

NEWSLETTER – OCTOBER 2017

30 hours Nursery re-registration.

If you are one of our families taking the extended nursery hours, don't forget every 3 months you need to confirm your eligibility hasn't changed on the HMRC website. This is 3 months from when you first applied not when you started using the provision. HMRC should have sent you a reminder. If you do not confirm your eligibility, your code will run out therefore the extra hours will too! **CHECK & CONFIRM!**

If you didn't apply for the extended nursery hours but would now like to – you can do this via the website <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>. The next intake for extended provision is **JANUARY**

Amazon UK & Magic Breakfast

Our breakfast club would not be FREE if it wasn't for Magic Breakfast, they supply our bagels, juice and cereals ensuring every child at Grange Lane have the opportunity for a free healthy breakfast within our club or even a breakfast top up when bagels visit the classrooms during registration. Recently Magic Breakfast have gained support from Amazon UK. So Stuart and Richard from our local Amazon joined us for a Magic Breakfast, found out more about our school and even had a game of chess!

Our children, as always, made us very proud with good manners and excellent behaviour. Thank you to all parents for returning the photo permissions at such short notice and supporting us for this visit.



Donation from the Holmescarr Centre

We would like to say a huge thank you to the Holmescarr Centre who, after finding out about our burglaries over the summer donated £55 to the school from a fund raising event they held. This will certainly help towards replacing some of the items broken or stolen. May we also say thank you to Kat Large our PTFA member who helped to organise this.

Some people may say well you're insured but the excess alone was £750! This unfortunately comes out of the school budget and of course increases next year's premium. We are also not guaranteed to get like for like items or value. ☹️

BLOCKED

The path running from the front entrance down the side of nursery we are told access along this path is often blocked with groups of talking people during busy periods. Please could we try and keep this area free flowing.

RECEPTION 2018

Online applications for Reception places and children moving to the juniors opens on the 3rd November with a January closing date.

<http://www.doncaster.gov.uk/services/schools/primary-admissions>

Remember even if your child is in nursery you must still apply for a reception place with Doncaster council for our school!

New Office / Entrance

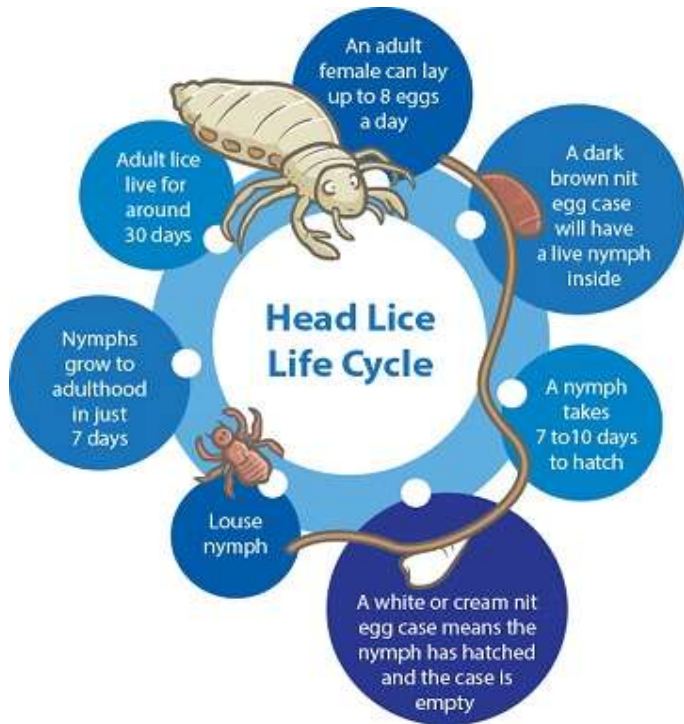
We hope you like our new entrance /office area and feel it is more accessible and welcoming than the tiny porch we had before. The most stressful part has been the automated doors which we hope are now fixed! May we please remind everyone that they are **automatic outward opening doors so please stand clear after pressing the doorbell**. We have been told pulling and yanking on the doors will alter or even break the sensors and this is not covered under the guarantee. May we also ask that children are not left to play around the doors, although the sensors are designed to stop the doors opening if they sense something is in the way it would be best if the entrance is kept clear. Many thanks.

- **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.



Whole School Attendance is currently 96%!

Head lice - We have had some cases in school, particularly in the early years settings. If you have treated a case, please check again after a week to ensure all the eggs were removed and have not hatched like the lifecycle below shows. It can take more than one treatment to fully remove them.



Tapestry –we hope that you are all enjoying sharing your child’s learning on Tapestry. This is only one of the ways we observe and assess your child’s learning here in school. Exercise books, reading records, class observations and Read Write Inc tasks are some of the many ways in which the teacher or teaching assistant records your child’s work. Please do continue sharing your child’s learning either on Tapestry, in the reading record or even by sending a WoW moment in.

If you are unsure how to access Tapestry, see Mrs Rowley, Miss Bramhalld or drop a message into the office.



During rewards assembly we have our In It to Win IT competition, where every child who,

- Always behaves well
- Always comes in correct uniform
- Always has good attendance
- Always follows the school rules
- Always tries their best, is entered.

We have a great selection of books to choose from as their prize.

Volunteers

We have had a great response from parents wanting to volunteer within the classroom. Applications and checks are currently underway for these people and you may notice them around school helping within the school team soon.

The PTFA (parents, teachers and friends association) who help massively with the fayres and special events have literally 3 members. They appreciate that many people have work commitments, may not want to commit or just don’t have time to join the PTFA group on a regular basis and that is absolutely fine.

But are there any parents out there that could volunteer a helping hand when they have organised an event? For example, running a stall, setting up or putting away equipment, selling raffle tickets etc? If you would be happy to offer this sort of help please feel free to pop your name into the office or see Kat Large (McAllister’s Mum). Many thanks



Please do not park on the yellow lines outside of school at any point in the day. They are there to keep children, families and pedestrians safe.

7.30am Breakfast Club - £1
Afterschool club until 4.30pm - £4

Magic Breakfast Club (8am)- FREE
Afterschool club until 6pm - £8



or your mobile phone!

Please jot them down as a handy reminder

30 th October – 3 rd November	Half term week
Monday 6 th November	Training day so school will be closed to pupils
Tuesday 7 th November	In partnership with Eric Simpson and Operation Christmas Child we will be having a non-uniform day. Donation appreciated.
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
Wednesday 15 th November	Read Write Inc parents meeting for foundation stage parents – details to follow.
Friday 1 st December	Christmas Fayre
Monday 11 th December	We have been advised this is when the flu vaccinations are.
Tuesday 12 th December	Visit to church more details to follow
Wednesday 13 th December	Pantomime, Beauty and the Beast (extra-curricular trip) – letters have been given
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
Tuesday 19 th December	KS1 Christmas Parties, details to follow
Wednesday 20 th December	EYFS (Reception and Nursery) Christmas Concert 10am and again at 2.30pm
Friday 22 nd December	Last day of term!
Monday 8 th January	School re-opens

September (20 Days)

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November (19 Days)

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December (16 Days)

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January (18 days)

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February (15 days)

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March (17 Days)

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June (20 Days)




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July (16 Days)

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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

Individual Dates May Vary – These dates apply to all community schools - please check other schools.
Admissions and Pupil Services, Doncaster Council, Civic Building, Waterdale, Doncaster, DN1 3BU.
Email: admissions@doncaster.gov.uk Tel. : 01302 737202 Published: March 2016

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