



Where Children Come First

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Hello everyone,

I know that I have mentioned GrangeFest on Facebook – the brilliance of it and your epic support of our school, the coming together of the whole school community after the Covid years; it was incredible. The hard work and effort put in by our PFTA is unrivalled for sure and what they have planned for XmasFest22 will not disappoint. Thank you all for making it a memorable night and raising some decent cash – I will let William broadcast that information.

Attendance is looking weak right now at 93.69%. The impact of an unprecedented number of families taking holiday during term time is not only impacting whole school attendance but it is having a negative impact on learning. It is expected by school, the LA and the government that every family works together with school to improve and maintain school attendance. Only exceptional circumstances warrant a leave of absence. I will consider each application individually considering the specific facts and circumstances and relevant background context behind the request. If a leave of absence is granted, it is for me to determine the length of the time the pupil can be away from school. As head teachers should only grant leaves of absence in exceptional circumstances it is unlikely a leave of absence will be granted for the purposes of a family holiday.

Staffing News: At this time of year, we start saying 'Goodbye' to existing staff members and 'Hello' to new ones. Mrs Reed is retiring at the end of term after nearly 21 years' service to our school. I will say more in my final newsletter, but it must be said that she will be greatly missed by us all. Mr Shepherd leaves The Grange next Friday after a six-month stint – thank you Phil and 'Good Luck' from us all. Richard Taylor will take over the site management as of July. Miss K Quinn and Miss G Eeles are starting as class teachers in September – as well as Mr Dixey. We welcomed Ms Symons to our admin team last week and have Ms Rashkovan, Mrs Kutner starting as Teaching Assistants and Mrs Clarke starting to cover for Mrs Duffy's Maternity cover. I am still looking for two Teaching Assistants...

Congratulations to:

20 CBGs: Beaux C

Bronze Badge: Emilia C

Silver Badge: Dominic C, Gabriel D, Phoebe W, Emily M

70 CBGs: Dylan W, Fern B-T, Genevieve D, Lennon K

Gold Badge: Kaylum G, Arliyah H, Barney N, Max F

100 CBGs: Aurora H, Archie K, Milly L

110 CBGs: Emily S, Anthony E, Angel T

140 CBGs: Ethan W, Freddie N

160 CBGs: Charlie G, Sam H, Taylor H

170 CBGs: Bethany G

190 CBGs: Sarah N, Sonny C, Bethany O

200 CBGs: Caleb W

230 CBGs: Nicholas E, Jess G

260 CBGs: Sophie P



Showing the Grange Way outside school

Well done to:

Aisha H for passing Stage 1 at swimming.

Sammie M for achieving his 10m swimming certificate.

Sophie K has achieved The British Gymnastics Proficiency Award for level 5.

Georgia S has earned a medal for her gymnastics.

Freddie N won a football tournament with his team.

Quadkids: Parents who were spectators at the KS2 Quadkids event at NOA have kindly emailed me to tell me how great our squad were on Wednesday. Years 3/4 came 4th and Years 5/6 came 5th overall. The Grange Way was on fine form – look out for the full report on Facebook. Congratulations kids, well done in that heat!

The end is near: We have three weeks of this academic term left and lots to get through. Ofsted are due any minute and we are waiting patiently for their arrival. Please keep a look out for Parent Hub updates on dates of upcoming events, making sure you don't forget 14th July – Sports and Family Day.

It has been fabulous to have our new Foundation Stagers (for September) and their parents visiting school recently. It serves as a reminder that schools never stop, life carries on and our children fly the nest. The next three weeks are going to be important for our Year 6s – we are dreading the thought of them going; they are ready for their next step though, so it is bittersweet. Make every second count Year 6.

Have a wonderful weekend all – encourage the children to read this weekend please.



Ms Bx

