

# Grange Juniors News

## Autumn Term Newsletter



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September 2023

Dear Parents

What a scorching start to the new school year! The children have all coped really well with the heat and all the changes that coming back to school brings; it's been lovely to see all the children back and spend time with them.

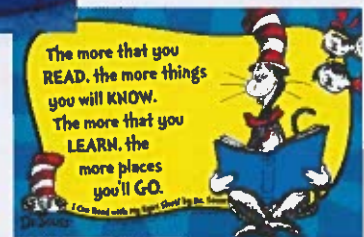
I'm sure that 2023 – 2024 will be another busy year and I am looking forward to working alongside everyone in our school community to ensure that we achieve the very best we can for the children, across all aspects of their development.

Ms Burgess



### OUR NEW LIBRARY

We are very happy that our new library has been installed over the summer holidays. There are lovely places to sit and read and we hope that the children will make the most of the new area. The children will be able to bring library books home soon, so remind them to keep reading.



### HISTORY AT GRANGE

We are really excited that our new History timeline has been installed in the library. From the Stone Age to 2023 - the children can walk through time! We hope it will help children to learn about the past and make connections between different periods of history too!



### HARVEST FESTIVAL 25th SEPTEMBER

Every year we hold a Harvest Festival celebration at school where we give our thanks for the food that we have and we use the assembly as an opportunity to help others.



We appreciate that times are difficult for some people, so we collect food and other products to support the food larder at the Church of the Good Shepherd. If every child brings 1 item it makes a big difference. We are happy to start taking donations from Thursday 21st September.

These are the items that are 'much-needed' Kellogg's variety cereal - eight packs; sponge puddings; packet custard; small pasta sauce sachets; small juice drinks, washing up liquid, pasta, tea, baby food, pet food, tinned soup, baked beans, tomatoes, toothpaste etc. Your generosity is always much-appreciated from those in need in our local community.



# A U T U M N

## PTA

We would like to invite any parents or carers to join the PTA.

The PTA is an active part of the school community who provide support for the school by helping with events and fundraising generally and for specific things that the school need.



Without the support and help of the community at Grange the PTA cannot function. We would like to encourage anyone who is willing to offer an hour a year (to help stuff envelopes with raffle tickets while you have a coffee and chat!) or more time to help organise an event or run a stall at a fair. If you are interested contact either Freddie Bernard parent to Beau in year 5 or Amanda Hall at:

[adminoffice@grange.hants.sch.uk](mailto:adminoffice@grange.hants.sch.uk)

Here is a list of some of the upcoming events and help needed:

Helping to run the MacMillan Coffee Morning.

Decorating the hall and running the Halloween Disco.

Preparing stalls for the Christmas Fair (all day) and running events

## September 2023

25th Harvest Festival 9.15am

27th School photos (+ siblings)

## October 2023

4th Year 5 & 6 Parents Lunch

6th Macmillan Coffee Morning 9-11am

13th School disco 5-6.30pm

16th-20th Year 6 residential trip

17th Year 3 parents lunch

19th Year 4 parents lunch

23th-27th HALF TERM

30th October INSET day



## HOMEWORK

Your child will start to get their weekly homework soon. This includes reading three times a week. All reading records are electronic and can be downloaded onto a phone, ipads or computer. Your child should bring home instructions on how to load Go-read Boom reader.



This should be easier for parents, reading can be logged very simply with only a few clicks and there aren't any lost reading records!

If you have any problems please pop into school with your device.



Homework club will start again where pupils can complete some of their homework tasks at lunchtime.

## SCHOOL COUNCILLORS

The school council represent other pupils in their class. They meet up and discuss what they would like to work on to improve things for the rest of the school.

Last year the school council raised money for new play-time equipment. Any pupils wishing to stand for school council will present their speech to their class. Voting for school councillors will take place later in September.



## INSET DAYS FOR 2023-24

1st September 2023

30th October 2023

2nd January 2024

22 and 23rd July 2024

School will end Friday 19th July 2024.

