



Grange first Family Weekly News



Autumn Term Week 8 2nd November – 6th November

A Message From Mr Ward: As we enter the first full week of lockdown, one positive thing is that our schools remain open and are, hopefully, an oasis of normality for all of our children, where they can socialise and learn together. We hope that with reduced contacts outside of school, cases of Covid in our community will fall protecting our families and allowing us to keep every child in class. However, we know this is another time of uncertainty, potential isolation and difficulty for many Grange families and we want to repeat again that the school and our wider Grange community are there to offer support to anyone who needs it. This was exemplified by the incredible generosity shown by parents for our harvest appeal and above all by the Grange Family who run Little Biscuit Bakery for their offer of packed lunches for our families and others in the community over half term!

I hope everyone has a very happy weekend! Mr Ward

Our PTA: On behalf of all of you the Grange Parent and Teacher Association have made a very generous donation to the school The PTA have given funds that will support us in reacting to Covid restrictions and to build on our planned projects. There is £1000 to develop outdoor learning through Forest School, £2000 to improve further our outdoor spaces and...£1000 to help make this Christmas special for all of our children. Thanks to the incredible work of the PTA team, parent volunteers and your generosity, a great deal of money is raised for our school. Although events are temporarily paused, we can't wait to relaunch the PTA as soon as conditions allow. As you know at the end of last year our core team of Michelle, Sarah and Leanne stepped down from their roles after many years of great service. Michelle and Sarah kindly came into school for a final big sort of resources during the school training day. I know a number of you have expressed an interest in becoming involved in the PTA and Clare Clougher will be interested in talking with you in January.

Our Achievers This week!

Oak: Harriet & Bradley

Beech: Jude & Lily-Rose

Hawthorn: The Whole Class

(For a great start to the half term!)

Silver birch: Zainab & Zach

Juniper: Amelia, Evie and James

Hazel: Sophie and Max

Sycamore: Lucy and Fletcher

Willow: Seren and James

Maple: Amy & Eshan

Elm: Will & Katie

Telephone Parent Consultations

We are looking forward to speaking with our parents from Reception to Year 4 next week (Maple week starting 23rd Nov). You will have all received a letter asking you to sign up for a time for your child's teacher to phone you. This is the first time we have carried out consultations like this and, although they cannot replace face to face discussions, we hope they give you the chance to find out about your child's start to the school year, talk about their learning and ask any questions. Please make sure you are available at the time you have selected and that we have the correct phone number.

Authors in School: We are looking for as many ways as possible to enrich our children's curriculum during this period. As we can't go to museums, we have ordered in special **Boxes of Delight**, these are boxes of artefacts from the Newcastle Museum Service and we have also arranged virtual author visits. This week Year 3 met online with the author and illustrator Laura Ellen Anderson and were able to hear about her books, draw along with her and ask questions. Over the next few weeks we will also be meeting with Chitra Sounder and the incredible local writer, David Almond!