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Hello all

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Just a quick message to say that we have had a great start to the term. Our ECO Councillors led a great morning assembly telling us to be mindful of our carbon footprint. We have such confident and erudite students here – very proud.

Congratulations and Well Done

10 CBGS: Sonny S, Archer B
Bronze Badge: Aiden CS, Brodie C
40 CBGS: Poppy B, Harrison T, Lily B
50 CBGS Jessica H
70 CBGs: Alicia D
Platinum Badge: Henry C
130 CBGs: Roman S
Topaz Badge: Annie K
220 CBGs: Matthew A
250 CBGs: Jessica W, Sonny C

Congratulations to our students who have gone up a level in their reading journey – there were many of you today.

Showing the Grange Way outside the school Well done to:

Anthony E has earned his Blue Peter Badge for his terrific achievement in playing Hockey.

Reading: Please make sure that your child is reading at home every day – and recording entries and responding to the text being read. Headteacher's Award to Peter's mum – what a journal!

Poppies will be on sale in school next week – if you wish your child to buy one, please send in money. They will be available all week.

Overall, **attendance** is looking good at 96.82%. You know the local authority line on this and indeed, the school policy on this – I implore you, please avoid taking your child out of school during term time.

Scooters – please ensure your child dismounts their scooter before they enter the school site – we have had a few near misses with pedestrians this week.

Coming up...Please see the Christmas calendar below for event dates. Don't forget our **PTFA XmasFest Christmas Party on 8th December.**

















Christmas at The Grange

Event:	Details:	Costs:
Decorating the school	We will be decorating the classes on 4 th December.	N/A
Santa Fun Run	Katharine House Hospice Santa Fun Run in School on 6 th December. Come to school dressed in your Christmas	£1 Donation for Katherine
Grange PTFA Christmas Party	themed running outfit/jumpers and wear it all day. Friday 8 th December at school, times and more details to follow SCHOOL CHOIR REQUIRED TO ATTEND – WE WILL BE PERFORMING	House Hospice Donations gratefully received.
Years 3/4 Christmas Carols	Monday 11 th December in School at 14.00 & 18.00 2 guests per family - because of space capacity.	£2.50 each ticket
Reception Christmas Show to Parents	Wednesday 13 th December at 14.00 in Chasewell Community Centre (next door) 3 Guests per family.	£2.50 each ticket
Y5/6 Christmas Carols	Wednesday 13 th December @ Bodicote Church at 18.00 – all children to attend. Children to arrive at 5.45 2 guests per family - because of space capacity.	Donations on the day to the church
KS1 Christmas Show	Thursday 14 th December @ 14.00 in the School hall & Friday 15 th December at 14:00 2 guests per family - because of space capacity.	£2.50 each ticket
Class parties	Each class will be having a party on Monday 18th December in the afternoon. We will be asking for food or drink donations from children. Children will remain in their uniform for the party.	Lists will go nearer the time.
Christmas Day @ The Grange	Tuesday 19 th December CHRISTMAS HATS AND SWEATERS TO BE WORN Children will eat their lunch in classrooms; it is always a lovely event with Christmas music playing in the background. All children can access this meal. Children in Reception, Years 1 and 2 are entitled to this free, children in Years 3-6 can choose to buy this lunch, unless they are entitled to Free School Meals.	£2.60 for children in Years 3-6 (if not entitled to Free School Meals)

Please find below details of how we intend to celebrate Christmas this year.

As you can see, we have tried to ensure that children have a super time in school in the lead up to Christmas.

All virtual tickets will be available to purchase next week on ParentPay – A message will be sent once online and available to purchase.

The last day of term is 20th December and children return to school 8th January.

FOOD GIFTS FOR OUR FAMILIES: I am asking you not to buy staff gifts again this year. However, we are keen to provide as much help to families in need over this Christmas period. Please send in any foodstuffs that you can for our foodbank so that we can distribute it before Christmas. Thank you in advance.

That's it for now. Have a fabulous weekend all. Don't forget the Friday 5.

Keeeeeep dancing!

Ms B x













