

Grange Moor Primary School
February 2020 Newsletter



Dear Parents,

Although the days are longer and lighter, it seems to have been wintry for months now! Hopefully some better weather is around the corner soon. It looks to be another busy half-term with lots going on again. I hope you find the information in this newsletter useful – please do not hesitate to contact me or Mrs. Gray at head@grangemoorps.co.uk or office@grangemoorps.co.uk if you have any questions or queries.

Attendance – Autumn Term

Attendance in school currently stands at **96.39%** and showing an upward trend, well done everyone! The breakdown for each class is as follows:

R	98.23%
1	96.25%
2	95.58%
3	96.42%

As you can see, our Reception children have got a great attendance total so far. Often pupils in their first year in school pick up every bug going but the children in Mrs. Whittaker's class are proving to be a very resilient bunch – long may it continue!

Of note is that the two classes with the lowest attendance have a number of persistent absentees (pupils with attendance under 90%). We believe that attendance for each child should be as close to 96% as possible – remember, those odd days here and there have a big impact on your child's overall attendance.

Fundraising

Many thanks to everyone who has supported our fundraising events recently. A quick update on what we have raised since the last newsletter:

Film Night	£81.46
Valentine Disco	£212.90
Total to date 2019 / 2020	£2309.64

Diary of upcoming events –

Spring Term 2 2020

- Thursday 5th March - World Book Day
- Thursday 12th March - C3 Orienteering at Newsome (Separate letter sent via Parent Pay)
- Friday 13th March – Sport Relief (see separate section in Newsletter)
- Tuesday 17th March – C3 visit to York
- Tuesday 17th March – RSHE Parent Workshop 6pm (see separate section)
- Tuesday 24th March – Attendance Review in school with Kirklees Attendance Officer
- Thursday 26th March – Y5 Tour de Yorkshire cycling event (More details to follow)
- Thursday 26th March – Open Afternoon for parents (English) – (see separate section)
- Wednesday 1st April – Parent Consultation Evening
- Thursday 2nd April – Easter Egg competition (see separate section)
- Thursday 2nd April - Spring Term Spoken Word Competition. Details to follow
- Thursday 2nd April – Y3 Pedestrian Training
- Thursday 2nd April – KS1 Sports Hall Athletics Competition – more details to follow.
- Friday 3rd April – Easter Service in church – 1.15pm – all welcome!
- Friday 3rd April – 3.15pm – Easter Egg Tombola

We have a number of activities planned for the day. Children can come in any sporty clothes for a £2 donation to Sport Relief sent on the day. Our Y6 School Sport Organising Crew will be putting on some competitions during the morning for each class and there will be a Sport Relief Mile on the school field at 2.00pm – all parents are warmly invited to join us for this!

School Garden

The growing season is nearly upon us! In preparation for this, we are holding an Open Morning on Saturday 25th April where we would greatly appreciate any help from parents to clear and tidy the garden ready for summer. Areas that really need attending to are the hedgerows, pond, growing areas and raised planters. Please bring any tools you may have with you that would be useful. Children are warmly welcome to attend as well as long as they are accompanied by a parent and we will provide refreshments throughout the morning. Please email Mrs. Gray in the office if you are able to attend.

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Assemblies and Workshops

All parents and relatives and family friends are warmly welcome to join us in school every Friday at 2.45pm for our weekly Awards Assembly.

We will be holding an Open Afternoon for Parents on Thursday 26th March at 1.30pm. Please come and join your child in class for the afternoon where there will be a focus on reading and writing.

RSHE (Relationships, Sex and Health Education)

From September 2020 the teaching of the above becomes statutory in school. I would like to share some information about this with any interested parents on Tuesday 17th March at 6.00pm. If you would like a place on the workshop please email Mrs. Gray in the office. Unfortunately a recent workshop was cancelled due to low numbers so ideally we would like at least 10 parents to attend.

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Easter 2020

Decorate an egg competition – Thursday 2nd April

This year we are asking every child bring two hard boiled eggs into school. These will then be decorated during the day and judged in the afternoon.

Easter Egg Tombola

Children can donate an Easter egg wear non-uniform for the day on Friday 3rd April. The tombola will then take place as usual in the hall at the end of the school day.

Parent Council

A few years back we had an active Parent Council in school which I would like to start up again. The council met once every half-term and discussed a range of matters and ideas relevant to school in an informal and friendly manner. This is entirely separate to our Fundraising Group and is a great opportunity to bring up any ideas you might have for school improvement and the future direction of the school. We may also have general discussions on anything relevant to education and schools in general. If this is something that may be of interest to you, please email me at head@grangemoorps.co.uk. I am proposing to hold the first meeting in school on Monday 9th March at 6.00pm.

School Website and Facebook

We are currently in the process of migrating to another provider to give our website a much needed facelift to make it simpler to use and navigate. If you have any ideas for content that is not currently available on our website please email me at head@grangemoorps.co.uk with any ideas you may have.

If you have not done so already, please keep up to date with our activities in school by joining our private Facebook group (search within Facebook for Grange Moor PS – Parents Group). Here you will find lots of photographs and other information.

Grange Moor Primary School is proud of our open door policy – please feel free to contact us in school or speak to a member of staff at the start or end of the school day. We will always find time to address any concerns or questions you may have.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Rodgers and all the staff at Grange Moor Primary School

