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# Grange First Weekly News

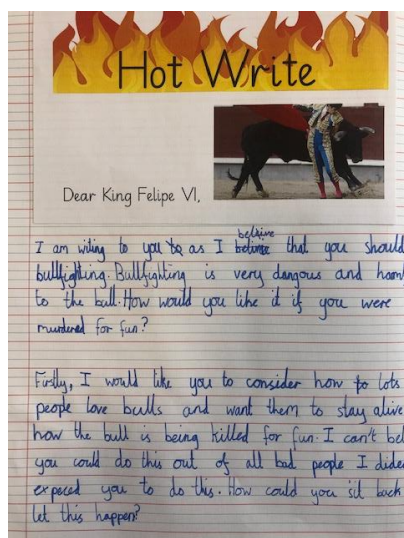


## PLEASE REMEMBER:

**Lateral flow tests should only be used on adults and children who have no Covid symptoms. A PCR test must be taken if you have symptoms.** Your whole household will need to self-isolate while the PCR test is taken and you are waiting for the results. Please inform school if anyone in your house is getting a PCR test or has a positive lateral flow test. There is currently an outbreak of cases at Gosforth Academy; many of us have family members attending that school. Please do not send your child to Grange if they are not well. We do not want to be in a position like the Academy who have sent several classes home to self-isolate.

Dear families

I can't believe how quickly this half term is racing by. One more week and it will be half term holiday! **Year 2** have had great fun learning about coal mining this week. On Wednesday, they met a miner called Steve from the National Coal Mining Museum in Wakefield. Steve first went down the pit when he was only 16 years of age. He's 60 now and is still a coal miner; lots of children in Year 2 decided they would also like to be coal miners when they grow up. However, I'm not sure that they would enjoy dripping on bread for their lunch!



**Year 3** have come to the end of their English unit of work on persuasive writing. Their Hot Writes were letters to King Felipe VI of Spain; they are trying to persuade him to make bull fighting illegal. They had some very convincing reasons.

## **Road Safety**

I am becoming increasingly concerned about the safety of our pupils when they walk to and from school. I know this is something that concerned Mr Ward too. Earlier this week, I took a photograph at 7.20am on my way into school when only local residents had cars parked on Norham Road. As you can see from the picture, the road and pavements were relatively clear.



I then took photographs at the start of the school day. I was shocked at the number of cars parked on the street and pavement. There were cars driving up and down kerbs to park as children were walking along the pavements to school. At one point, 2 cars did 3 point turns and reversed on to the pavement in front of some of our families. I did not take a photograph of this as I was too busy trying to ensure the safety of our children.

I know the vast majority of our parents either walk to school or park further away from school. Thank you for this. I am requesting that ALL parents park further away from school so that Norham Road is clear of cars. This will allow our children to walk to and from school safely. One of our families has their middle school child in hospital this week due to a road traffic accident on the Great North Road. Our thoughts and love go out to this family. Please help to keep our pupils safe and park a few streets away- walk the last bit of the journey to school.

## **Governor Elections**

Chris Thompson has been elected as Parent Governor and we are delighted to welcome him onto the Grange Governing Body. I would like to thank Martina Balagovic for standing in this election too.

## **Meal Vouchers**

Families who are eligible for free school meal vouchers will receive a £15 voucher per child for the May half term holiday.

## **Art Competition**

I was given an incredibly difficult job this week. I had to select 3 winners for the art competition. There were 126 entries and I LOVED them all. It was SO DIFFICULT to choose just 3 so I cheated and chose 9! I will be going on a trip to Ikea in the half term holiday to buy picture frames. My office will be looking beautiful very soon!

Here are the talented winners:

Eve – Year 4 Elm

Judi – Year 4 Maple

Bethany – Year 3 Sycamore

Henry – Year 2 Hazel

Rose – Year 2 Juniper

Arabella – Year 1 Hawthorn

Thomas – Reception Beech

Daniel – Nursery



Well done to everyone who entered the competition. Everyone who comes into our school hall enjoys admiring your art work.



### **Safeguarding**

Mrs Kidd-Scannell has asked me to include this information leaflet provided by Northumbria Police regarding County Lines.

<https://beta.northumbria.police.uk/media/4129/county-lines-v2-final-parent-and-carer-leaflet.pdf>

The leaflet provides information on the warning signs for parents/carers to look out for and tips on what they can do to help. At the bottom of the document, contact numbers/email addresses are provided for people to seek help, advice or guidance with anything County Lines related.