



Dear Parents,

It is already the end of the first week and whilst it is great to think back upon all of the fun things everyone did in the summer, it is also great to see everyone in school settling into their new classes so well.

The children are already getting stuck into their work for the new year and there is a lot to look forward to in the weeks and months ahead. This week's newsletter contains a lot of information to help give you an idea of what will be going on and remember that you can also always check the website for dates, letters and a whole host of other useful things.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mr Ledgard

### Achievement Assembly

Key Stage 2 Achievement Assembly today saw us giving Merit certificates to children who have earned them with impressive learning and attitude through last year.



These are the last Merit Certificates of this kind that we will be handing out. We are now in the world of Class Dojo! Instead of collecting stamps and stickers to fill their sheets, children from Year 1 and up will be keeping track of their Dojo points. Rest assured, the certificates and cups will carry on coming and there will be plenty of chances to come in and celebrate with us in Achievement Assembly every Friday.

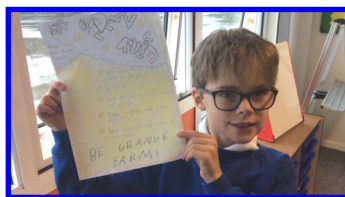


### Golden Rules

We have renewed our Golden Rules in school.

- Use kind hands, feet and words to everyone
- Be honest
- Look after our equipment, school and grounds
- Listen carefully and follow instructions
- Work hard and help others to work hard too

These are on display all around school—Yr 4 have been designing their own.



The Golden Rules and Class Dojo are all part of our renewed Behaviour Policy which is available on the school website.

### 2017/18 Training Days:

- Friday 17th November
- Monday 8th January
- Friday 16th March
- Monday 4th June

### Diary Dates

#### From Monday 11th September

Clubs start

#### Wednesday 13th September

Yr 6 Plas Dol-y-Moch Parents' Information Meeting—6pm

#### Wednesday 20th September

Yr 5 Black Country Museum Trip

#### Monday 25th September

All years—Parent Information Meetings  
5:30pm and 6:30pm (repeats)

#### Friday 29th September

Year 2 Warwick Castle Trip

#### Sat 30th Sept to Wed 4th Oct

Year 6 trip to Plas Dol-y-Moch

#### Monday 9th October

Individual School Photographs

#### Mon 23rd Oct to Fri 27th Oct

Half-term Holiday

#### Monday 30th October

Reception Heights and Weights Check

#### Tues 31st Oct & Wed 1st Nov

Year 3 Compton Verney Trips

#### Wed 15th and Thurs 16th November

Parents' Evenings

#### Friday 17th November

Teacher Training Day—no children in

#### Tuesday 12th December

2:30pm—Reception Christmas Play

#### Wednesday 13th December

2:30pm—Yr 1 Christmas Play

6pm—Reception Christmas Play

#### Thursday 14th December

6pm—Yr 1 Christmas Play

#### Thursday 21st December

Last day of term

#### Diary Note

Trips and events may be shown here that you have not yet received a letter for. Do not worry if this is the case. All letters will be sent in plenty of time before the event and will be available on the website

## WELCOMING MISS SMITH



It has been lovely to welcome our new Year 4 teacher, Miss Smith, to Grange Farm this week.

## WEDDING BELLS



Our Congratulations go to Mrs Brennan (nee Smith) and her new husband on their marriage over the summer holidays.

## Refurbishment Works

As well as the holiday clubs taking place, school was also busy with a variety of improvement and refurbishment works taking place over the summer holidays.

The dining room is part way through being completed with new storage space created for Fun for Kids and the kitchen and an expansion into what was the ICT Suite due to take place during October half-term.

We have also seen the Year 3 and 4 Boys' and Girls' toilets being refurbished over the summer to make these brighter, fresher and much easier to keep clean and tidy.

Reception's outdoor area has also gained a new wall and a new canopy roof is almost complete!

## Summer Holiday clubs

We have heard some lovely things about the two summer holiday clubs that ran at school in July and August. The staff from Fun for Kids and also Support Sport enjoyed themselves and I know a lot of children really did too. Fun for Kids will be running a similar holiday club in October half-term (Monday 23rd October to Friday 27th October) and if you are interested in booking a place, please contact Tracey Russell-Brookes on 07940 128172 and she will be happy to help you.

## Attendance Policy



A good rate of attendance at school makes a huge difference to how well we can support you in helping your child to reach their full potential. It is a legal duty of parents to ensure that their children attend school regularly and on time. If we have concerns about lateness or absence, we will be in touch. If your child is absent for any reason, please do make sure you let us know for each and every day of absence.

Leave of Absence during term time is strongly discouraged. Requests for absence need to be completed on the school's form (available from the office) and submitted at least three weeks prior to the event.

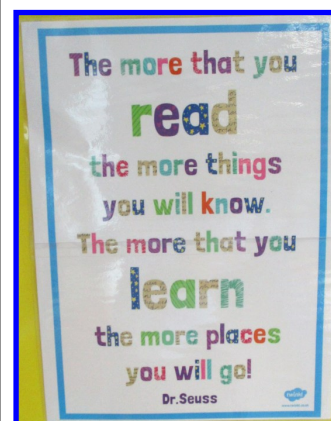
For more information on attendance at Grange Farm, please see our renewed Attendance Policy which is available on the school website.

## Achievement Assemblies

Everyone is welcome to attend Friday assemblies. We celebrate in-school achievement and also things children have done outside of school. Fridays alternate between KS1 (Yr 1 & 2) and KS2 (Yr 3 to 6) as follows:

<u>KS1</u>	<u>KS2</u>
Fri 15th Sept	Fri 22nd Sept
Thu 28th Sept	Fri 6th Oct

## Quote of the Week



## Website Fliers



The school website continues to have new things added and will be developing more as this year goes on. The fliers section (under Parents Info) has new fliers from the University of Warwick climbing club and also the Alvis football club.

## A Busy Summer!



Well done to Jessica who has been impressing in the swimming pool this summer.



FGF have a committee meeting at 6:30pm on Tues 26th September and the AGM at 6:30pm on Tues 17th October, both at school.

## Secondary School Places

Year 6 children should have brought leaflets home about secondary school applications. If they have not arrived, please let us know.

## Putting Names to Faces

Here are some of the people who play key roles in school—just to help remind everyone who is who. Mrs Sahota is also the school's Special Educational Needs Coordinator. If you want to talk to any of us, please ask at the office if you don't see us in person.



Mr Ledgard  
Headteacher



Mrs Sahota  
Deputy Head



Mrs Parker  
Yr R/1 Phase Lead



Miss Pennington  
Yr 2/3 Phase Lead



Mrs Matthews  
Yr 4/5/6 Phase Lead



Mrs Heath  
Learning Mentor

## GRAMMAR

This term we will carry on with weekly tips on the grammar the children are taught.

**Noun**—a “thing” - often something you can touch but not always. “Dream” and “happiness” are both examples of nouns.

**Verb**— a “doing” word, e.g. play, walk

**Adjective**—a describing word, e.g. tall, angry, jealous, delighted

**Adverb**—used to describe a verb, often ending in “-ly”, e.g. slowly, cautiously, tamely

## LOST PROPERTY

Last year's mountain of lost property will be kept in school for one more week but we can't keep it forever! Ask at the office if you want to see it. We really want to avoid similar levels of lost things this year—this weekend, please do check that every piece of clothing (and all else) is named!

## Parents' Info Meetings

One of the dates in the diary to note is a new event for this year—Parents' Information Meetings on Monday 25th September. There will be an information meeting for each year group taking place in classrooms at 5:30pm and then repeated at 6:30pm. After Open Morning in the summer, this is our next step in exploring ways we can give parents more information about what children do in school and how to help them. You won't need to book—just turn up on the evening.

## MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

Mrs Matthews is once again coordinating our efforts to support MacMillan's Coffee Morning. It will take place from 9:30am to 11am on Friday 29th September and all will be more than welcome to come and support a good cause.

## SPECIAL EFFORT!



Mya in Year 3 has been doing an amazing thing for charity recently. She has donated 12 inches of hair to the Little Princess Trust, a charity that provides wigs for children who need them. The charity struggle to get enough donations and Mya is also seeking to raise money to support them—you can sponsor her on the Virgin Money website. Ask at the office if you would like the link.

## Settling In!

Well done to everyone in school for such a lovely first week back. It is a pleasure to see such positive classroom atmospheres and hard work going on everywhere I go in school!



## Library Books Plea!

Do you have any books at home with the Library Service markings on (as below)? Please have a look—we are missing over 40 which will cost the school a lot of money to replace (which we could otherwise spend on new books).

