

Welcome to...Grange Federation Newsletter
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thinking for myself"
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Dear Parents, Friends and the Community of Grange Federation

Our first newsletter of the year!
May I begin by saying how pleased I am with the way in which the children have all settled in to their work in both schools. It is a real pleasure to visit each class and see everyone quickly engaged with their learning.

We welcome all of our year 3 children to the Junior School and we look forward to seeing our new Foundation Stage children and their parents next week. We also welcome our new staff across the Federation. 😊

Tea and a biscuits for our new Foundation Stage parents and carers



If your child starts school on Monday 11th September you are welcome to visit the hall for a cup of tea and a biscuit once you have dropped your child off. This also applies on Wednesday 13th September, if your child starts on this day.

We hope that this event will help to take the sting out of leaving your child at school for the first time – such a big jump for all concerned!

Breakfast and After School Clubs

There are still some places available for Breakfast and after school club. Please contact the appropriate school office if you are interested.

School Value



Our school value across the Federation for this term is 'Responsibility'. Please help us to encourage your child to take responsibility for their belongings, their behaviour and actions. At school we will encourage children to be more thoughtful and considerate, accountable and reliable at school, home and in the wider community.

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 to our schools.

Contact details

If any of your contact details have changed, please remember to let the appropriate school office know in order that staff may update your child's file.

New School Nurse

We now have a new school nurse. Her name is Alison Bunce and she can be contacted through either school office.

Our new positions of Children's Champions.

Infant School

Hello my name is Krista Parsons, I have the exciting role of Children's Champion this year at Grange Infants School.

My job is to ensure your child has a happy and successful time here at Grange Infants and I look forward to supporting you and your child through school. Please feel free to contact me on my email kparson@grangefederation.org.uk if you have any questions or would like to meet up for a chat.

I look forward meeting you all and working together in helping your child through their exciting time at this school.

Krista Parsons

Junior School

Hello my name is Luisa Rutherford, I have taken on a new and exciting role here at Grange as Children's champion.

I will be available before and after school to help with any queries you may have regarding your child at school and also to support your child/ren through their time here with us, generally being a point of contact to ensure a happy and successful time here for all concerned at the Junior school. Please also feel free to contact me via email if that is more convenient on:

lrutherford@grangefederation.org.uk – any questions please don't hesitate to ask.

I look forward to meeting with you all and helping your child/ren grow within our setting.

Mrs Rutherford.

Stay and Play

Please come and join us for our **Stay and Play** in our nurturing Butterfly room. This is a chance to meet up, chat and meet new people in a friendly environment. Babies and toddlers are welcome to come along too so that they can socialise and play together with a range of activities and resources.

The session will be run every Wednesday morning from 8.30am -9.45am starting on the 20th September. There is a small charge of 50p for the session.

We look forward to seeing you.

Krista Parsons and Sally Hobbs

Parent Coffee Mornings

We are inviting all parents and carers to our monthly coffee morning starting on **Friday 29th September at 8.30am-9.45am in the Butterfly Room**. Please come along for chat and a chance to meet other parents and share experiences and of course coffee!!

We look forward to seeing you there.

Krista Parsons

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.

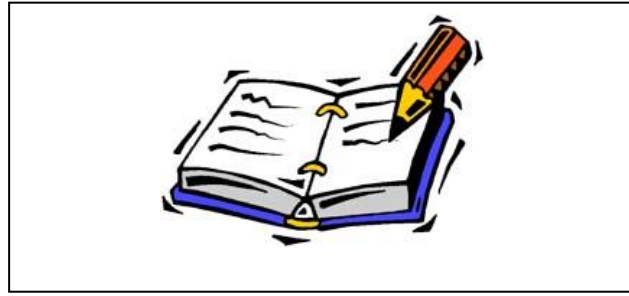
School Dinners

Sorry for the confusion over school meals during the summer holidays. Our new school meal provider, Edwards and Ward will be starting at Grange Federation on Monday 2nd October.

Reminders

All cycles and scooters must be dismantled at the gate. No cycling or scooting should take place in the grounds at any time please.

Recently I have noticed some girls wearing large jojo bows in their hair. These are not part of our school uniform and should not be worn in school.



Diary Dates

Monday 11th September and Wednesday 13th September at 8.30am
Tea and biscuits for the parents and carers of new Foundation Stage children

Wednesday 13th September
FOGs AGM held at 6.45pm at the Infant School – everyone is welcome!

Tuesday 19th September (CHANGE OF TIME FROM LAST NEWSLETTER)
6.00pm Y1 parents meeting at the infant school

Wednesday 20th September (CHANGE OF TIME FROM LAST NEWSLETTER)
6.00pm Y2 parents meeting at the Infant School

Monday 25th September to Friday 29th September
Y6 at PGL

Friday 29th September
MacMillan Coffee morning – details to follow

Monday 2nd October
New catering company, Edwards and Ward, start at Grange Federation

Tuesday 10th October and Wednesday 11th October
Parents evening at both schools – details to follow

Saturday 7th October
Family photos at the Infant School

Saturday 14th October
Family photos at the Junior School

Tuesday 17th October
Last day of term 1 – Children finish at usual times

Monday 30th October
School opens for term 2 at usual times

Wednesday 1st November and Thursday 2nd November
'Wow' morning at both schools – details to follow