



# The Grange Primary School and Nursery

## NEWSLETTER

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No. 4 Autumn Term 2024

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2024

### Parents' Meetings

Meetings take place next week:

**Classes One - Five - 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 Five 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.

### Class Six Parents' Meeting

Apologies - the meeting with Miss Wright for Class Six parents and carers cannot take place on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October. It will be held on the following day - Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October at 3.20 p.m. in Class Six. Children may remain in school until the meeting finishes, they will be supervised.

### 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.**

### Homework Expectations

The *Information for Parents and Carers* booklet can be found on our website. The key messages regarding homework can be found below the Dates for your Diary section of this newsletter. I am sure that you will agree with the importance of supporting your child's learning at home that is key to our approach to homework.

On the rare occasions that children do not complete their homework at home, staff may require them to do it in school. This can mean that children miss part of their break time to ensure that they have done their crucial daily quota of reading for example.

### Harvest Donations

You are invited to send non-perishable foods (tins, packets etc.) to school in the next two weeks - thank you to those of you who already have!

All donations will be donated to Netherton's Community Pantry on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October when we will hold our harvest assembly.

### **Keeping your children safe in school**

In this morning's assembly the routines that must be followed should the fire alarm or the lockdown alarm sound were covered. A fire drill and a lockdown drill were held this morning. Children acted very sensibly in both.

### **Stranger Danger**

I have been notified this week about a man taking photographs of children outside a Litherland school this week. I understand that the police have been informed but I would ask you to emphasise the stranger danger message to your child/children (as Mr. Evans did in this morning's assembly.)

### **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 measured 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 Childs 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.

### **Celebrating Good Attendance**

The winner of the 100% Attendance Prize for the term to date (100% attendance and prompt arrival) was Leah McGibbon in Class Three and the Class Attendance Award for the week was won by Class Eleven - Well done Leah and Class Eleven!

### **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.

### **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 12.00 noon when they will be visiting our school.

Wishing you all a pleasant weekend! Daniel Hains - Headteacher

### **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 - 5 (see above)
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Parents meeting - Class Six and 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 25 <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.

### **Supporting children with homework and in being prepared for school**

We believe that children learn best when links between home and school are strong. It is crucial that parents and carers actively support their children with reading and with other homework tasks and that they help children to develop their organisational skills by ensuring that homework and equipment is brought to school on the appropriate day.

As children grow older the nature of support from home will obviously differ. Younger children who are learning to read will need you to sit with them as they read while older children, who are more proficient readers, will need you to monitor what they have read to ensure that they have understood it. All children have a Reading Record Book which needs to be signed and returned to school every day.

Our homework expectations are relatively simple. All children must read from their school reading book to an adult every day. The adult must sign the book to indicate that his/her child has read and the page of the book that they have reached.

From Year One onwards, children are expected to learn their weekly spellings and from Year Two onwards to practise their multiplication tables using the online resource – Times Tables Rock Stars (see Curriculum section – page 10.)

As an approximate guide, we advise that the time spent on homework each day should be:

Classes	Reading, at least:	Other Activities, up to:
Reception Class	10 minutes	10 minutes
Years 1 and 2	20 minutes	10 minutes
Years 3 and 4	20 minutes	20 minutes
Years 5 and 6	20 minutes	30 minutes

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## Free Legal Advice Drop in Service

### MSB Solicitors can advise in the following areas of law: -

- Care proceedings (including people who care for non-biological children- intervenors)
- Pre proceedings involving the Local Authority (PLO)
- Child In Need involving the Local Authority
- Special Guardianship Orders
- Domestic Violence issues - Injunction proceedings (Non-Molestation order/ Occupation Order)
- Issues regarding children from separated parents
- Divorce/ finances within a marriage – separation agreements
- Co-Habitee Disputes (partners living together, not married)
- Relocation (moving abroad or out of the area)
- Child Abduction
- Forced Marriages
- Honour-based violence

### Other areas of law: -

- Criminal
- Personal injury
- Residential Conveyancing
- Commercial Property
- Employment of businesses
- Employment for individuals
- Social Housing

### Come and see us at: -

**The Grange Primary School,  
Stonyfield,  
Netherton,  
L30 0QS**

**(telephone to book appointment slot – 0151 318 5749)**