



The Grange School, Daventry

Newsletter

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We have agencies contacting us to offer support for those that need it. If you feel you need additional support at this time, please contact Janice Hennessy.

Head Teacher's Welcome

It's hard to believe that's almost time for the Christmas holidays, as we've packed a lot into this term! With the exception of our Early Years children, every year group will have been out on a visit by the end of term. Different groups of children have taken part in sports, religious and citizenship events outside of school. Some have also had visitors into school this term. More visits and visitors are planned to enhance learning.

The children have learned a great deal through studying two different themes; with EYFS children changing themes more often than the rest of the school. Extra-curricular clubs have begun and are in full flow now. Some children have been identified for the DFE's tuition programmes and have begun to receive tutoring.

We've held a Christmas Fayre and plans are already underway for future FROGS events. Parents & carers have been invited into school for Parents' Evening consultations, special assemblies and concerts. Most children are currently completing formal assessments and the results of these will be with you in the new year.

In the new term, we will also be looking for more volunteers to come into school to help us to make your children's experiences even better. If you, or someone you know, could spare some time regularly, please let us know by completing the form here <https://forms.gle/WTgnyXrsZXQkqhRGA>. If you have already completed this form, we will be in touch soon.

Whilst this is the festive season, everyone at the school appreciates that for some, this time of year may be difficult - especially this year. If you need any support, please do not hesitate to get in touch and we'll do everything we can to help.

Vicki

Vicki Masters Head Teacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Life is tough at the moment and the likelihood is that it will get tougher still. As Christmas approaches, we are all wondering if we can stretch what little we have as far as it needs to go.

With that in mind, can we ask that you cross us off your Christmas lists? We know that many of you like to give gifts to us at this time of year, but honestly we'd much rather you spent the money on your children and your family this year. If you feel you want to gift this year, please place a donation in our shopping trolley for the Daventry Food Bank.

Really and truly, we don't need gifts. A homemade card with a handwritten and heartfelt message will do us fine. More than fine in fact - it's the special cards and notes that we keep. They bring back all the memories of children we've taught over the years and that's the best gift we could ever wish for.

Thank you - The Grange School Staff Team

(With many thanks to Mrs Smith, whose Facebook post we borrowed much of this from)

DREAM

BELIEVE

ACHIEVE

Dates For Your Diary



Christmas Parties:

Children should wear normal school uniform. No contributions are required - school will provide drinks and a snack.

SCHOOL CLOSURES ON THUR 15TH DECEMBER & RE-OPENS ON WED 4TH JANUARY 2023

Staffing News

For family reasons, Mrs Emily Lile will be leaving us at the end of term. Whilst we will be sorry to see Mrs Lile leave, we wish her every success for the future.

Mrs Hillary Connor, who is known to the children and has worked in the school for some time now, will be working with Lime class from January. Hillary has already met with Liz and Lauren and they have begun planning for the Spring Term.

Mrs Lauren Humphries has now returned from maternity leave and from January will be joining the Year 1 team; predominantly teaching Oak Class at the start of the week.

Mrs Liz Heath will be predominantly teaching Oak Class at the end of the week.

More Staff News

Mrs Maria Parrish will be retiring on 15th December. We would like to wish her happiness in her retirement.

Mrs Nicky Owen has secured a new job working closer to her home. We would like to wish her well in her future endeavours.

Mrs Emma Darby gave birth to a beautiful baby girl - Evelyn. Congratulations to the Darby family on your new addition.



Attendance News

Week commencing 28th November - 2nd December 2022

Class		Class		Class	
Ash - R	87.7%	Willow - 3	92.7%	Acer - 5	93.6%
Oak - I	88.1%	Yew - 3	91.3%	Bonsai - 5	89.3%
Lime - I	91.9%	Maple - 4	95.7%	Hawthorn - 5	91.8%
Birch - 2	96.7%	Poplar - 4	93.6%	Sequoia - 6	95.7%
Palm - 2	92.7%			Sycamore - 6	91.9%

Our whole school target –96.0%. Last week our whole school attendance was- 92.2% - Although this is an improvement on the previous week, this must improve!

Well done Birch class who got the highest weekly attendance–96.7% - look out for your reward!



Clubs Term 3

Clubs bookings will open on Monday 12/12/22 via Parent Pay, ending Thursday 15/12/22. Both Lunchtime and Afterschool Clubs will commence the second week back (9/1/23) and will continue until W/E 10/02/23.

When selecting your child's clubs please make sure that, no more than one club is chosen per day. If your child is unable to attend a club or do not wish to continue, please make sure you inform the office as this saves us calling you to check on your child.

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	Lunchtime			After School		
	Club	Teacher	Where	Club	Teacher	Where
Mon	KS2 Majorettes	Mrs Wagg	Immersive Room	KS2 Football	Sports Coach	area Field / Front Playground
	KS2 Cross Country	Sports Coach	Changing in own classrooms Front Playground			
	KS2 Guitars	Mrs Barrett	Music Room			
Tues	KS1 Choir	Miss Prosser	Willow Classroom	KS2 Girls Football	Mrs Barbour	Changing in Y5 shared area Field / Front Playground
	KS2 French	Miss Harrison & Miss Jones	Palm Classroom	KS1 Gymnastics	Sports Coach	Sports Hall
	KS1 Football	Sports Coach	Changing in own classrooms Front Playground			
Wed	KS1 Basketball	Sports Coach	Changing in own classrooms Front Playground	KS2 Musical Theatre	Mrs Cox	Immersive Room
	KS2 Recorders	Miss Wagg	Music Room	KS1 Dance	Miss Conago & Mrs Spencer	Arts Hall
				Cookery (Only 15 Spaces Available) (until 4.15pm)	Mrs Hancock & Mrs Barbour	Food Tec Changing in Y5 shared h Room
				KS2 Gymnastics	Sports Coach	Sports Hall
Thur	Y6 Author Workshops / Book Club	Mrs Dunclan	Sycamore	KS2 Drama	Mrs Barrett	Arts Hall
	KS2 Multi Skills	Sports Coach	Changing in own classrooms Front Playground	KS1 Multiskills	Sports Coach	Sports Hall
				KS2 Choir (until 4.30pm)	Mr Ashbridge Miss Underwood Mrs Ross	Poplar
				KS2 Science Club	Mrs Haneekom Mrs Dhillon	Acer
Fri	EYFS & KS1 Storytelling	Miss Harrison & Miss Jones	Palm	KS2 Tag Rugby	Sports Coach	Changing in the Y5 Shared Area Field / Sports Hall
	KS2 Basketball	Sports Coach	Changing in own classrooms Front Playground	KS2 Dance	Mrs Jenner & Mrs Barbour	Art Hall
	KS2 Performance Poetry	Mrs Waldoock				

Good Attendance Means....

Being in school at least 98% of the time or 186 to 190 days.
That's no more than 4 days off a year

175 non-school days a year - All this time for holidays and appointments.



Do you
know your
child's
attendance?

Whole
school
target
is 96%

Please contact
Mrs Best if you
would like to
discuss your
child's
attendance
further.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-is-child-abuse/types-of-abuse/domestic-abuse/>



Domestic abuse

It can be hard to tell if domestic abuse is happening. Find out more about domestic abuse and help keep children safe.

Safety Matters

For parents

If you're an adult experiencing domestic abuse, there are organisations that can help.

- [Relate](#)
0300 003 0396
You can talk to Relate about your relationship, including issues around domestic abuse.
- [National Domestic Violence Helpline](#)
0808 2000 247
A 24 hour free helpline run in partnership between Women's Aid and Refuge.
- [Men's Advice Line](#)
0808 801 0327
Advice and support for men experiencing domestic violence and abuse.
- [National LGBT+ Domestic Abuse Helpline](#)
0800 999 5428
Emotional and practical support for LGBT+ people experiencing domestic abuse.

NEVER ALONE

NSPCC
0808 800 5000
(24hrs)

Mind
0300 123 3393
(Mon-Fri 9-6)

Cruse Bereavement
0800 808 1677
(Mon-Fri 9-5)

Action on Elder Abuse
0808 808 8141
(Mon-Fri 9-5)

Samaritans
116 123
(24hrs free)

National Domestic Abuse Helpline
0808 2000 247
(24hrs free)

Victim Support
0808 168 9111
(24hrs)

ChildLine
0800 1111
(24hrs)

Respect - Men's Advice Line
0808 801 0327
(Mon-Fri 9-5or8pm)

National Centre for Domestic Violence
0207 186 8270

HM Government

**AT HOME
SHOULDN'T
MEAN
AT RISK**

#YOUARENOTALONE

FIND SUPPORT AT:
gov.uk/domestic-abuse

**OUR NEXT OPEN DAY IS
FOR ALL AGE GROUPS**

THURSDAY 9TH FEBRUARY 2023
9:15 - 10:30

COME AND SPEND TIME WITH YOUR
CHILD IN THEIR CLASSROOM

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**OPEN MORNING FOR PROSPECTIVE
NEW PARENTS**

FRIDAY 6TH JANUARY 2023 09:30 - 11:00

EMAIL
ADMIN@THEGRANGESCHOOLDAVENTRY.NET
TO RESERVE YOUR PLACE

**Christmas Open
Morning Invitation**

THE GRANGE SCHOOL
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Sunday 11th December 2022
10:00 - 11:30

**Looking for a Nursery or Reception
place for now or September 2023?**

Bring your child along to our Christmas Open
Morning, where they'll be able to experience our
Early Years setting.

Staff will be available to answer
your questions.

Book your place on
admin@thegradeschooldaventry.net