

As this is the first letter of our new academic year, we would like to wish you all a very warm welcome back to school and especially to our new pupils who have all made a fantastic start. We have various dates for your diaries and will keep you up to date via the digital signage in the playground and reception, newsletters and the school website. *Ms Burgess*



We are delighted to inform you that Grange Junior School won first prize in Rushmoor in Bloom!

All the care that is given to ensuring that the school environment is the best it can be has been deservedly acknowledged. Well done to all the staff and children involved. We look forward to next years competition.



Best school grounds 1<sup>st</sup>  
Best grounds for birds 1st  
Best edible patch 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Best rotatory garden 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Best moth, bee and butterfly pot highly commended  
Gardening for the future highly commended

## School uniform

Please remember that all pupils are expected to be in correct school uniform. This includes wearing black school shoes. For health and safety reasons children should not wear jewellery apart from stud earrings (which must be taken out for PE). Children should also not be wearing nail varnish. Pupils will be asked to remove nail varnish by the next day or they will be supplied with nail varnish remover at school and asked to remove it. Don't forget to label all items of school uniform and PE kit.

## Health and well being

We are delighted to share our School Games Silver Award for 2018/9. This award is directly linked to the schools engagement in PE and reflects the broad and balanced variety of curricular and non-curricular physical activity we offer. We look forward to even more pupils joining in with inter school competitions this year.

We are also encouraging all pupils to take part in our 'Fruity Fridays' by bringing in fruit as a break or lunchtime snack instead of less healthy options.



**THE SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER WILL BE IN SCHOOL ON 27<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER FAMILY PHOTOGRAPHS WITH SIBLINGS WILL COMMENCE AT 8.30AM. INDIVIDUAL PUPIL AND SIBLING PHOTOS WILL BE TAKEN DURING THE MORNING.**



Please remember that the school is a nut free zone as we have a number of pupils and adults with severe nut allergies.





Why not get involved? The PTA of Grange are a group of parents who do an amazing job to help raise funds for school in lots of ways from the school fairs to discos. We are always looking for new members. Pop into the admin office for more details.

## Health and safety

We have some lovely climbing equipment for children to use during the school day, unfortunately due to health and safety/risk assessment guidelines, children are not permitted to go on this before or after school and this does include younger siblings. Please could parents help us by ensuring that children are **not** playing on this equipment at the start and end of the day. We are also keen to avoid accidents and so chasing games and the use of scooters/bikes on the playground is too dangerous at these busy times. May we also remind pupils that they should be wearing cycle helmets if cycling to school. Please remember to also label your bicycle or scooter using a sharpie type of pen to avoid any confusion over which vehicle belongs to who. Your understanding in this is appreciated.

## Dates for your diary- Autumn

- 26<sup>th</sup> September – Harvest Festival at 9.15am
- 27<sup>th</sup> September – School photos
- 30<sup>th</sup> September – School closed INSET day (teacher training)
- 4<sup>th</sup> October –Open morning for new parents
- 4<sup>th</sup> October- Macmillan Coffee morning 9-11am for all parents
- 10<sup>th</sup> October Year 5 and Year 6 parents' lunch
- WB 21<sup>st</sup> October Year 6 residential
- 23<sup>rd</sup> October – Year 4 parent lunch
- 24<sup>th</sup> October – Swift class assembly at 9.15am
- 24<sup>th</sup> October – Year 3 parents lunch
- HALF TERM 28.10.19-1.11.19**
- 4<sup>th</sup> November – School closed INSET day (teacher training)
- 11<sup>th</sup> November- Remembrance service at 10.45am
- 12<sup>th</sup> November – Parents evening 3.30-5.00pm
- 14<sup>th</sup> November – Parents evening 3.30-7.00pm
- WB 18<sup>th</sup> November – Year 6 Bikeability
- 21<sup>st</sup> November – Swan class assembly at 9.15am
- 29<sup>th</sup> November- Christmas Fair 3.30-5.00pm
- 5<sup>th</sup> December – Year 3 and Year 4 Christmas production
- 9<sup>th</sup> December – Flu Vaccinations all year groups
- 16<sup>th</sup> December Rock Steady Concert
- 19<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day. Pantomime.
- 20<sup>th</sup> December – Year 5 and Year 6 Christingle service at Church of the Good Shepherd

## HARVEST FESTIVAL 27<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER



We will be collecting items to support the Church of the Good Shepherd. These are to include any tinned or dried goods items and toiletries.

## Magic Breakfast

'Free' porridge, cereal and bagels are served from the school hall daily between 8.30am-8.45am.

