



Grange Infant School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are truly in full flow of our second term in school this academic year. The children have had a fabulous time so far with plenty already happening in school.

Firstly, I wanted to thank so many of our parents for helping out on our cinema visits for the 'Into Film Festival' and for our trip to Stanton with Year 2. Be it either walking with the classes to and from the cinema or meeting us there or even joining us in the minibuses, it was very much appreciated. Without your help, we wouldn't have been able to attend either of the trips. All the children had a fabulous time and enjoyed both experiences.

Key dates for the rest of the term:

Friday 10th December - Christmas Jumper day

Wednesday 15th December - Christmas Dinner day

Friday 17th December - Christmas party day and last day of term.

Parking

Please be considerate of our neighbours when parking to drop children off in the mornings and picking children up. If it is not safe to do so, please do not park there.

Please also do not block our neighbours drives, they need access to these at all points of the day. It would be even better if you can either walk, bike or scooter to school. We always have places for scooters and bikes to be kept safely on site.

Staffing

It is with great sadness that we have had to say goodbye to Mrs Sperti this term who has a new job in another school in Cirencester. Mrs Williams will be joining the EYFS team at the end of the term in Alhberg class. Mrs Williams has many years of experience working in schools and will be a fantastic addition to the team.

At the end of this term we are also having to say goodbye to Mrs Painter, Mrs Prinzi and Mrs Good. We will truly miss them in school; the energy and dedication that they have brought and I am sure that the children will miss both of them in class. Their experience, gentle nature and love for the job and children here, will be very hard to replace. I am sure you will join me in thanking Mrs Painter, Mrs Prinzi and Mrs Good for all the support they have given the children.

After the Christmas holiday, Mrs Ealey will be joining the year 2 team as TA and Mrs Hyatt will be joining as class teacher in Walliams alongside Mrs Rudman. Mrs Hyatt has previously worked with Mrs Rudman and they make a dynamic team together. She has

many years of teaching under her belt and a wealth of knowledge to impart to the children.

Value

This term's value is respect. Children will be learning what respect is and how we can respect each other, the school, the environment and everything in it. Our key texts for this term are 'Great Joy', 'Do unto Otters', 'A Chair for my Mother' and 'The Way I act'. Each text focuses on a different element of respect from how children can act, showing selflessness, how children can act in different situations, acceptance of no, resolving problems and listening to others. Our music appreciation, which is linked to our value will focus on songs by Kelly Clarkson (Stronger), David Guetta (Titanium), Aretha Franklin (Respect) and KT Tunstall (Hold On).

COVID with the new Omicron Variant

The WHF as a Trust are meeting today and tomorrow about what this new variant will mean for our schools and what the new DFE guidance is asking us to put in place. We will then be sending out information to parents about any changes we are needing to make.

Due to restrictions placed on schools for holding mass gatherings, we are looking at ways of how we can continue to hold our Christmas Carol Concerts so that parents and children can still take part in this as we know both parents and children love them. We will be sending out further information on this next week.

With cases still on the rise, please do make sure that if your child is showing any symptoms of COVID, that you get them tested and inform the school of any results. We still need to pass on any positive cases in school to PHE, even if track and trace do the tracing of close contacts now.

Mitochondrial Fundraiser

Thank you all for your support in our 'Bake off' and cake sale to raise money for the Lily Foundation. We were able to raise £653.20 for the foundation which is a fabulous amount for the charity.

Weather

As the weather is turning colder and the paths are getting frostier, please can you make sure that you aren't allowing your child on the play equipment. The surfaces can get incredibly slippery and we wouldn't want our children to hurt themselves. Before and after school are times that the children are under parental supervision before they come into the school building.



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Sickness

Please make sure that if your child is sick that you phone the school before 8.30am to ensure that we know why your child isn't in school. Also, please make sure that if your child has sickness or diarrhoea then they need to be off school for 48hrs from the last episode to stop the spread of any contagion.

Thank you for your continued support

Mrs Elly Rushen-Gough
Principal
Grange Infants School