



The Grange School, Daventry

Newsletter

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Head Teacher's Welcome

We have had a fabulous first two weeks back in school. Reception and Nursery children are now joining us for their full hours and are settling well. Starting school is always a big thing in a child's life, with lots of new routines to learn and expectations to conform to. The Early Years Team are working hard to ensure that everyone settles fully.

Key Stage 1 children are very settled in their new classes and when I visit classrooms, they are always engaged with their learning and working hard. The same is true in Key Stage 2 and I have been impressed by the attitude of the children as they have returned to school.

Most impressive of all is the behaviour of the children in school. At such a difficult time for the country, the children have coped well with the nation being in mourning. They have shown absolute respect and a real understanding that everyone's views matter, even if they are different to their own. Behaviour in lessons, around school, in assembly and on the playground is fantastic. Assembly behaviour today was described as impeccable. This makes me incredibly proud. Our new staff have also settled well and are already very much a part of our Grange School team. I'd like to end by thanking the staff team for their hard work over the summer and at the start of term to ensure that our school is the very best place for your children.

Have a restful long weekend and I look forward to seeing you all again on Tuesday.

Vicki (Vicki Masters, Head Teacher)

Our Homework Policy and Home School Agreements are being shared with you today.

These are for information only at this stage.

Later on in the term, we will request that you sign the Home School Agreement.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 28th September 2022 (am)
OPEN MORNING FOR EXISTING PARENTS
(more details to follow)

Wednesday 28th September 2022 (pm)
Open Afternoon & School Tours for New & Prospective Parents

Thursday 6th October 2022
School Census Day & Special Lunch

DOES YOUR CHILD QUALIFY FOR THE PUPIL PREMIUM?

Even if you have checked before, you may now be eligible for the Pupil Premium. Schools rely on this funding to provide opportunities for all pupils. Please check to see if you are eligible on the link below.

<https://www.westnorthants.gov.uk/schools-and-education/free-school-meals-and-pupil-premium>

Please contact admin@thegrangeschooldaventry if you would like us to apply on your behalf.

DREAM

BELIEVE

ACHIEVE

FRESH START CATERING INFORMATION

Our portions are calculated according to the Food Standards Agency guidelines. The children soon get to learn that they may come back for more if they are still hungry; this is new to the school children and staff but is very much a part of our normal service offer.

We gradually introduce more items every few days at the beginning of a contract as in our experience, we have found that children get a little overwhelmed at first with the new routine. With our main meals, the jacket potatoes have four different fillings on offer and they can be served with salad or the vegetables of the day. The first two options are served with vegetable sides and access to the salad bar. In addition we are now serving our homemade bread which the children can have with any meal choice.

The Deli option offered gives a choice of different bakery products, wraps, 50/50 bread, baguettes and soft rolls. The children then get to choose which filling(s) they would like including a choice of at least four different salad options; these are alternated until we find which the children in each particular school like best. The salad options so far, have been, lettuce, cucumber, tomatoes, carrot, homemade coleslaw, potato salad and diced peppers. The salad bar is now out in the hall for the children to help themselves and this has proved very popular.

On offer with the all desserts are a choice of fruits; we generally have three different fresh cut fruits each day and it changes most days. So far we have served pineapple, galia melon, honeydew melon, oranges, bananas, grapes and apple. The children are getting used to coming back for seconds of fruit if they want some. There is also natural yoghurt available for those who do not want the main dessert of the day. If you require any further information, please contact Karen on karen@freshstartcatering.uk.

Parents' Evenings will take place on:
Thursday 17th November & Wednesday 23rd November

MORE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 10th October
Hello Yellow Day for Mental Health - children wear yellow (or a splash of yellow) to school

Friday 21st October
Show Racism the Red Card - children wear red (or a splash of red) to school



Every Child A Musician - Y5 & 6 - Kids That Rock



Squash Stars – Limited places available book today by visiting www.squashstars.co.uk



England Squash have just launched their new Squash Stars programme to encourage children to pick up a racket and begin a lifelong love of the game.

Squash Stars, a six-week programme commencing the week of June 6th, is delivered by participating sports clubs and venues close to you. These fun sessions will introduce children aged 5-11 to the sport of squash.

Your child will be taught the skills to play squash, develop hand-eye coordination, be fit and healthy and make friends. All sessions include match play through action-packed fun games and drills and delivered by specially trained leaders.

Sessions are taking place right on your doorstep and you can book a place at www.squashstars.co.uk.

Thank you.

SPOTLIGHT ON SPECIAL NEEDS



NORTHGATE SCHOOL
ARTS COLLEGE



Prospective Parents' Evening

Wednesday 21st September 2022
6pm to 7pm

You are invited to come and see Northgate on this evening and speak to our Senior Leadership Team about the suitability of our education facilities for your child.

Pre-booking is required as space is limited. Please ring the office on the number below.

We look forward to meeting you.

*If you require any further information,
please do not hesitate to contact us:*

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