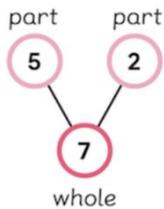


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Grange First Weekly News



Dear families



We have had another hard-working week at Grange. The children are all enjoying their new topics and are producing some super work. I have started observing the teachers this week and had a great time in Beech Class with 30 brilliant mathematicians! They knocked my socks off with their understanding of number and ability to add two numbers together. I am looking forward to spending time in all the other classrooms over the next two weeks.

I visited Gosforth Central Middle School (GCMS) this week to discuss transition arrangements for our Year 4 pupils. They have some exciting plans in place. Some GCMS teachers will be visiting Grange on Thursday 13th May to spend time with the children in their classroom and to start getting to know them. They will then return the following week to teach a lesson. We will also share some of their work on Google Classrooms with the middle school next half term.



Transition Day for all Year 4 pupils (whether they are going to GCMS, Gosforth Junior High or Great Park Academy) will be on Thursday July 8th. I will send home more details nearer the time.

Election Day

PLEASE NOTE THAT NURSERY WILL BE CLOSED FOR ALL CHILDREN ON THURSDAY 6th MAY AS THE GRANGE CENTRE IS BEING USED FOR THE ELECTIONS. SORRY FOR ANY PROBLEMS THIS MAY CAUSE YOU.

Uniform

Ceil, on Gosforth High St, is open and sells Grange School uniform. They are open 9am – 5pm Monday – Saturday Website: www.cielschooluniform.co.uk

On PE days, children should wear their Grange PE t-shirt and Grange sweatshirt or cardigan; they should not be wearing tracksuit tops or hoodies. They can wear shorts, leggings or track suit bottoms with their PE top.



Governor Elections

If you are interested in being a parent governor, please catch me on the yard, send me an email or give me a ring to talk about what it involves. You still have a week to be nominated and to submit your form. The deadline is noon on Friday 7th May. This is an exciting time to be part of our Governing Body as we work to improve our school further.

Special Educational Needs

We would love to have coffee mornings for our parents who have children with special educational needs. I have been approached by parents to set these up as a support network and to give these parents the opportunity to meet and share experiences with each other. Mrs Gregory, our SENCO, is also keen to get these organised but is unable to due to the current Covid restrictions. Hopefully, it will be possible to arrange one towards the end of the summer term. In the meantime, one of our parents has suggested creating a Whats App group. This would be a forum where you ask questions, share experiences or concerns and start to get to know each other. If you have a child with special educational needs and you would be interested in joining the Whats App group, please contact one of our Year 3 parents at emma_ferrell@hotmail.co.uk

Attendance

Congratulations to Willow Class who had 100% attendance last week. They are celebrating by having a non school uniform day! They are on track for another 100% this week.....

Free School Meals



If your employment or financial situation has changed and you think you may be eligible for free school meals, please contact the school office or complete the form online at [Apply for free school meals - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk). Please complete this form even if your child already receives Infant Free School Meals in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 as this will bring additional funding into school for your child.

Dates for your diary:

Bank holiday Monday: 3rd May

Half Term: Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June

Maple Class Adventure Day (& night!) 23rd-24th June

Elm Class Adventure Day (& night!) 24th-25th June

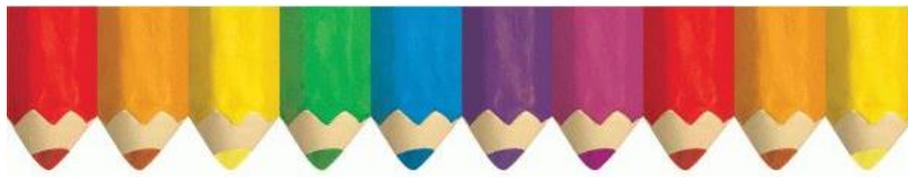
Year 4 Transition Day: Thursday 8th July

School reports go home: Friday XXXXX

Physical Week: Monday 12th- Friday 16th July

Last day of term: Friday 23rd July

PTFA



Grange First School PTFA

Art Competition!

Calling all Grange First School artists! Mrs Clougher's office needs brightening up with some marvellous artwork from our talented children.

The PTFA are holding an art competition that all children in the school, from nursery to year 4, can take part in.

For the next two weeks (Tues 4th – Fri 14th May) children are invited to bring in their artwork (drawings, painting, collages....let your imagination run wild!) with a £1 entry fee. The theme is **"my favourite thing..."**

Mrs Clougher will judge the competition and choose a winner from each key stage group. The winners will see their artwork framed and in pride of place in Mrs Clougher's office.

Entries should be submitted on an A4 sheet of plain paper – paper is available on request from class teachers if required. Please make sure you add your child's name and class on the back of the entry. We can't wait to see your artwork!

