

Grange Lane Infant Academy Newsletter September 2021

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A huge welcome to everyone for academic year 2021-2022! It has been lovely seeing the children and the school community back under less restrictions than this time last year. However, please be reassured that our school, Delta and Doncaster Local Authority continue to risk assess the Covid

situation including cases locally. We hope that you all received the email about Covid management within our academy, a copy can be found here [Management of Covid -19 in school](#)

School Dinners



We encourage all children to have one of our school lunches and we hope that you will too! There's lots of reason why!

- There are 4 different main meal choices (Hot meal, Hot Vegetarian meal, Jacket Potato, Sandwiches)
- There's fruit and a pudding with every meal!
- All meals are cooked in house by Lisa our cook and her team!
- Lisa ensures all menus are carefully nutritionally balanced but in a child centred way.
- If your child has an allergy, don't worry Lisa can cater to that.
- We have lots of lunch time staff to help your child with any issues (cutting, opening packets, etc)
- It encourages your child's independence, develops fine and gross motor skills by using cutlery and widens their tastes as they might be tempted to try new foods alongside their friends.
- Winter is coming - who would say no to a hot meal for lunch!
- Having a school lunch saves you time in the morning, have an extra 10 minutes in bed rather than get up to make packed lunches!
- For reception, year 1 and year 2 all dinners are FREE! They costs you NOTHING!
- For children who stay the whole day in nursery (not private Grangers) they only cost £1.80 per child per day, you can't get a 2 course meal for that!
- You can find the menu's here [School Dinner Menu](#)

A Magic Breakfast Club



Did you know we have a FREE breakfast club? Supported by Magic breakfast we are very fortunate to be able to offer children from main nursery upwards the opportunity to use our FREE breakfast club before school starts. There's lots of different breakfast food to choose from all for FREE. Entrance is through the main reception at 8am with doors closing at 8.15am, this is to ensure all children have enough time to eat unrushed before being taken to class for registration. There is no need to pre-book, please just queue and ensure your child is marked in when it's your turn.

If you need a breakfast club that starts just that little bit earlier, we also have a 7.30am club at just £1 per child per day, payable on entry at the main reception.

Wrap Around Care - After school childcare

Along with the before school breakfast club provision, we also offer after school child care. This is bookable through the office for children in main nursery upwards.

Childcare until 4pm is £5 per child per day

Childcare until 5pm is £10 per child per day

Booking for the club must be made and paid for by 10am of the morning you need it through the office.

Extra Curricular Clubs



We are pleased to be able to offer 3 extra curricular clubs for reception, year 1 & 2. These clubs will start this week.

Athletics on a Tuesday

Multi-skills on a Wednesday

Football on a Thursday

We always try to make the clubs as affordable as possible, often subsidising them to make parent contribution as little as £1 per week per club. The above clubs will be run by Kixx who have worked with the Academy for some years now, they have skilled coaches who make the clubs fun and engaging.

Letters have already been given out which enable you to register your interest, if you need another copy, please call by the office.

Further clubs will be made available as the year progresses some of these will be after school such as Film Club for example and some will be made available during lunch break; currently Miss Drury is getting ready to invite children to her choir club, Miss Housley will be doing a Motor -On Club (Fun ways to develop fine and gross motor skills) and Mrs Bond will be starting her Thrive too. We do not send letters out for lunch time clubs as children are just invited by the teachers.



We would like to introduce you to Mrs Sayles our Higher Level Teaching Assistant who is working with Mrs Jones in Tigers class and Mrs Blyton Teaching Assistant working with Miss Long within nursery. Both ladies have vast experience working in education particularly within the nursery and infant phase.

We also say goodbye and good luck to Miss Bhdaal or as our young children know her Kavita. Kavita worked within our Little Grangers setting and nursery for almost 4 years and will be greatly missed. We wish her the very best as she starts pastures new!

Key People in School

We would like to make you aware of the people within school who have additional responsibilities and can be key people for parents for many different reasons.

Mrs Chappell

Of course Mrs Chappell is our Principal but she also has many other 'hats' including Inclusion Manager and Designated Safeguarding Lead. Should you have any concerns about the safety and well-being of any member of our school community you can arrange to meet with Mrs Chappell by phoning the school office.

Mrs Kay Shaw

Kay is our Pastoral Manager and as part of her job she has many different duties, these can be supporting families through financial difficulties, working with families referred through local agencies such as school nursing, or working alongside our Inclusion or Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator. Kay is also our mental health first aider and our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead. Kay can also be contacted with regards to any concern you have surrounding the safety and welfare of a member of our school community.

Mrs Jones

Mrs Jones is our Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator who works with our Inclusion & Pastoral Manager, our teaching staff and local authority agencies in supporting children with additional needs in our academy.

Mrs Murrell is our Vice Principal and KS1 Lead.

Mrs Gillies is our Early Years Lead.

Mr Murrell is our Site Supervisor and Health & Safety Co-ordinator.

All our staff details can be found on our website.

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.

Staff Car Park

Please can we ask that parents/carers do not access the staff car park at any point during the day. Our car park is already very busy and staff are required to park on the grassed area due to lack of space. We have already noticed parents walking through the car park and parents who use the before school club parking in there when staff are wanting to gain access. Car parks can be dangerous so we ask that you park at the front of school (not on the double yellow lines) and use the path that runs along the grassed front. Thank you!

Dates for your Diaries

(Click to view)

Thursday 9th September onwards

We welcome Rainbow Connections Choir group into school to work with our Year 1 & 2 children

Tuesday 14th September

Sir William Petty visits Year 2 to tell them all about the Great Fire of London

Wednesday 22nd September

Individual Photos

Details to follow

Friday 24th September

MacMillan Fundraiser

(Further details to follow)

Thursday 30th September 9am

Flu vaccination consent forms must be returned by now

Tuesday 5th October

School Flu Vaccination Day

Consent forms were handed out w.c.6th Sept

Half Term Week

Monday 25th Oct - Friday 29th Oct

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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