



Grange Lane Infant Academy Newsletter November 2021

We hope you all had an enjoyable half term break and if you took part in the Halloween activities that you had fun doing so! Although this half term had a bit of an unexpected start with Doncaster's Local Covid Restrictions (copy of the letter can be found here [Update on Covid Measures](#)) we are still excited to continue learning for the remainder of the Autumn term.

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Show Racism the Red Card



Show Racism the Red Card is an anti-racism educational charity. They promote and aim to educate children about the causes and consequences of racism and to explore the various forms racism can take. It enables young people to develop good relationships and respect the differences between people, regardless of their ethnicity, faith, culture or nationality. At Grange Lane Infant Academy we all wore red to support this!



Halloween Class Parties



Although we could not have a Halloween disco this year it didn't stop us getting dressed up and having a great time! Some really spooky costumes, some cake treats and some tricky dance moves made a fun afternoon!

Miss Bramhald has had her baby!



We wanted to share the good news of Miss Bramhald giving birth to a healthy gorgeous boy! Miss Bramhald is doing well and is loving being a new mum but isn't loving not getting a good night sleep!

Lateral Flow Tests

Mrs Shaw has been donated some lateral flow Covid tests, so we would like to make these available for families, who may for what ever reason, have been struggling to obtain some. Please note that lateral flow tests are great for catching asymptomatic cases or for reassurance but a PCR test should be obtained for any of the listed typical Covid symptoms. Please telephone the office if you would like some.

Diary Dates



- **Week commencing 8th November - Poppy Appeal.** School Councillors for each year group will be taking the Poppy Appeal box around their classes for donations for items towards the Poppy Appeal. Items vary from 50 pence for a reflective poppy, £1 for a bracelet/band or £1.50 for a snap band. Alternatively there's the stick on poppies for any donation. Send the money in a marked envelope with your child and they can purchase items when it's their classes turn.
- **Tuesday 9th November - Christmas Shoe Box Appeal.** Pastor Simpson will be here with items for children to purchase for the Christmas Shoe Box Appeal for Samaritan's Purse UK. If you would like your child to contribute, please send them with £1.
- **Monday 15th November - Odd Socks for Anti-bullying week and the theme 'One Kind Word'.** Please come to school in your odd socks on this day!
- **Friday 19th November - Children in Need!** Children are welcome to come in non-uniform on this day for a small contribution to this great cause.
- **Thursday 25th & Friday 26th November - Mini First Aiders.** We look forward to age appropriate first aid training on these days!

- **Tuesday 7th December - Jack and the Beanstalk!** We shall be bringing Panto to us again, oh yes we will!
- **Friday 10th December - A festive petting zoo visits.** Details to follow
- **Friday 10th December - Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children!**
- **Tuesday 14th December - Christmas Dinner Day**
- **Wednesday 15th December - Nursery / Grangers Christmas Parties**
- **Thursday 16th December - Main school Christmas Parties**
- **Friday 17th December 3pm we close for the Christmas break and return on Wednesday 5th January as the 4th is training day.**

How we stay in contact



There are many different ways of how we keep in contact with you and how you contact us.

The main way school news is shared is through School Gateway. We would greatly appreciate it if you would download the School Gateway app through the app store. Using the Gateway means sending messages to you costs the school nothing (whereas if it has to text you, it will cost the school each time). You can send message back too and communicate with the school office .

Creating account is simple and will take no more than a couple of minutes

- Register using the same email address and mobile number held by the school

- School Gateway will send you a text with your pin
- Login, you are ready to go!

If your child is in nursery (Grangers or Main Nursery) or our reception, then teachers can share information with you through Tapestry. This can include photos of what your child has been learning and enjoying in class. You can also do the same back! Its a fantastic 2-way communication system - please ask your child's teacher if you do not already have information about setting this up.

In Year 1 & 2 teachers can send messages and share information about your child's Do-Jo achievements. (Do-Jo's are like reward points or a virtual sticker). They can also communicate through Purple Mash too! Purple Mash is a really good educational software package that the children use in school but can also access at home. If you are not aware of how to access these great resources, please check with your child's teacher.

Academic Calendar 2021-2022

Please note that holidays during term time are strongly discouraged and can only be approved for exceptional circumstances only.



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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