

Grange Primary School

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End of term!

We have made it to the end of a very long term, and what a fantastic term it has been! We have had school trips and visits; sporting events; lots of rewards in school; welcoming parents and families in to help out; Christmas dinner; church visits; amazing Christmas performances; and, of course, the children being fantastic as always. The children have enjoyed 'Sparkle Day' today and everyone is ready for a well-deserved break!



School starts back on Monday 5th January for a very exciting first day back! Please try not to contact your child's teacher over the Christmas holiday as they are having a much-needed break. If you do need to contact anybody, email Miss Langley on deputyhead@grange.essex.sch.uk

Farewell and welcome!

Many of you will already know that Miss Sutton is moving on from Grange after Christmas to work at a school closer to her new home. I'm sure you will all join us in wishing her all the best in her new job!

Mrs Pick will be joining the year 1/2 team to teach in Holly Class from January. The children have met her several times and she is looking forward to starting properly in the new year!



Chicken sitting

A huge thank you to everybody who has offered to come in and feed the chickens over the Christmas break - we do appreciate all of the help! You have been sent out instructions but please contact Miss Langley if you have any questions or concerns. Thanks!



Sparkle Day!

It has been lovely to see everybody in their Christmassy clothes today! Lots of sparkles and Christmas jumpers! The whole school enjoyed watching the year 3/4 and 5/6 performances today and now we are all well-and-truly in the festive spirit!









January

Monday 5th	Children return to school—launch days!	
Tuesday 13th	Year 1 and 2 Chinese workshop	
Friday 16th	Djembe drumming workshops for years 3-6	
Thursday 22nd	Choir performing in Young Voices at the O2 SEN coffee morning	
Friday 23rd	Dentist visit for EYFS and Year 3	
Tuesday 27th	Year 3 and 4 Egyptian workshop	

February

Friday 6th	NSPCC Number Day—dress up as a number for charity!	
Thursday 12th	PTA Valentines disco (more information to follow)	
Friday 13th	Last swimming session for Year 3	
Monday 16th — Friday 20th	Half term	
Thursday 26th	SEN coffee morning	

School dinners

After the Christmas break, we will be back to week 1 of the dinner menu. As always, please discuss the dinner options with your child before school so that they know the options!



Dinner Menu Week 1

	Monday Pasta day	Tuesday Burger day	Wednesday All day breakfast	Thursday Grab-a-bag	Friday Curry day
Red	Macaroni cheese	Chicken burger Beef burger	Sausage, bacon and scrambled eggs	Chicken nuggets	Diced chicken curry (mild or korma)
Green	Pasta with tomato sauce or cheese	Southern-fried quorn burger	Veggie sausage and scrambled eggs	Quorn nuggets	Diced quorn curry (mild or korma)
On the side	Garlic bread	Wedges and beans	Hash brown, beans and home-made bread	Chips	Rice and naan bread
Veg and salad	A choice of peas, sweetcorn and carrots Salad bar				
Yellow	Jacket potato with a choice of beans, cheese or tuna				
Blue	Meal deal Baguette with tuna, cheese or ham. Served with crisps, a carton of juice and dessert.				
Dessert	Rice crispie cake	Iced sponge cake	Ice cream pot or lolly	Chocolate sponge cake	Flapjack

More to celebrate!

A big well done to everybody who has received a gold card, certificate or postcard from their class teacher this week!



Celebration

We enjoy seeing what the children are proud of outside of school, so please send your photos to Miss Langley!

Dolly got her level 1 certificate at swimming.



Kipras was awarded a trophy for listening to the coach and having a great match at football.

Sienna passed her level 4 gymnastics.



Austin got trainer of the week at football.

Millie got her level 1 gymnastics certificate.



Macie-Grace was awarded star of the week at ballet.



Ademide was player of the day for his football team.



Jessica passed her level 3 gymnastics.



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WhatsApp

A Guide for Parents & Carers

Age Rating
13+

Privacy



Show your child how to adjust their privacy settings, such as hiding their profile photo, last seen status and about info. Set them to either of the following:

My Contacts: available to contacts from their address book only
Nobody: not available to anyone

Talk to them about not sharing their personal details online.

Messaging



Encourage your child to think about these things before they message:

- Is it kind?
- Is it true?
- Would your parents/guardians approve?
- Would you say it to their face?
- Have you asked permission to post photos?
- Have you used your online manners?
- You don't have to join in!

Contacts



Make your child understand that they should only connect with friends, family or trusted individuals. Teach them not to accept messages from unknown contacts. Go over with your child how to add, block and report contacts.

Group Chats



If a child is added into a Group Chat, it may include people they don't know. This can put them at risk of being contacted by a stranger.

Go to Settings -> Privacy -> Groups. Select specific contacts that can add your child into groups.

Encourage your child to only join a group with people they know and trust.

Location



WhatsApp allows users to share their location with others.

If this feature is enabled, it could potentially let others track your child's location or discover their home address.

Speak to your child about keeping this feature disabled.

Check



Check in with your child regularly to review their phone settings.

Have an open dialogue about their WhatsApp usage and how often they are using the messaging app.

Encourage them to share what they're experiencing and periodically check that they are staying safe and happy online.



Encourage your child to come to you if ANYTHING online makes them feel uncomfortable, upset or worried.

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Tesco blue tokens

In January, Grange will be in the blue token tubes in local Tesco stores in the hopes that we can get some funding for more sporting equipment. Please keep an eye out for us in the Silva Island and Southend Road Tesco stores and support the school! Thank you.

