

The First of the Month

December 2018



'Improve the quality of teaching to accelerate pupils' progress by ensuring that all teachers have consistently high expectations of what all pupils can achieve; teachers plan learning that challenges pupils and supports pupils who have SEN and/or disabilities.'

Improve pupils' personal development, behaviour and welfare by improving pupils' attendance, particularly of disadvantaged pupils and pupils who have SEN and/or disabilities.'

We've been making changes to our provision for pupils with additional needs and have created an Inclusion Team, who are leading our improvements in provision for pupils with additional needs.



Janet Hunt - Inclusion Lead / SENDCo

Sarah Holleley - Assistant SENDCo

Mary Mathison - Assistant SENDCo

Nicole Jenner - Emotional Literacy Support Assistant (ELSA)



Our CSI Team (Communication & Sensory Impairment Team) have recently completed extensive training and are leading our improvements in speech, language and communication.

Elaine Wagg

Laura Phillips

Gilly Cox

Faye Kite

Emma Bull

We're also delighted to welcome Liana Bernard, Consultant SENDCo, to our team, who is working alongside our Inclusion Team.

Family Assemblies will be returning after Christmas. All Family Assemblies will take place at 9:00am - 9:30. We're looking forward to sharing these with you.

Year 6 - Friday 11th January 2019

Year 4 - Friday 25th January 2019

Year 2 - Friday 8th February 2019

Reception - Friday 8th March 2019

Year 5 - Friday 18th January 2019

Year 3 - Friday 1st February 2019

Year 1 - Friday 1st March 2019

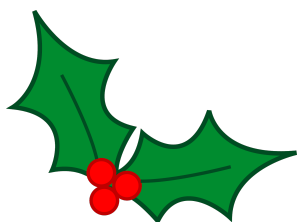
School re-opens on Thursday 3rd January 2019



Deck the halls with boughs of holly ... Christmas 2018 at The Grange



If you would like your child to abstain from any Christmas events that are listed in this newsletter please could you send an email to Mrs Masters (head@thegrange.northant.s-ecl.gov.uk) and we will ensure that your child will be involved in other activities.



Extra Curriculum Clubs

All clubs except for Football & Fitness finish on Friday 7th December.

Football & Fitness will finish week ending 14th December.

Details of new clubs will be sent home when we return after Christmas. Clubs will begin on Monday 14th January.

Christmas Parties:

Children will stay in school uniform for their parties please.

Please could you bring in contributions of fruit, carrot sticks, crisps, biscuits and cakes – these would be greatly appreciated. **Please avoid sending food which contains nuts.** School will provide children with squash.

A list of Year Group parties is as follows:

Nursery - Friday 14th Dec - am
Reception - Friday 14th Dec - pm
Year 1 - Tuesday 11th Dec - pm
Year 2 - Tuesday 11th Dec - pm
Year 3 - Wednesday 12th Dec - am
Year 4 - Wednesday 12th Dec - am
Year 5 - Friday 14th Dec - am
Year 6 - Friday 14th Dec - pm

Upcoming events - December

Friday 7th - EYFS Dress Rehearsal - Grandparents' Performance 10.30am

Friday 7th - Yr1 and Woodwind performance to parents, 2.15pm-3pm

Monday 10th - EYSF & KS1 Panto Sleeping Beauty Panto, 9:30 am

Monday 10th - KS2 Panto Sleeping Beauty Panto, 1:30 am

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Monday 10th - Choir to Spring Gardens, 10.30am-12pm

Tuesday 11th - EYFS Christmas Performance, 10.30am - 11.30am, details to parents coming out soon

Tuesday 11th - Centre Stage performance to KS2 (am)

Tuesday 11th - Centre Stage performance to parents - 6:00pm, details to parents coming out soon

Wednesday 12th - EYFS Christmas Performance 2-3pm, details to parents coming out soon

Wednesday 12th - Area Carol Concert (Choirs) - evening, details to parents coming out soon

Thursday 13th - TnS Christmas lunch, make sure your child has booked their meal!!!

Friday 14th - Christmas Jumper Day

Monday 17th - Christmas Around the World, Year 1-6 - 11:00 am, parents welcome

Monday 17th - Christmas Around the World, Year 1-6 - 2:00 pm, parents welcome

Tuesday 18th - Toy Day (Children should be dressed in uniform please)

Tuesday 18th - Presentation Assembly. KS1 at 9.15am, KS2 at 2:30pm, specific parents will be invited

Tuesday 18th - School closes

Thursday 5th January - School reopens



'Too many pupils are absent or excluded. Exclusions for disadvantaged pupils and pupils who have SEN and/or disabilities are too high.'

'Pupils' attendance is below that seen nationally. The proportion of pupils who are regularly absent from school is rising. Pupils who have SEN and/or disabilities and disadvantaged pupils do not attend school as well as other pupils.'

CONGRATULATIONS to the 261 members of November's 100% Club. Prizes will be awarded this week.

We're only in school for 13 days during December. How many of you will still be in the 100% Club on the last day of term?

Regular attendance at school goes hand in hand with good academic achievement. Your child must attend school for 190 days each year. This is a legal requirement from the age of 5. The only exception to this is when there are legitimate reasons for your child's absence. Not all illnesses need your child to be absent from school, a cold for example, and if you need advice, please ask. Please be assured that if your child is too unwell for school, we will always contact you. **This then leaves 175 non-school days each year. These days are when shopping, holidays, family time, visits and appointments should take place.**

No days lost	10 days lost	19 days lost	29 days lost -the same as half a term!	38 days lost	47 days lost
100%	95%	90%	85%	80%	75%
190 School days each year	180 days of education	171 days of education	161 days of education	152 days of education	143 days of education
GOOD Best chance of success - get your child off to a flying start		WORRYING Less chance of success. Makes it harder for your child to progress		SERIOUS CONCERN Not fair on your child Possible court action	

Congratulations!

Whole school attendance is 96.8% for the year so far. Keep up the great work.





We'd like to introduce you to some of our staff. Aimee Conopo, Debbie Hopkins and Teri Turner have been a part of our Lunchtime Team for a while now and help the children to eat well, play together and have fun at lunchtimes.



Joe Merry has been working with us on Wednesdays and Fridays; engaging the children in sport and physical activity and running clubs on behalf of Football Fitness. He also mentors a range of children across the school. We're delighted to announce that Joe will now be with us every day, replacing Callum Bloxham as our Sport Coach. We'd like to wish Callum every success in the future.

A MASSIVE THANK YOU!

We'd like to thank you for your overwhelming support and generosity over recent weeks. We have raised:

Children in Need – £426

Usborne Sponsored Read & Listen – £1352

Christmas Fayre – £1491.65

Plus many families will benefit from your generous hamper donations to Food Bank.

Everyone at The Grange would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

We would like to welcome parents of pupils from Years 1 - 6 to come into school on Monday 17th December.

There are two time slots - 11am or 2pm, so come and see the pupils perform various pieces of music, rhyme and song from around the world!!



