



The Grange Primary School and Nursery NEWSLETTER

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Friday 13th December 2024

Santa Dash

Thank you for supporting today's Santa Dash. It was greatly enjoyed by those taking part and, I hope, by those of you who came to watch.

Please send sponsor money into school from Monday 16th December in an envelope clearly marked with your child's name and 'Santa Dash Sponsor Money.' It would be helpful if all money raised could be with us by the end of term but we do understand that you may not be seeing some of your sponsors before then so it is absolutely fine to keep it coming in next term. Thank you again for supporting this event, I look forward to sharing with you how the money raised will be spent.

Christmas Events

This week has seen the staging of the wonderful Reception and Key Stage One Christmas performances, the enchanting Nursery Nativity and a truly memorable Christmas service at St. Oswald's Church on Tuesday. It was great to see so many of you in the audience at these events. We are still looking forward to the following events next week ...

Tuesday 17th December - Key Stage Two Christmas performance - 1.45 p.m. - Hall

Key Stage Two Christmas performance - 7.00 p.m. - Hall

TICKETS AVAILABLE ON PARENTPAY (£2.50 each)

Two tickets per family for one performance only please

Wednesday 18th December - Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch (see below)

CHILDREN MAY WEAR A CHRISTMAS JUMPER WITH THEIR SCHOOL UNIFORM

Friday 20th December - Christmas Party Day

CHILDREN MAY WEAR PARTY CLOTHES

TERM ENDS AT 1.30 p.m.

Key Stage Two - Evening Performance - 7.00 p.m. on Tuesday 17th December

Children and staff have been working incredibly hard in readiness for the Key Stage Two performances (children in Years Three to Six) on Tuesday 17th December.

To avoid letting down other members of the cast, it is crucial that all performers return to school at 6.30 p.m. (no earlier) on the evening of Tuesday 17th December. If you are coming to the 1.45 p.m. matinee performance, please ensure that you bring your child back to school for the evening performance. Children should not arrive before 6.30 p.m. as they will not be allowed into the school before then and they will need to be collected from in the hall at 7.45 p.m. Please do not ask your child to walk home or meet you in the car park, he/she will not be allowed to leave the building unsupervised. Thank you for your understanding and co-operation on this matter.

Buying tickets for Christmas performances on ParentPay

Fire regulations mean that we have to restrict the number of people allowed in our hall at any one time. For this reason, you will notice that there is a limit on the number of tickets that each family can purchase for a performance - for the Key Stage Two performance it is two tickets per family.

I do understand that some of you would like to bring members of your extended family to see the performances and that this would mean going over the limit per family.

IF YOU FIND YOURSELF IN THIS POSITION, PLEASE INFORM ME IN WRITING THAT YOU WOULD LIKE ADDITIONAL TICKETS. PLEASE STATE HOW MANY TICKETS YOU WOULD LIKE AND FOR WHICH PERFORMANCE. I WILL DO MY BEST TO ACCOMMODATE YOUR WISSES BUT, OBVIOUSLY, NO GUARENTEE CAN BE GIVEN. Thank you to those of you who have already done this.

Using ParentPay

We operate a cashless system for paying for tickets for school productions, paying for school lunches, paying for trips etc. We have no mechanism for accepting cash so all parents/carers **MUST** register with ParentPay. It is preferable to do this well in advance of using the system.

Mrs. Julie Lincoln

Next Friday (20th December) will be the final day at The Grange for Mrs. Julie Lincoln - one of our teachers in Class Seven. Julie has worked at our school for over 20 years. I know you will join me in wishing her well as her career develops in a new direction.

Clubs next week

None! - AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS HAVE FINISHED FOR THE TERM

Christmas Lunch - Wednesday 18th December

Children who have a school lunch will be served a delicious roast dinner on Wednesday. Children who bring a packed lunch may wish to make it more festive with a mince pie, a satsuma etc.

Nursery Class - End of Term - Change of date

We have several new children starting our Nursery in January. In order to give them a chance to visit us before Christmas, the term will end for current Nursery children on Thursday 19th December at 3.15 p.m.

Celebrating Good Attendance

Today's winner of the 100% Attendance Prize for the term to date (100% attendance and no late arrivals) is Charlie Hocker in Reception Class and the Class Attendance Award for the week was won by Class Five - Well done Charlie and Class Five!

You can't teach an empty chair!

What's going on over Christmas?

Please see details on the website of Christmas Sports Camps in December and January at Linacre Primary School where children who are entitled to free school meals can claim a free place.

Details of fully funded places (for children entitled to free school meals) at school camps at Goals in December and January can also be found on the website.

Mental Health Support Team - Parent/Carer Workshops

The following workshop for parents and carers will be taking place in the staffroom, places can be booked at the school office: Screen Time - Tuesday 3rd March 2025 at 2.15 p.m.

Do you have a child born between 01.09.2020 and 31.08.2021?

Applying for a Reception Class place in 2024

Application for Reception Class places must be submitted by 15th January 2025. Please visit

www.sefton.gov.uk/startingschool

Information is also available on posters around the school and from the school office.

Please remember, if your child attends The Grange Nursery and you would like him/her to attend our Reception Class next year you must apply. A Nursery place does not guarantee a Reception place.

Dates for your diary - Autumn Term 2024

Tuesday 17 th December	Years Three - Six Christmas performances - p.m. and evening
Wednesday 18 th December	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas lunch
Friday 20 th December	Christmas parties, Term ends at 1.30 p.m.
Monday 6 th January 2025	Spring term starts
Thursday 13 th February	Half Term starts
Friday 14 th February	Staff Training Day
Monday 24 th February	Term re-starts
Wednesday 5 th March	Parents' Open Afternoon
Thursday 6 th March	World Book Day
Thursday 25 th March	Book Fair
Friday 4 th April	Term ends at 3.00 p.m.
Tuesday 22 nd April	Staff Training Day
Wednesday 23 rd April	Summer term starts
Monday 5 th May	Bank Holiday
Monday 12 th May	Year Six SATs Week
Friday 23 rd May	Half term starts
Monday 2 nd June	Staff Training Day
Tuesday 3 rd June	Term re-starts
Friday 18 th July	Term ends at 1.30 p.m.

Wishing you all a pleasant weekend!

Daniel Hains, Headteacher