

Grange Juniors'

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School finishes on Thursday 22 July at normal time; however, pupils can be collected at 1.15pm if parents wish to.



Dear Parents

It's hard to believe that we are in our final weeks of the school year; although with the hot weather and football excitement I think that everyone is tired and ready for a holiday now!

We will be saying goodbye and good luck to our year 6 children as they begin their secondary school journey.

*I wanted to take the opportunity to wish you all a very relaxing and enjoyable summer break and I look forward to welcoming our year 3, 4, and 5 children back on **Monday 6th September.***

Ms P Burgess

Medicines

If your child has medicine in school, please collect this from the office on Thursday 22nd as it cannot be sent home with children

Lost property

This will be put out on the last days of term – after that any unnamed items will be disposed of. This includes bicycles and scooters which are left in the bike shed.

Uniform

Please ensure children come to school in September in full uniform with **everything** labelled.

Clubs

Details of clubs for September have already been released. Signing up is on a first come first served basis.

Trips

We have been fortunate in summer term that pupils have been able to make some visits outside of school. Year 6 thoroughly enjoyed their time at Osmington Bay for the week and were lucky to have some nice sunny weather after day 1. Year 4 went to the Sea City Museum in Southampton and the entire school enjoyed a day at Kidzania. We are looking forward to more trips and visitors next year.



Sports Day

We know it was disappointing for parents not being able to attend Sports Day this year. We were grateful to Mrs Fleet (Miss Bramley) for organising a covid-19 safe sports day, as we missed out completely last year. The children showed amazing perseverance as they powered through all the events. The scores were really close. This year's winners of the Sportsmanship trophy went to St David-Yellow house and the winners of the Sports Day shield were St Patrick – Green house. Well done to everyone.



INSET dates 2021-22

To mark Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee the May Bank Holiday Weekend will be moved to Thursday 2 June with an additional Bank Holiday on Friday 3 June. As this falls in half term, to ensure that teachers also benefit from the additional Bank Holiday there will be an additional school closure day on Friday 22nd July. INSET days for next year will be:

Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd September 2021

Monday 1st November 2021

Tuesday 4th January 2022

Thursday 21st July 2022



PE days in September 2021

Monday Y6

Tuesday Y5

Wednesday Y4

Thursday Y3

Please note **Year 6** will have their PE day on **Friday 10 September on the first week back.**

Latest DfE guidance from the 19th July

We would like to thank parents and staff for your support and cooperation over the past eighteen months to help keep the Covid-19 infection rate low in our school. There has been minimal disruption in terms of closing bubbles. You will by now have heard that the next stage of the road map will be implemented from 19th July. As guidance makes it clear that self-isolation remains the main strategy to decrease transmission within schools we have taken the decision to maintain all school bubbles and staggered timings until the end of term. If bubbles are removed in the last days of term, we fear that if a child tests positive, it may lead to a much larger number of children having to isolate.

From September:

- We will continue to ensure good hygiene for everyone
- Maintain appropriate cleaning regimes
- Keep spaces well ventilated
- Follow Public health advice on testing, self isolation and managing confirmed cases of covid-19.
- Continue to admit children to classrooms in the morning via the back doors of the classrooms, thus limiting parents on the playground in the mornings. The only entrance gate open will be the double green gates next to the annex building.
- Continue to have children come to school dressed in their PE kit on their PE day.
- All children will finish school at 3.15pm. Year 3 and year 5 parents will wait on the front playground for their children. Year 4 and Year 6 parents will wait on the back playground for their children.
- The back gate which leads to Moor Park will be opened at the end of the day for parents to enter and exit.
- Pupils will eat lunch in the school hall.
- Pupils will attend assemblies in the hall.

We will of course remain cautious and if circumstances mean that we have to go back to working in 'bubbles', then that is what will happen.

Breakfast club and After School Club

Breakfast club and After School Club will continue as normal next year. Breakfast club runs from 7.30am-8.30am. After school club runs from 3.15pm-6.15pm. Both will be open from Monday 6th September.