

## NEWSLETTER – JANUARY 2018

### 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 for those that apply from January is Easter.

### RECEPTION & JUNIORS 2018

Online applications for Reception places and children moving to the juniors opens on the 3<sup>rd</sup> November with **15th 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!

Closing dates are there to ensure that those who apply in plenty of time are given a good chance of getting the school place they want. Don't be left without a place for your child in September, apply now!



We are pleased to advise that we have introduced a new service 'School Gateway'. This means that we can share information with parents more quickly via email, so no more missed or lost letters. For the school it will save us time and money – did you know that for every batch of **single page colour** copy letters we send out to the **whole school**, costs the academy nearly £7 of print and paper charges? Work that out over the year and you could help save school a lot of money, money which can be used for educational resources. To do this just:

Download the app: If you have a smartphone, please download School Gateway from your app store (Android and iPhone). The app shows the same information as the website PLUS you can message school for FREE.

Or

Visit the website: [www.schoolgateway.com](http://www.schoolgateway.com) and click on 'New User'. You'll receive a text message with a PIN number. Use this PIN to log into School Gateway.

If you are having trouble logging in, it may be because school doesn't have your current email and mobile phone number on record. Please call us and we'll update the details on our system.

Although this app does have a text message service we are still in contract with Teachers2parents so all text message will still come via the text service currently in use.

We endeavour to use this service for all school letters, newsletters and event day information. Please could everyone download this app to enable us to get this up and running this year.

- **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.



### Tapestry

We would love to see what your child has been enjoying over the festive break; reading a new book, playing a game even learning to ride a new scooter or bike are great examples of their home learning journey for the Tapestry app.



We would like to thank Rob Driscoll, Grandparent of one of our students for the very generous donation of £50 worth of books for free reading and the library. THANK YOU!

### Christmas Fayre

We hope you all received the update and thank you newsletter from the PTFA regarding the Christmas Fayre. Our PTFA is a group of Mums who, whilst working, volunteering, going to college and doing all the everyday things we all do, supported the academy with the planning, preparation and organisation of the Santa Visits and the Christmas Fayre. The beautiful photographs from the visits to Santa, the hundreds of wrapped presents and the PTFA newsletters are also the work of the PTFA. On behalf of the staff and the academy – thank you PTFA for your hard work and support.

**Head lice** - We still have complaints from parents about head lice. One of the most important steps in treating head lice is RETREAT 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 on the previous newsletter. It can take more than one treatment to fully remove them.

We have also recently given out signs and symptoms of threadworm which has also been reported.

**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. This is now becoming a persistent problem and has been reported to the local police.**

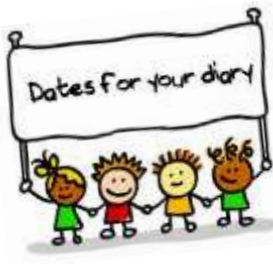
## Enjoy your holiday, during school holidays!

Many of us are now starting to think about our summer break and will be hoping to book a holiday soon. It is important that holidays are kept to the school holiday timetable especially for the year 2 children who will be taking their SATs tests. It is also important that children either returning or starting the Juniors in September don't miss those first vital days back, educationally, socially and for routine setting.

### Nativities

Thank you to all the parents, carers, grandparents and family friends who joined us for the Christmas Nativities. All our children worked extremely hard and we were extremely proud of their great performances. We hope you enjoyed them too!

7.30am Breakfast Club - £1      Magic Breakfast Club (8am)- FREE  
Afterschool club until 4.30pm - £4      Afterschool club until 6pm - £8



or your mobile phone!

Please jot them down as a handy reminder

- 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018 Our choir go to Young Voices to sing at Sheffield Arena.
- 29<sup>th</sup> January 2018 Stay and Make Week – details to follow shortly
- 9<sup>th</sup> February 2018 Year 1 Coffee Morning
- 12<sup>th</sup> February – 16<sup>th</sup> February Half term week.
- 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2018 Dogs Trust visit Reception classes to talk about caring for pets (minus a real dog!)
- 28<sup>th</sup> February 2018 Nursery parents day – a chance to meet with the teacher
- 28<sup>th</sup> February 2018 Parents Evening, reception, years 1 & 2 details to follow nearer the time
- 1<sup>st</sup> March 2018 Parents Evening, reception, years 1 & 2 details to follow nearer the time
- 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2018 Coffee Morning - Reception
- 26<sup>th</sup> March – 6<sup>th</sup> April Easter Break.
- 9<sup>th</sup> April 2018 Staff training day so school will be closed to pupils.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2018 Polling Day so the Little Grangers building will be closed for local elections.
- 28<sup>th</sup> May – 1<sup>st</sup> June 2018 Half term week



**Spring Half Term:** Academy closes (PM) on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February and reopens on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2018

**Easter:** Academy closes (PM) on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March and reopens on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2018

**May Day:** Academy is closed Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2018

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

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

**Training Days:** 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> September, 6<sup>th</sup> November, 9<sup>th</sup> April and 23<sup>rd</sup> July