



# The Grange Primary School and Nursery NEWSLETTER

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No. 3 Autumn Term 2024

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2024

## Clubs Next Week

Monday - Playcourt Football - Yrs. 3 & 4 - on the playcourt

Monday - Choir - Yrs. 3 - 6 - Hall

Tuesday - Table Top Games - Yrs. 5 & 6 - Class Six

Thursday - Lego and Construction Kit - Yrs. 3 & 4 - Class Three

**Please collect your child from the front of the school at 4.15 p.m.**

## Parents' Meetings

Details of the first opportunity for you to meet with your child's new teacher are:

**Classes One - Six - Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October** - Meetings will be held in your child's classroom at 3.30 p.m. and 3.50 p.m. We are offering two meetings so that parents/carers with more than one child in the school can attend both. Please attend the meeting for your youngest child first.

**In an effort to ensure that as many parents/carers as possible can attend these very important meetings, children in Classes One to Six can be brought to the hall where they will be supervised while parents/carers attend Parents' Meetings.**

**Reception Class - Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October** - Welcome coffee morning and meeting with staff in the staffroom at 9.00 a.m.

**Classes 8, 9, 10 and 12 - Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October** - For new starters in the staffroom at 2.30 p.m.

**Classes 7 and 11 - Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October** - For new starters in the staffroom at 2.30 p.m.

This is an opportunity for you to meet your child's teacher and learn about the routines and expectations in her/his new class.

## Cycling to School

Children are encouraged to cycle, scoot and walk to school. We regularly remind children of the health and environmental benefits of not coming to school by car.

If your child comes to school on a bicycle or scooter, please help us by reminding them that:

**They must come off their bike or scooter when they enter the school site**

**They must not ride their bike or scooter on the school grounds (i.e. playgrounds and the car park)**

**Bikes and scooters must be left in the cycle shelter on the rear playground**

**The use of bike locks and cycle helmets is strongly recommended**

**The school will take no responsibility for loss or damage to bikes or scooters, they are brought to school at the owner's risk**

**Thank you for your understanding and support.**

## Height and Weight Screening for Year Six Children

As part of the annual national programme of height and weight screening, children in Year Six will be weighed and have their height measures on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October. A date for Reception children will be set later in the year.

**Flu immunisation - a message from the School Health Team**

**Flu vaccinations will take place on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December**

Your Child's flu immunisation is due this term. It's important that all parents/carers read and respond to this message to avoid receiving further telephone calls, texts and letters from our service.

Please visit <https://econsent.merseycare.nhs.uk/> and complete your Child's flu form with a yes or no by the 13/09/24, you can select the nasal spray for the best protection or the alternative injectable flu if required. Any forms completed late may result in your child not receiving their flu immunisation at the school session. Flu can be an unpleasant illness and sometimes causes serious complications. Vaccinating your child will help to protect them as well as more vulnerable family and friends by preventing the spread of flu this year. If you require any further support, please contact the Sefton school immunisation team on 0151 247 6130 who will be happy to help.

**The Grange Ambassadors**

A new committee was voted in today! The Grange Ambassadors is a group of children elected by their peers in their class to perform the following roles in the year ahead:

**To be the School Council**

**To be the Eco Committee**

**To be Oracy Champions**

**To be Social Signature Champions**

**To be the voice of the children of the school and to share what it's like to be a pupil at our school**

Voting took place this afternoon. The names of the winners will be published in next week's newsletter. The first Grange Ambassadors meeting will take place on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October from 3.30 - 4.15 p.m.

**Celebrating Good Attendance**

The winner of the 100% Attendance Prize for the term to date (100% attendance and prompt arrival) was Alice Farrar in Class Six and the Class Attendance Award for the week was won by Class One - Well done Alice and Class One!

**Applying for a Place at High School**

The window for applying for a High School place in September 2025 is now open. If you have a child in Year Six, you must follow the instructions on the letter posted on our website today or visit

[www.sefton.gov.uk/startingschool](http://www.sefton.gov.uk/startingschool)

Parents/carers of ALL Year Six aged children MUST apply for a mainstream high school place, this includes children in Classes 8, 9, 10 and 12 who are unlikely to attend a mainstream school. We appreciate that this may appear to be an unnecessary exercise but it remains the only way of your child being in the system to gain a place in a special school or similar.

The closing date for registering for a high school place is 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024.

**High School Open Days**

Litherland High School - Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September - 4.30 - 7.30 p.m.

Maghull High School - Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October from 10.00 - 12.00 noon

**Free Legal Advice Drop-In Service**

I am very grateful to MSB Solicitors for their continued generosity in offering free legal advice to Grange families. Please see the flyer with this newsletter and, if you need to, make an appointment to meet with MSB legal advisors on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November from 9.00 a.m. to 12 noon when they will be visiting our school.

### Dates for your diary - Autumn Term 2024

Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> September	Harvest gifts to be sent to school from this week
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	Parents meetings - Classes 1 - 6 (see above)
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Parents meeting - Reception class (see above)
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents meeting - Classes 8, 9, 10 & 12 (see above)
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents meeting - Classes 7 & 11 (see above)
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	Half term starts
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	Staff training day
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	Term re-starts
	Book Fair this week
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Parents open afternoon
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	Free legal advice - drop-in session
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	Year Five residential trip to Crosby Hall Educational Trust
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	Year Five residential trip to Crosby Hall Educational Trust
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Year Five residential trip to Crosby Hall Educational Trust
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Flu vaccinations
	After school clubs finish this week
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas service - St. Oswald's Church - 10.00 a.m.
	Reception - Year Two Christmas performances - a.m. and p.m.
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Nursery nativity
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Santa Dash
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Years Three - Six Christmas performances - p.m. and evening
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas lunch
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Term ends at 1.30 p.m.

### Term dates for 2024 - 2025

#### Autumn Term 2024

Starts: Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September

Half Term: Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October - Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November

Ends: Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December

#### Spring Term 2025

Starts: Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January

Half Term: Friday 14<sup>th</sup> - Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February

Ends: Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April

#### Summer Term 2025

Starts: Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April

Half Term: Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May - Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June

Ends: Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July

Please note, the above dates contain some changes to those previously published. Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February will now be a staff training day and the summer term will end on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July and not Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2025.

Wishing you all a pleasant weekend!

Daniel Hains - Headteacher