

NEWSLETTER – SEPTEMBER 2017

Welcome everyone to the start of a new academic year, we hope that you all have had an enjoyable summer break. To those of you who are maybe new to the school, newsletters are sent out at least half termly and they contain school news and diary dates to help you plan ahead. Newsletters are also uploaded on the website just in case you lose your copy. In-between relevant letters and text reminders are also sent out, so please if you do change your mobile number, ensure the office is updated also.

Extreme Reading – Homework Challenge

Before we broke for the summer, we set all our children the challenge of extreme reading (reading in an unusual place). All photos received will be used for our new display board and there will be a prize for the most bizarre (but safe) place. If you have not yet sent your photo in, there is still plenty of time. Either email it to info@gliacademy.org.uk or print off and give to your child's teacher.

PTFA – Purchase of Library Books

Thanks to the fund raising efforts of the PTFA – Grown Up Grangers and the contributions from parents and the community, the PTFA have purchased a vast array books for the library worth almost £1,000. The books in there were very old and very tired so these new ones were in desperate need and will be enjoyed for topic work, free reading and the lending scheme. So a huge thank you!

Nursery 30 Hours Provision

Applications for September extended nursery provision of 30 hours for 3 & 4 year old children unfortunately expired on the 31st August. All applications from September for the extra 15 hours free provision will now be valid from January. If this is something you are interested in, details can be found at <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>. Don't forget we do have Little Grangers our 2 year old provision also.

- **Good attendance is 96%.**
- 15 minutes late per day is the equivalent of 2 weeks of lost learning per year!
- Encourage, praise and promote the benefits of coming to school, it's not just about lessons. Lifelong friendships, new experiences and lots of fun happens at school too!
- If your child is too ill to come to school, then you must ring in that morning on 01302 868378 as we need a reason for absence.
- Attendance is still an issue at Grange Lane last year it was 94.5, we need to get 97% to meet the local authority standards. Please support us by bringing your child to school every day possible and on time.



CCTV -We would like to say thank you again to those parents who donated last year to CCTV, as you may have seen in our new reception area, installation has now started.

Cool Milk - If your child is over 5 years old and you want them to continue having school milk, please register them with www.coolmilk.co.uk (*charges may apply)

Burglaries

We are sad to hear that amongst our 3 break-ins over the summer, other community buildings also had the same unfortunate experience. It is such a shame that the children are the ones it most effects. We have a section of the playground that children currently cannot enjoy and a classroom that until funds are received, does not have the added enjoyment and benefit of an interactive smartboard. On a positive note the support, good wishes and help from the community has been fabulous and we want to thank everyone including the police who are still investigating the incidents.








or your mobile phone!

Please jot them down as a handy reminder

Wednesday 27 th September	Phonics meeting for EYFS (Nursery and Reception) parents – details to follow
Friday 29 th September	Macmillan Coffee event – details to follow
Monday 2 nd October	Doncaster Council closing date for nursery admissions for 2018. Ensure you have returned your application or apply online now to secure your child's future place.
Wednesday 4 th October	Dogs Trust visit nursery (both sessions) to talk about how to care for pets and what they need to be happy and healthy. They do not bring dogs to the lesson.
Week commencing 16 th October is family stay and make week. Confirmation of which day for which class to follow.	
Week commencing 16 th October is celebrating differences week.	
Week commencing 23 rd October is keeping safe week.	
Tuesday 24 th October	Harvest Festival concert 2pm (main nursery through to year 2)
Wednesday 25 th October	Harvest Festival concert at 10am (main nursery through to year 2)
Thursday 26 th October	Halloween Disco (afterschool) details to follow
Friday 27 th October	Year 2 parents coffee morning
30 th October – 3 rd November	Half term week
Monday 6 th November	Training day so school will be closed to pupils
Wednesday 8 th November	Parents evening (a separate letter will follow closer to the date)
Thursday 9 th November	Parents evening (a separate letter will follow closer to the date)
Week commencing 13 th November is anti-bullying week	
Friday 1 st December	Christmas Fayre
Monday 11 th December	We have been advised this is when the flu vaccinations are.
Wednesday 13 th December	Pantomime, Beauty and the Beast (extra-curricular trip) – details nearer the time
Wednesday 13 th December	Nursery and Little Grangers Christmas Parties
Thursday 14 th December	KS1 (years 1 and 2) Christmas Nativity Concert 2pm – details closer to the time
Friday 15 th December	Another chance for the KS1 Christmas Nativity Concert 10am
Wednesday 20 th December	EYFS (Reception and Nursery) Christmas Concert 10am and again at 2.30pm
Friday 22 nd December	Last day of term!

September (20 Days)	October (20 Days)	November (19 Days)
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December (16 Days)	January (18 days)	February (15 days)
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March (17 Days)	April (16 Days)	May (18 Days)
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June (20 Days)	July (16 Days)	August
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 Denotes Bank Holidays
 Denotes School Holidays
 Denotes staff training day

Total: 195 days – 5 additional days will be set for professional development days for teaching staff

Autumn Half Term: Academy closes (PM) on Friday 27th October and Reopens on Monday 6th November

Christmas: Academy closes (PM) on Friday 22nd December and reopens on Monday 8th January 2018

Spring Half Term: Academy closes (PM) on Friday 9th February and reopens on Monday 19th February 2018

Easter: Academy closes (PM) on Friday 23rd March and reopens on Monday 9th April 2018

May Day: Academy is closed Monday 5th May 2018

Summer Half Term: Academy closes (PM) Friday 25th May and reopens on Monday 4th June 2018

Last day of the academic year is Friday 20th July as Monday 23rd July is a training day

Training Days: 4th & 5th September, 6th November, 9th April and 23rd July