

Dear Parents

COMIC RELIEF

Our children are truly spectacular! By baking, making, raffling, buying and selling, their enthusiasm and commitment made this year's fund raising a pleasure to behold. A huge THANK YOU to you all for kitting the children out so spectacularly. Our Comic Relief total £1,067 a truly wonderful total.... considering we didn't sell a single red nose!

FROGS DISCOS

Don't forget about our FROGS discos next Tuesday and Wednesday. The children have worked extremely hard this term and thoroughly deserve to "let their hair down".

NURSERY BUILDING WORK

Work continues at a pace on the brickwork around the Nursery block. Despite having to close the Nursery for one day this week for further assessment we are back in there and open again! Many thanks for all your forbearance at such short notice. Remedial work will take place on the Nursery roof after Easter which will require us to relocate to the Community Room for a few weeks. We will update our parents/carers as soon as we have the necessary schedule.

FAMILY SUPPORT

Our Family Support Worker, Gail Lane, is leaving us. Can I thank her for all her hard work in supporting our community over the past two years. As part of a local re-organisation new Multi-Agency teams that look to support families within our part of Long Eaton are now based at Lime Terrace. If your family, a friend or relative could do with some extra support or advice about a range of issues, then please contact us. We will shortly be able to update you with names and contacts if you wish to contact them directly.

GREEN DAY

On Friday 5th May we will be having a GREEN DAY to fund raise/contribute to enhancing the school grounds. Over the Easter holiday I would like to set our family a challenge..... find a "quirky" container – a wellie, an old object, a classy planter and fill it with compost and plants. We aim to display them all along the entrances into school. They will really help to brighten up some of our less "plant friendly" parts of the school. Don't be afraid to be as colourful and imaginative as possible!!

We will be placing “ideas” around school over the next week which will hopefully inspire you!

On GREEN DAY children can either present their container or wear non-uniform with a “green” theme/colour for a £1.00 contribution to our outdoor fund.

NEWSLETTER EMAILS

If you would like to receive our newsletter electronically then please EMAIL your address, the name of your child and their class teacher to
admin@grange.derbyshire.sch.uk

BICYCLE SAFETY Our year 5 and year 6 children have had the opportunity to learn about using their bicycles safely on our local streets. A vital skill. It is wonderful to hear that our children are using their bicycles locally and with greater confidence. I would, however, encourage you to remind them of their responsibility to act safely, particularly around peak times for traffic on our streets.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

You may remember a letter regarding free school meals entitlement was sent to all parents. We are concerned that a number of our families are missing out on this entitlement. Anyone in receipt of Income Support, Income Based Job Seekers Allowance or Child Tax Credit, provided they are not receiving Working Tax Credit and have an annual income that does not exceed £15,575, is entitled to free school meals.

There is also a further benefit to your child in school. Additional funds are given to the school by the Local Education Authority for every student who qualifies. This adds a significant amount to the school budget to spend on your child’s education. We must ensure that we receive all of the entitlement intended for our youngsters both in school funding and also free school meals. If you think your child would be eligible for free school meals please pick up an application form from the school office.

Best Wishes

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Headteacher