride indeed.

The Grange Way is at the heart of our school, it is the glue, and it is the moral compass. Therefore, is incumbent upon us all to show it and mean it – I cannot wait to see it in action tomorrow. 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 mean it;
- Stay Safe;
- Show The Grange Way.

That's all for now. Early bed Monday night please, and we'll see you Tuesday.
Kind Regards,



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