

Welcome to...Grange Federation Newsletter

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"Being the best I can be, learning together,
thinking for myself"

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Dear Parents, Friends and the Community of Grange Federation

Once again we find ourselves at full throttle in a very busy term!

We were very sad to say goodbye to Mrs Lee, who led PE lessons across all Year Groups at KS2. Mrs Lee also led our Netball, Cricket and Athletic Teams to fantastic success in the past and will be greatly missed. We wish her well in the future.

Ms Sarah-Jane Pearson has joined our staff as the new Business Manager and will work across the Federation alongside the Strategic Team. We hope you will join us in welcoming her to our staff.

We also say goodbye to Mrs Bates who has worked as part of our admin team at the Infant School for 12 years and to Mrs Heath. They will be greatly missed.

Ms Croydon has transferred to the Infant School and will be working as part of the Administration Team in the Infant School office.

We also welcome Mrs Cumner to the Infant School and Mrs Moore and Mrs Woolford to the Junior School who join our MDSA staff.

Year 4 have enjoyed a three day residential course at the Liddington Adventure site. Although the weather was a bit of a mixture with some sunshine, few showers and a very chilly wind the children had a wonderful time. Activities were many and varied including Aeroball, Climbing, Tree Top Trail Study and Zip-Wire. The children were encouraged to work together as a team as well as developing their individual skills some of which required the

courage to try things well outside of their comfort zone. Our grateful thanks to the admin team for all the organisational work, staff and parents who gave their time to help and support the children while away. Without this help these trips would not be possible.

On Tuesday 28th March a team of six Key Stage 1 children took part in an interschool gymnastics competition held at Isambard School. They performed a routine that they have been learning with Mr Hicks and Mr Ash. The girls did a fantastic job, winning bronze medals, after coming 3rd out of 16 schools.



EYFS Music Festival at The Platform

On 28th March nine children from EYFS performed with children from other Swindon schools in the Early Years Music Festival. They sang a variety of travel themed songs, joining in enthusiastically with all of the actions and thoroughly entertaining all of their parents!

Grange netball team got through to the Swindon school finals this term and fought well to lose against Covingham School, 5-3. Runners up which is a great achievement.



Car-parking in the community

Could we again ask parents to park safely and with consideration for other road users, pedestrians and residents of our community who live near our schools.

Please help us to be good neighbours.

Entry onto the Infant School site

Recently there have been lots of cars entering the Infant School site and I have received several complaints about the speed that they are travelling. As a result we are no longer going to allow cars to enter the Infant School site unless prior permission has been obtained from the Head of School. This also includes parents dropping off for Wake and Shake in the morning. From after the May holiday the gates will be locked in the morning.

I am sure you will understand that this is in the best interests of all of our children.

Parent volunteers in Schools

We would like to encourage more parent volunteers into school. This could be to help hear readers, help with art or even gardening. If you can spare a few hours each week please contact the Heads of School to arrange a DBS check.

Thank you to all the parents who attended the parents evening. It was lovely to share your child's progress with you.



Please can we remind Infant school parents that the girls need socks on PE days. A number of children have been wearing tights for PE lessons.

BREAKFAST CLUB AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB



We are looking into the possibility of setting up a Breakfast club before school each morning from September 2017 and an after school club. We will be seeking the views of parents and carers with regard to this initiative and will shortly be contacting all parents asking you to complete a questionnaire.

We would be most grateful if you could take the time to complete the survey. Your input and views are very important to us. Many thanks.

TD Days for 2017-2018

Friday 1st September 2017

Monday 4th September 2017

Wednesday 18th October 2017

Monday 19th February 2018

Monday 4th June 2018

May Fayre

A huge thank you to everyone who came along and supported us at the May Fayre last Saturday. A huge thank you to Lynda Gillingham, our treasury team and all of FOGs who worked tirelessly in the lead up to the event and on the day. Despite the weather it was extremely successful and we raised **£6,017**.

This is a huge amount, and an increase from last year, which will go towards enhancing the outside environments and play equipment across the Federation.

Wow Mornings

Wow mornings have taken place again this term. A huge thank you to everyone who came in to see their child's work. The children really enjoyed showing you the progress they have made since the last Wow mornings.

Jonathan's Jungle

This week we have Jonathan's Jungle in both schools. This is an enrichment activity that is really enjoyed by the children. We have had lots of excited children.



Phonics Sessions in Year 1

Thank you to all the parents that attended the phonics sessions in year 1. If you were unable to make these please do not hesitate to talk to your class teacher.

Bedtime Story Morning

A great turn out this week in EYFS for Bedtime Story morning. It was lovely to see the children so excited about reading.

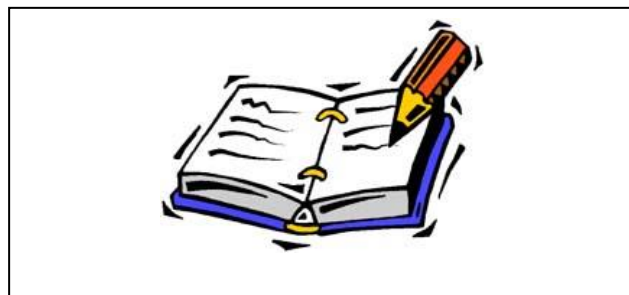
SATS

Well done to all the year 2 and 6 children. They all approached the SATs tests with positive attitudes and showed great commitment to their learning.

It is very nearly the end of term so I wish all of you a safe and happy May break and I look forward to seeing everyone in the new term.

Best Wishes

Mrs Seavill and the Grange Team



Diary Dates

Monday 5th June 2017

Tuesday 6th June 2017

SCHOOL CLOSED T D Days

Wednesday 7th June

School re-opens for Term 6

Wednesday 7th June

Induction meeting for children joining the Junior School in September - 6pm

Monday 12th June 2017

Chicks arrive in both schools

Tuesday 13th May 2017

Year 3 Trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park

Tuesday 20th June 2017

KS2 - School Photographer for class and group photos

Thursday 22nd June 2017

Induction meeting for children joining the Infant School in September

Monday 26th June

Sports week starts at both schools

Thursday 29th June

Am – EYFS Sports Day (details to follow)

Pm – Year 1 & 2 Sports Day (details to follow)

Friday 30th June

Junior Sports Day (details to follow)

Wednesday 5th July and Thursday 6th July

Transition days to new classes for all children (details to follow)

Monday 17th July

1.30pm – Year 6 Leavers performance

Tuesday 18th July

1.30pm – Year 2 Leavers concert

6.30pm – Year 6 Leavers performance

Wednesday 19th July

1.30pm – Year 2 Leavers concert

Friday 21st July

End of term 6 (closure will be at normal times for a Friday)

