



# Grange Lane Infant Academy

## Newsletter January 2023

Wishing you all health and happiness for 2023! We hope that you enjoyed the break, spent time with loved ones and feel ready for the new year. We know that a new year can bring added worries, so please remember that we have mental health first aiders in school along with our Pastoral Manager who runs parenting groups. Our school is a community and you can speak to all staff if needed.

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## Attendance at Grange Lane



We appreciate the past two years have been very strange and uncertain times for everyone but here at Grange Lane we are hopeful that the world is mostly back to normal now. Therefore we have a new member of the Local Authority working with us on our Attendance. We aim to work with families and children to improve attendance and help parents understand the importance of children attending school every day that they can. This half term we will be working with the local authority to ensure parents are aware if their children's attendance is dropping or is a cause for concern so please don't be alarmed if your child's teacher asks to talk to you on collection or if you receive a letter about attendance.

After the February break we will be challenging children to come to school everyday until Easter to be in with a chance of winning a prize! We hope everyone is feeling refreshed and ready for the challenge!

## Christmas Community Hampers



Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Community Hampers for Christmas - we were overwhelmed with the generosity and created not 1 but 3 hampers to donate. The 3 families that won were delighted and 1 shared with another family so between us we actually helped 4 families for the Christmas break.

## Christmas at Grange Lane



This year was the first since Covid where we have gathered for a Christmas concert for both KS1 and reception. We hope that you enjoyed the performances and we thank Rainbow Connections for their fabulous support playing the piano and helping the children learn the songs for the plays.

We also did so much more with themed role plays, tree decorating stay and plays, parties, pantomime, Santa, Christmas dinner and entertainment.













## Trip Reminders



Letters have already been given out for the following trips, if you could please ensure that consent is returned as soon as possible and full contribution made before the trip.

Year 2 at Conisbrough Castle Wednesday 1st February - if you require a lunch to be provided by school please ensure you indicate this on the trip consent form.

Reception trip to New Hall Farm - Butterflies on Tuesday 14th March and Ladybirds on Wednesday 15th March. As the letters were given out in November we did not include the option to order a



packed lunch. If you would like to order a school packed lunch - please do so via this link <https://forms.office.com/e/rwJgpLWGgi> You do not need to complete this if you do not want a school packed lunch.

Please call at the office or ask your child's teacher if you need another copy of the letter.

Please see below diary dates we have so far for the Spring term. Make a note of those relevant to you.

## Diary Dates



**Wednesday 11th January 2023** - Year 1 have a bespoke literacy day linked to their topic of Superheroes

**Saturday 15th January 2023** - This is the closing date for reception and year 3 admissions. If you have not yet applied please go to the Doncaster Council website and apply to ensure your child has a place at your chosen school. Don't forget if you child attends our nursery you still need to apply for a reception place.

**Monday 16th January 2023** -School Nursing team visit to talk to the children about the Dentist

**Wednesday 18th January 2023** - Worry Wizard will be in school to talk with the children about mental health

**Thursday 19th January 2023** - Our Chinese New Year themed menu

**Wednesday 1st February 2023** - Year 2 visit Conisbrough Castle - please ensure your trip consents have been returned along with the £7 payment. If you need another letter please ask the teacher or call at the office.

**Friday 3rd February** - NSPCC number day - to promote numeracy in school we are encouraging everyone to come wearing a number. You can wear a football top, get crafty, hats with numbers on - the choice is yours!

**Tuesday 7th February 2023**- School Nursing Team visit to discuss hidden sugars

**Friday 10th February 2023** - Our choir go to Young Voices at Sheffield Arena

**Monday 13th February until Friday 17th February** - half term so school is closed

**Friday 24th February 2023**- Author if Granny Norbag will be in school

**Wednesday 1st March 2023** - Parents evening

**Thursday 2nd March 2023**- Parents evening

**Monday 6th March 2023**- Incredible Eggs Duckling Hatching comes to school!

**Wednesday 8th March 2023**- Maker Move Activity Day

**Week commencing 13th March 2023 is Science Week**

**Tuesday 14th March 2023** - Reception trip to New Hall Farm - Butterflies class

**Wednesday 15th March 2023**- Reception trip to New Hall Farm - Ladybirds class. Please ensure that you have completed the trip consent form and paid the £6.50 contribution. If you need another trip letter please ask your teacher or class at the office.

**Thursday 16th March 2023** - Forensic Scientist in school

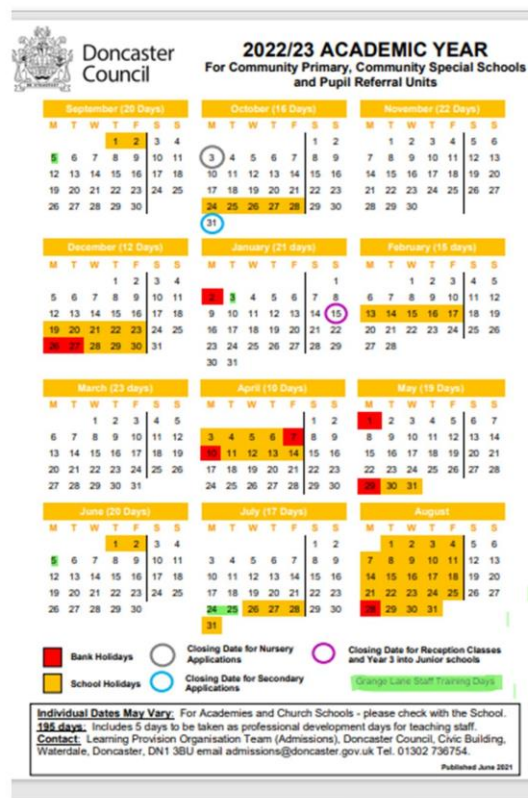
**Monday 27th March 2023** - Easter Concert - further details to follow!

**Thursday 30th March 2023** - Easter Concert- further details to follow!

**Monday 3rd April until Friday 14th April** is Easter break so school will be closed

**We have been advised that schools will close for the Kings Coronation on Monday 8th May 2023**

## Academic Calendar 2022-2023



Staff training days are:

Monday 5th September 2022

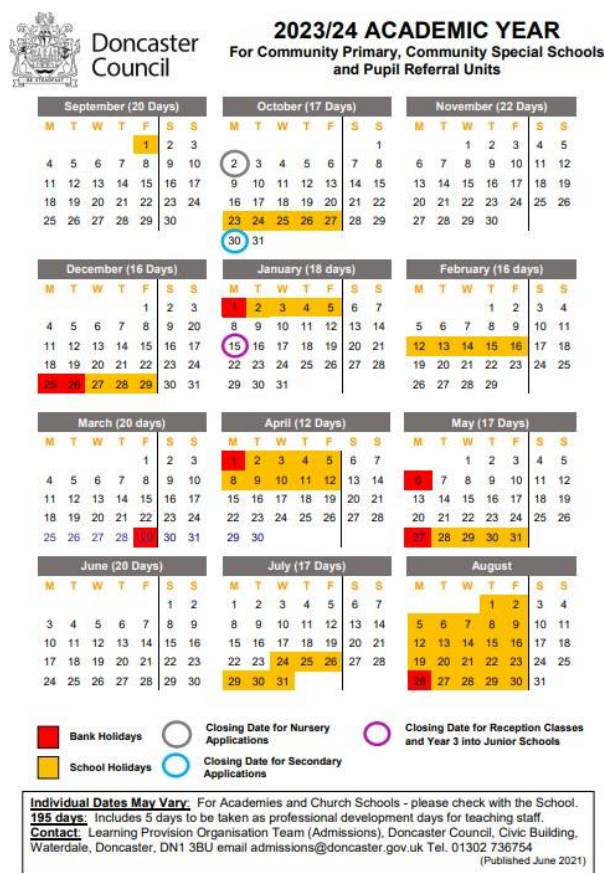
Tuesday 3rd January 2023

Monday 5th June 2023

Monday 24th July 2023

Tuesday 25th July 2023

## Academic Calendar for 2023-2024



Staff training days are yet to be added - 5 days in total.

## Contact us

If you need to contact us, you can do this via the details below or for your child's teacher through your child's class do-jo or tapestry account. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or you need help with a situation.

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