

Dear Parents/Carers,

All the children have settled in well again (or for the first time!).

Firstly, can I thank everyone who has welcomed me back and said so many kind comments to me on my return from illness. It seems this year that more of us than usual have been affected by some kind of illness, Let's hope that the coming year can be sickness free for all of us!



Attendance and Punctuality

As we all know, our children have a much better chance of enjoying school and making progress if they attend school/nursery almost constantly. The same is true for punctuality. School starts at 9 o'clock and it is an important time of the day as the children organize themselves and the teachers start their lessons. A child who comes late is often anxious about entering the classroom and can have missed important learning. Our Education Welfare Officer will be actively encouraging parents/carers who come after 9 O'clock in the coming months.



Breakfast Club

Our breakfast club continues to go from strength to strength. It runs on **Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 8.30am**. On Fridays, we offer hot cobs and this day is extremely popular with other parents!



Toddlers!!

Did you know we run three toddler playgroups in Grange?

You are most welcome to come and join!!

Wednesday 9am -11.30am this is held in the **Sure Start** centre but is currently full.

Tuesday and Thursday 1.15pm - 3pm in **our Community room**. Come to the rear entrance of the school and enter through the wooden gate then the Community room is on your left.

Nursery parents/carers

Please use the entrance on Station Road when bringing or collecting our Nursery children

Grange News

NSPCC

I would like to congratulate everyone who contributed to making our fundraising efforts on behalf of the NSPCC such a success. Your commitment and generosity meant that we raised just over £1800!!! A truly astounding amount. Many Thanks.



Lost Property

Since Christmas, with shows and parties we seem to have accumulated a great many lost pieces of clothing, sandwich boxes and even bags. Lost property is stored in the entrance to the gymnasium or please encourage your child to look in their cloakroom/classroom.

Time?

Do you have any spare time to come and help at school? Can you help with gardening, joinery, have an artistic streak? We are looking to redesign parts of the school grounds to make them more child-friendly. We have constructed mosaics but we think we can do so much more.....If you can help then please contact me.

Gardening Group

Are you interested in being part of a group that are looking to develop growing spaces locally?

The Long Eaton Community Garden Steering Group will be on Monday 31st of January at 7.00 - 8.00 at The Half Crown Pub.

Please come along, all welcome!



I spent an extremely enjoyable evening recently watching 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' as performed by our Year 4/5 children. It was a wonderful show, full of humour, great singing and superb acting. I've watched the other shows on DVD and they were equally enjoyable. Anyone watching these shows could not help but feel great pride in the achievements of our children, of the hard work and commitment of all our staff and volunteers and the support that you offer to us.

Thank you

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