



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the start of a new academic year at Grange Park Junior School! I am so pleased that all our pupils are settling in so well in their respective year groups. A special welcome to our Year 3 pupils who are working hard to learn the new routines and structure in the junior school – we are proud of each and every one of you! I have been impressed with the impeccable behavior that the children have displayed and the lovely way they interact with me during the school day. The children have been polite and caring. I have also been impressed with the improved children’s appearance and the pride they are taking when wearing their uniform and how you have supported us at the end of the day when we dismiss the children.

I would like to give a personal thanks to all parents and carers who have welcomed me into the school. I have enjoyed meeting you and look forward to working with you. The Coffee mornings and workshops for parents and carers have been really well attended and we have received lots of ideas on workshops to hold in the near future.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the staff who have welcomed me and to make you aware of the new Senior Leadership structure for this term. Mrs Ramtohol-Butler is the Acting Deputy Headteacher and Miss Allen is the Acting Assistant Headteacher. All the Year Group leaders are also part of the Senior Leadership team. If you have concerns or questions please take these to the class teacher first and then the Year Group Leader. Year 3 - Mrs Iqbal, Year 4—Mrs Doohan, Year 5— Miss Allen and Year 6—Mrs Patel. We are also on the playground if you have any further questions and we will do our best to support you.

Mrs Madar, Headteacher

## Breakfast Club: Monday– Friday 08:00– 08:45 am

All children are welcome to join our Breakfast Club! This is a great way for children to enjoy a healthy breakfast and a range of activities with friends before the start of the school day. Breakfast Club is proven to support working parents/ carers and gives children a great start to their day!

If you would like your child to attend Breakfast Club, please sign up via **Parent Pay**. Breakfast Club costs £3 per day. If you think your child may be entitled to a free Breakfast Club place (Pupil Premium), please call the office to check before you pay. Please note that you will have to sign up by Friday 12pm for any days in the following week.



## Term dates 2023-2024

Please see our updated term dates. All training days at Grange Park Infants and Grange Park Juniors are now the same for the convenience of our parents.



### Autumn Term 2023

Monday 4th September 2023	Training Day 1 (School closed to children)
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	Training Day 2 (School closed to children)
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	Children Back to School
Monday 23rd – Friday 27th October 2023	HALF TERM - (School closed to children)
Monday 30th October 2023	Training Day 3 (School closed to children)
Thursday 21st December 2023	Term ends – Early Finish 1pm

### Spring Term 2024

Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	Children Back to School
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	HALF TERM (School closed to children)
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	Training Day 4 (School closed to children)
Tuesday 20th February 2024	Children Back to School
Thursday 28th March 2024	Term ends - Early Finish 1pm

### Summer Term 2024

Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	Children Back to School
Monday 6th May 2024	Bank Holiday – School Closed
Monday 27th May – Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2024	HALF TERM (School closed to children)
Monday 3rd June 2024	Children Back to School
Friday 28th June 2024	Training Day 5 (School closed to children)
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> July 2024	Children Back to School
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	Term ends – Early Finish 1pm

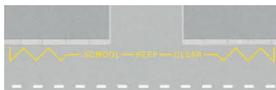
### Autumn Term 2024

Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2024	Training Day 1 (School closed to children)
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## Balmoral Gates



For everyone's health and safety please ensure that you are not stopping or reversing/turning around at the Balmoral gates. Furthermore the Highway Code states: *At a junction you should give way to pedestrians crossing or waiting to cross a road into which or from which you are turning.*



## What are your children learning?

### Homework expectations.

	Topic for the term	Learning within the topic	Homework
Year 3	Stone Age to Iron Age 	Geography—UK Art—Sculpture Science—Materials and Rocks DT— Sewing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mathletics - 2 activities each week</li> <li>Bug club - read at least 1 book a week</li> <li>Spelling list - 10 words a week</li> </ul>
Year 4	The Romans 	Science—Sound and Electricity Geography—Volcanoes and earthquakes Art—Leonardo De Vinci DT— Catapults	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mathletics - 3 activities each week (assigned on Mondays and due back the following Monday)</li> <li>Bug club - to read at least 1 book a week (checked every Monday)</li> <li>Times Tables Rock Stars - Practice daily using any of the online games (checked every Monday)</li> </ul>
Year 5	Islamic Civilisations 	Geography—Trade and Islamic Empire Art—Oil Pastels Science—Living things and their habitats	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mathletics –Weekly activities</li> <li>Bug Club –daily reading</li> <li>Reading &amp; signed by parents.</li> <li>Spellings –weekly</li> </ul>
Year 6	World War ii 	History—Holocaust, Evacuees, Cause and consequences of the war. Art—Surrealism Science—Electricity and Living Things	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mathletics –daily activity</li> <li>Bug club - to read at least 1 book a week</li> <li>Reading every day, min 30 minutes</li> <li>Spelling –weekly</li> <li>Reading/Maths worksheets</li> </ul>



## Dates for your Diary 2023

- Wednesday 4th October 2023 (Orchid and Poppy)- Battle Britain Trip
- Thursday 5th October 2023 (Daffodil) - Battle Britain Trip
- Monday 9th October to Friday 20th October 2023—Year 5 Swimming (Beech & Walnut)
- Wednesday 11th October - Year 5 & 6: A.I.M High Writing Day (selected pupils)
- Thursday 19th October 2023—Parents Evening
- Tuesday 31st October to Friday 10th November 2023 -Year 5 Swimming (Cedar & Maple)
- Thursday 12th October—School Council trip to Houses of Parliament (selected pupils)
- Monday 23rd October -Half Term
- Monday 30th October—Training Day



## Attendance

### Punctuality

Please ensure you leave home in plenty of time for your child to arrive at their allocated start time.

### Illness

If your child is sick please make sure you call us promptly by 8.30am to speak to the Admissions Manager, Mrs Phull on Tel: 020 8353 4265 (Option 2).

Please also note if your child is sick with vomiting or diarrhoea, he/she will need to remain at home for 48 hours from the last episode. This is a health and safety requirement to ensure it does not spread around the school.

**Welcome to**  
Grange Park Junior School  
Leaders of tomorrow

**Did You Know... ?**

In a School Year, if Your Child is Late Every Day By...	Your Child Would Have Lost Approximately...	or They Would Have Missed Approximately...
5 Minutes	3.5 Days from School	20 Lessons
10 Minutes	7 Days from School	41 Lessons
15 Minutes	10 Days from School	55 Lessons
20 Minutes	14.5 Days from School	82 Lessons
30 Minutes	22 Days from School	123 Lessons

**Getting Your Child to School Really Matters**  
Remember Absence = Lost Learning Opportunity

	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School Attendance		
Attendance so far:	97.8	96.3	95.7	94.0	96.0	97%-100	Very Good
						96%-91%	Room for Improvement
						90% and Below	Cause for Concern

## Sporting Events:

### Football Match

Our first game of the season was against Charville Academy on Wednesday. Unfortunately the team were defeated. However, it was a brilliant performance from the goalkeeper who managed to make some great saves throughout the match. Thanks to Mr Mahay for supporting the children.

### Netball Match

The newly-formed netball team played in a mini tournament at Hayes Park. They played three matches, one of which they drew and two which they narrowly lost 1-0. They showed lots of potential and in the future will be an exciting team. Thanks to Mrs Foley for taking the team!

