



End of term newsletter Dec 2023

21st December 2023



Dear Families at Grange,

With another term coming to an end at Grange Primary School, I wanted to take this moment to reflect on some of the festive experiences that our children have taken part in over the past few weeks and to congratulate them on embracing every moment in true Grange style.

Our Christmas Performances

It has been lovely to have a variety of different kinds of performances this year where our children have enjoyed showcasing their creative skills. Our Nursery and FS2 children were amazing in their performances of the more traditional nativity story 'Christmas Counts' and 'Our First Nativity', amazing us with their growing confidence in front of an audience.

Our Key Stage 1 children put on a fabulous show with plenty of acting, singing and dancing when they presented 'Lights, Camel, Action!' as did our Year 4 and 5 children with 'Straw and Order' The quality of the narration, the dancing, the singing and the acting has been amazing. Well done to all the children who took part in these.



Our Year 6 children presented a medley of Christmas songs with harmonies, actions and lots of Christmas cheer. This was a polished performance and illustrates the high standards of singing that our children at Grange pride themselves on. This was also seen in the final performance of the Grange Christmas season when our Year 3 children presented their Christmas singing extravaganza on Monday. Amazing vocal performances by all the children, well done guys.

We hope all our families have enjoyed these experiences and we wish you all a Merry Christmas.

Fundraising at Grange!

There have been so many different fundraising events this term and I must thank the Grange community for your generosity.

Bookfair:- £811.06 has been raised from our book sales during the week of the Christmas Fayre and 50% of this has been converted in to money for new books by the bookfair company. This means Mrs Eadsforth, our librarian, will be ordering £405.53 worth of new books for the school library in January. That is a brilliant sum so thank you to all our families who helped contribute to this by buying books. A huge thank you also goes to Mrs Eadsforth and helpers for running the book fair again this year.

Frogs Christmas Experiences

A huge thank you to all families who attended our Christmas Fayre. We hope you enjoyed this community event and I have to say, I think it was the best attended Christmas Fayre we have had in a while. We may need to spread out and use the gym and the hall next year! As well as co-ordinating these events, the Frogs team also organised the school raffle, the letters from Santa, and the refreshments at the concerts. Thank you Frogs!



I would now like to announce that the grand total of all Frogs fundraising activities this term is £1784.00. What an amazing amount! This money will be used wisely to help re-design and revamp our Key Stage 2 playground as well as supporting learning in other curriculum areas. Thank you parents, for your wonderful support.



Staff Updates

Miss Swann, in Year 2, is completing her last day today before she starts her maternity leave. Baby is due towards the end of January and we will keep you updated with any exciting news in the new year. I am sure you will all join me in wishing Miss Swann and Mr Hancock all the best for when they welcome their new edition to their family.

I would also like to welcome Miss Tomlinson to our Year 2 team. Miss Tomlinson will be teaching Miss Swann's class whilst she is on her maternity leave. I hope Miss Swann's class parents managed to say hello and meet her on Tuesday when she spent the day getting to know the children.

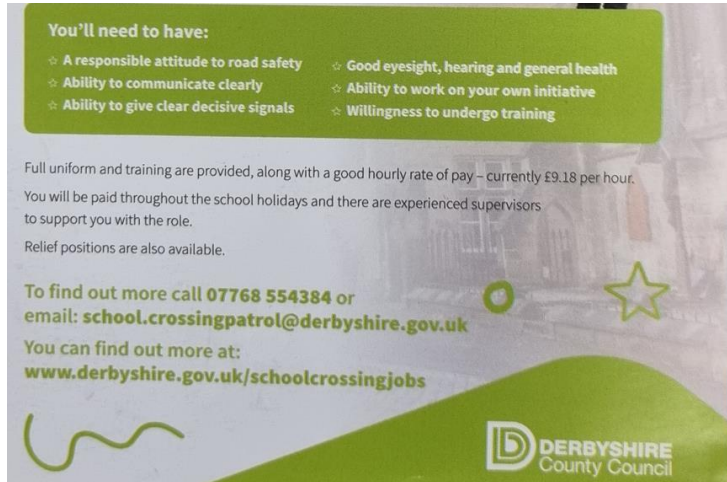
Mr Oliver, our new sports coach, has also been spending some settling in days at Grange in preparation for his full start in January and he is looking forward to coaching your children in their next steps in PE.

A warm Grange welcome to Mr Oliver and Miss Tomlinson.

Station Road Crossing Patrol Update

Since Kathleen, our previous crossing patrol person, moved on to another position I know many of our families have sorely missed this facility on the busy Station Road. Derbyshire County Council's school crossing department have been advertising this position and have asked the school to share their advert in the hope that there may be wider members of our families who may be interested in exploring this opportunity.

If you know someone who may be interested, please share the information below. Thank you.



You'll need to have:

- ◊ A responsible attitude to road safety
- ◊ Ability to communicate clearly
- ◊ Ability to give clear decisive signals
- ◊ Good eyesight, hearing and general health
- ◊ Ability to work on your own initiative
- ◊ Willingness to undergo training

Full uniform and training are provided, along with a good hourly rate of pay – currently £9.18 per hour.
You will be paid throughout the school holidays and there are experienced supervisors to support you with the role.
Relief positions are also available.

To find out more call 07768 554384 or email: school.crossingpatrol@derbyshire.gov.uk

You can find out more at:
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Spring Term Start Date

Mon 8th January- New Term starts with all classes open as normal.

All other Spring term dates will be released in our first newsletter in January.

Finally, we would like to say a huge thank you for all of the support the Grange community has given to the school, your children and the staff during this half term.

We hope you all enjoy the Christmas break and we look forward to 2024 with you all.

Mrs Buxton and Mrs Way
Head Teacher and Deputy Head Teacher