

Grange Primary School

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Friday, 26th November 2021

Parents' evening

A big thank you to everybody who attended parents' evening. It was lovely to welcome you into school and was a good chance for you to get to see your child's class - and for some of you a chance to meet the teachers!



Fond farewell and warm welcomes



After Christmas, Miss Dacey will be moving on to another school for a new challenge. We know that the families and children will miss her and join us in wishing her luck in her next adventure. We are lucky that Miss Whitfield, who taught in year 3 and 4 last year will be joining the team and teaching Rowan Class from January.

We are looking forward to welcoming Mrs Newton back from maternity leave next week. Mrs Newton will be teaching in Ash Class alongside Mrs Lawler and we know that she will be a fantastic addition to the team. From next week until Christmas, Mrs Newton will be in school alongside Mrs Lawler to ensure a smooth transition and to get to know the children and then Mrs Lawler will teach on Mondays and Tuesdays and Mrs Newton from Wednesday-Friday.

'Sparkle Day' and 'Sparkle Dinner'

On the last day of term (Friday 17th December) we will be having 'Sparkle Day'. On this day, children can wear their Christmas clothes to school and will have a class party. We will send more information about this closer to the time.

The school kitchen will also be doing a 'Sparkle Dinner' on this day, with a sparkly dessert so it would be lovely to see lots of children eating their sparkly desserts in their sparkly clothes on this day!



Dates for your diary

We are really looking forward to being able to share some of these events with you. Please note that due to the current circumstances, we may have to cancel some of these events at last minute. We will obviously try not to do this, however.

December

- Thursday 2nd December • Flu immunisations
- Friday 3rd December • 'Elfridges'
- Wednesday 8th December • EYFS Christmas performances - Ash
- Thursday 9th December • - Oak
- Friday 10th December • Christmas Jumper Day
- Christmas dinner
- Monday 13th December • Year 5/6 Christmas performances
- Tuesday 14th December • Pantomime
- Wednesday 15th December • Year 3/4 Christmas performances
- Thursday 16th December • Year 1/2 Christmas performances
- Friday 17th December • Sparkle day and Sparkle dinner
- Friday 17th December • Last day of term

January

- Wednesday 5th January • Children return to school

Christmas Raffles



Christmas raffle tickets will be on sale from Tuesday 30th December - next week. You will be able to buy tickets for either the adult's raffle (in which you might win smellies, drinks or a chocolate hamper) or the children's raffle (in which you might win toys, Christmas goodies or sweets). Tickets are £1 a strip and can be purchased from the school office before or after school, or the Zone in the mornings. Don't miss out on the chance to win some fantastic prizes and support the school at the same time!



Attendance

A huge well done to **Chestnut class**, who had the highest attendance this week - a fantastic 99.3%! Well done - you have earned a star towards the end of term treat!

Oak	95.6%
Ash	83.8%
Hazel	93.6%
Holly	93.3%
Elder	97.3%



Willow	95.9%
Rowan	92.4%
Beech	96.8%
Chestnut	99.3%
Maple	97.8%
Elm	92.9%

House points

Well done to **Earth**, who have earned **548** house points this week. Water are still 400 points in the lead at the moment, so the other teams need to earn lots of points!



Air
390



Water
490



Fire
379



Earth
548

Midday mentions



Well done to the following children who have impressed the middays with their fantastic behaviour at lunch times. Today, the children received their certificates and were also awarded 10 house points.

Joshua O Freddie B Belle H Rowan H Jimmy D
Edward B Josh C Holly W Albie S Summer-Rose R

Christmas Jumper Day—Friday 10th December



On Christmas Jumper Day we would love to see all of the children wearing their most festive jumpers and will be asking children to donate £2 towards Save the Children. The children will also have the chance to take part in some different activities such as a Mr Motivator activity and a quiz. Money will be collected in classes in the morning.

Christmas shows

Parents have all received the information about how to book tickets for Christmas performances. Each child has 2 allocated tickets which can be used at any of the 3 performances to ensure there is space for everybody. Please note that there will be a creche facility in the afternoon performances only for parents who have no other choice and that younger siblings will not be allowed into any of the shows. To book your tickets, please click the appropriate link below and press 'Register'. We look forward to sharing our shows with you!

Year Group	Christmas Cheer	Booking Link
Year 5 & 6 Date: Monday 13th December	9.30am Performance	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/214532692057
	10.45am Performance	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/214300116417
	2.30pm Performance	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/214525269857
Year 3 & 4 Date: Wednesday 15th December	9.30am Performance	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/214537686997
	10.45am Performance	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/214534627847
	2.30pm Performance	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/214535249707
Year 1 & 2 Date: Thursday 16th December	9.30am Performance	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/214285492677
	10.45am Performance	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/214538098227
	2.30pm Performance	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/214538820387

Contact details



Please ensure that if you change your mobile phone number or email address, you let the school office know. If we do not have the most up-to-date contact details for you, you may miss out on important messages sent out by the school.

Postcards

Well done to these children who received postcards last week.



School Dinners

The new school dinner menus can be found on the school website at: <https://www.grange-primary.co.uk/lunch-menu> and next week will be week 2.

School Meals Service				
Winter School Lunch Menu 2021				
Week Two				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<u>RED BAND</u>	<u>RED BAND</u>	<u>RED BAND</u>	<u>RED BAND</u>	<u>RED BAND</u>
Pasta Neapolitan	Butcher's Sausage with optional Gravy	Roast Gammon with Yorkshire Pudding	Nacho Chicken	Fish Fillet
<u>GREEN BAND</u>	<u>GREEN BAND</u>	<u>GREEN BAND</u>	<u>GREEN BAND</u>	<u>GREEN BAND</u>
Macaroni Cheese	Veggie Sausages	Sage and Onion Topped Quorn Fillet	Nacho Quorn	Cheese Quesadillas
Garden Salad Broccoli	Mashed Potato Baked Beans Green Beans	Roast Potatoes Carrots Shredded Cabbage	Wholegrain and White Rice Peas Mixed Salad	Chips Baked Beans Sweetcorn Peas
<u>YELLOW BAND</u>	<u>YELLOW BAND</u>	<u>YELLOW BAND</u>	<u>YELLOW BAND</u>	<u>YELLOW BAND</u>
Jacket Potato with a choice of fillings	Jacket Potato with a choice of fillings	Jacket Potato with a choice of fillings	Jacket Potato with a choice of fillings	Jacket Potato with a choice of fillings
Apple Crumble and Custard	Fruit Platter	Angel Delight	Fruit Salad	Chocolate and Cinnamon Shortbread

'Elfridges'

This year, our incredible PTA are holding 'Elfridges' on Friday 3rd December which will run much like the usual mother and fathers' day sales. Children will be called in to the Grotto to have a look at the gifts on offer and buy them already wrapped for someone in their family. If you would like your child to be able to buy a gift on Friday, please send them in with their money and a carrier bag on this day. Gifts will range from 50p to a couple of pounds.



A plea from the PTA and everyone at Grange



In the run-up to Christmas, we know that some of you may be buying presents on Amazon. If you are, please go through Amazon Smile at

<https://smile.amazon.co.uk/> and select **Grange Parent Teacher**

Association as your charity. This will mean that a percentage of any money you spend will be donated to Grange's PTA and enable them to spend money on the school, making school even more fantastic for the children!

Celebration

It's so lovely to be able to share and celebrate the achievements the children of Grange make outside of school!

Amelia in Rowan class cut and donated 15cm of her hair to The Little Princess Trust and raised over £150 to help towards making a wig for another girl to 'feel as special as she did with her blonde hair'.



Molly passed stage 2 in her swimming.



Spelling Bee

A big well done to Rowan Class who are top of the Spelling Bee league this week.

Top Spelling Groups

#	Group	Score
1.	Rowan	84,518,640
2.	Maple	71,657,748
3.	Elder	57,331,913

TT Rockstars

Well done to Daisy, Edward and Parker, who were the top 3 rockstars this week! They have all answered over 13,000 questions correctly this week! Great work.

1	Daisy W	Rowan
2	Edward W.	Rowan
3	Parker M	Elder

The 2 Johns are running a fantastic virtual e-safety event. It would be great to hear that some of our parents have attended as we know how informative these sessions can be.



Are you concerned about child's safety on the internet and would like advice and support on how to keep them safe?

**The Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Service presents
Virtual eSafety Parent Workshops with**



eSafetyTraining
'The 2 Johns'

**Thursday 9th December 2021
8.00pm – 9.30pm**

These free parent's workshops will look at the online world and how our young people are using it. How they are navigating around restrictions and using the internet without the parent's knowledge.

This includes :

- Favourite apps and games.
- Dangers they face
- How young people are being influenced online
- Solutions that parents can adopt to help keep their children safe.
- Stranger Danger message that parents are familiar with and make it ready for 2021



To book your place now please call us on **0300 247 0013**
Monday – Friday 9am-5pm

Services commissioned by:

www.essexfamilywellbeing.co.uk



It would be great to see lots of the children joining in with the Essex Library Winter Reading Challenge this year!



Lots of prizes to be won!

Essex **Library** Services

Read, learn, connect.

Winter Reading Challenge

Saturday 27 November 2021 - Saturday 19 February 2022



Pick up a giant bookmark from any Essex library. Read six books to complete the challenge and collect a stamp for each library book you read!

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