



The Grange School, Daventry

Newsletter

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Head Teacher's Welcome

As I'm sure you are aware, money and finances seem to be the topic of conversation everywhere at the minute. Schools are no different! School funding is not at the level that schools would like it to be. You may be aware that this is a national issue, not something unique to us.

You can help!

October 6th 2022 is Census Day and this is the date on which the next financial year's funding is based. There are really easy things you can do to help us secure more funding for your children from April onwards. This funding is vital to us continuing to improve the quality of education we offer your child.

1 - If your child is entitled to Universal Free School Meals or Pupil Premium Free School Meals, please order one for October 6th. You'll have noticed we have some favourites - burgers and fries, cheese pasties and Ploughmans - on the menu, because we need to attract as many children as possible to eat with us on this day. The number of children that eat with us directly impacts on the amount of funding we receive.

If this will be the first time your child tries one of Fresh Start's meals, and you're worried they may not enjoy the new experience, please be assured school staff will be on hand to support your child. We always aim for every child to have a positive dining experience.

2 - Apply for the Pupil Premium. I can't emphasize the importance of this enough. It has a huge impact on the amount of additional funding that the school receives to benefit **ALL** pupils. The process of application is really quick and simple - we actually prefer to do it for you, as we receive a quicker response. If you provide your details here, we'll do the rest! Details need to be with us ASAP please.

[ASK SCHOOL TO APPLY FOR THE PUPIL PREMIUM ON MY BEHALF](#)

Your support in this is very much appreciated.

Vicki Masters
Head Teacher

What To Do If Your Child Is Absent From School

If you know your child has a medical appointment that cannot be held outside of school hours, please collect an absence request form from the office, complete this and hand it in as soon as possible; in advance of the appointment.

If your child is ill and cannot attend school, please notify us - by telephone - by 8:45am on the first, and every, day of absence. 01327 705785 Option 1 (open 24 hours a day)

DREAM

BELIEVE

ACHIEVE



Tuesday 27th September 2022

Please look out for your activation message from Parent Pay - our new method of communication and ordering.

Please activate your account promptly to ensure that you don't miss out on vital information.

COMING SOON - WE WILL VERY SOON BE SENDING YOU DETAILS OF EXCITING NEW RESIDENTIALS FOR CHILDREN IN YEARS 2, 4 & 6

OPEN DAY 28/9/22

Please come along to the front entrance and sign in.

Y1 - 6 9:15 - 11:00

Nursery 11:00 - 11:45

Reception 14:30 - 15:15

Our next Open Day for current parents will be on

**THURSDAY 9th FEBRUARY 2023
9:15 - 10:30**

KEEP THE DATE!

Dates for Your Diary

21/10/22 - wear Read to School Day - Show Racism The Red Card Campaign

21/10/22 - Whole School Diwali Day

21/10/22 - School Closes

01/11/22 - School Photographer

14/11/22 - Odd Socks Day - Anti-Bullying Week

17/11/22 - Parents' Evening

18/11/22 - Children In Need Day

23/11/22 - Parents' Evening

2/12/22 pm - Christmas Fayre

HARVEST ASSEMBLY

Mrs Gee from Daventry Foodbank visited us today to lead assemblies on Harvest.

At this time, we feel it is really important to help those in need in our own communities. Therefore, we will be accepting donations for Daventry Foodbank from this point on. If you would like to donate to celebrate Harvest time, all donations of non-perishable items would be gratefully received.

Moving forwards, we will have a permanent collection point for Daventry Foodbank located in our Atrium (at the front of the school). Please drop off items as you wish to.



You will also see us advertising the Community Larder on this newsletter from time to time. This is a provision that is open to all members of the community without referral.

SPOTLIGHT ON SPECIAL NEEDS

Our new sensory circuit room



What is a Sensory Circuit?

A sensory circuit is a form of sensory integration intervention. It involves a sequence of physical activities that are designed to **alert**, **organise** and **calm** a child. The sensory circuit aims to facilitate sensory processing to help children regulate and organise their senses in order to achieve the 'just right' or optimum level of alertness required for effective learning. The circuit is an active, physical and fun activity that children enjoy doing. Sensory circuits are a great way to both energise and settle children so they can focus and engage better in the classroom.