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Dear Parents/ carers,

Welcome back to term 4. I hope that you have had a lovely half term. Our value this term is resilience. Children will explore what the value is through its meaning and how they can show resilience in school when faced with a challenge. Each Wednesday assembly will be based around resilience and challenge. Alongside this, the school has just purchased Jigsaw which is a mindful approach to PSHE. Jigsaw integrates personal, social, health and economic education with an emphasis SMSC, especially spiritual development. It aims to help children know and value who they really are as well as how they relate to other people in this community and the world itself which would really benefit our children. For more information, please take a look at their website [www.jigsawpshe.com](http://www.jigsawpshe.com).

Alongside the school newsletter, you will now receive a year group newsletter with a topic overview so that you are kept informed of what your children are doing in class. The topic overview will inform you what your child is learning in school, linked to the curriculum, as well as any up and coming events or proposed events that are happening for the year groups. These will also be available on the website.

This term, I am eager to get your voice on what you feel will help improve the school. I will be out on the playground in the mornings, when I can, to ask your opinions. A parent survey will also come out during the term which I would be very grateful if you could complete.

On Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March, Grange Infant School will officially become part of The White Horse Federation. The White Horse Federation blends a relentless drive for academic excellence with a shared moral purpose and set of values, while also ensuring there is a whole lot of fun and happiness in their schools. They will also offer further support to develop and improve Grange Infants for your child/ren and offer a range of different experiences alongside the other schools in the Federation. Due to the school joining the Federation, we will be having a new and separate website from the Junior School. We are currently working with developers to get this up and running as soon as possible. We will update you when the site goes live.

### **Key dates for the diary**

25<sup>th</sup> February - Chance to Shine programme for year 1 pupils. This will take place every Monday for the term for children to experience cricket being taught by a fully trained coach.

25<sup>th</sup> February - Dino-crazy experience for year 2

7<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> March - book fair in school. This will be set up in the hall on the 7<sup>th</sup> March and then again on the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> in the Mousehole for you to look at.

7<sup>th</sup> March - World book day - children to dress up as their favourite character and share their favourite books during the week.

4<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> March - book share week

12<sup>th</sup> March - Year 2 SAT meeting for parents at 8.30am - details to follow

19<sup>th</sup> March - EYFS music festival

21<sup>st</sup> March - Parents meeting - school improvements - 2.30pm - details to follow

25<sup>th</sup> March - art project in school based around mindfulness

26<sup>th</sup> March - Parents evening - details to follow

27<sup>th</sup> March - Parents evening - details to follow

2<sup>nd</sup> April - Strings roadshow/ Music Festival show for Reception Parents - 2.30pm

3<sup>rd</sup> April - Music Festival show for Reception Parents - 8.45am

5<sup>th</sup> April - end of term 4.

We have arranged for an additional TD day on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of June for the school. This day will be based around improving the school's curriculum to ensure that it has clear purpose and intent for pupils, which will improve the quality of what your child is learning. We want to develop our curriculum so that it is engaging, stimulating and will offer the children a topic-rich approach with a broad range of different experiences.

As always, if you have any concerns or worries about your child/ren, please see your child's class teacher at pick up or drop off times. If you would prefer to speak to me, my door is always open. Alternatively, you can always phone the school on 01793 822357 to book an appointment or email me directly at [erushen@grangefederation.org.uk](mailto:erushen@grangefederation.org.uk). We really do welcome any comment you have to help improve the school.

Many Thanks

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