



Date	Activity	Date	Activity
20 Oct	Last day of Term 1 – 3.15pm finish	30 Nov	Y3 Class Assembly – Y3 parents welcome to attend at 2.45pm
30 Oct	Term 2 Starts	1 Dec	Winter Fair (times to be confirmed)
1 Nov	Parents Evening – Years 1 to 6 sign-up sheets on class doors	6 Dec	FOGs Reception and KS1 Movie Night 3.30-5.30pm
2 Nov	Parents Evening – Years 1 to 6 sign-up sheets on class doors	8 Dec	FOGs KS2 Movie Night 3.30-5.30pm
6 Nov	Accelerated Reading Meeting for parents at 2.30pm	12 Dec	KS1 Christmas Performance at St Michael's Church at 2pm
9 Nov	Y6 Class Assembly – Y6 parents welcome to attend at 2.45pm	14 Dec	KS2 Production/Concert at school at 1.30pm
17 Nov	Children in Need – everyone can wear pyjamas	18 Dec	Reception Nativity at School at 2pm
24 Nov	Open Afternoon for children starting in September 2018 - 1-30pm	19 Dec	Christmas sing-a-long – 1.30pm start and parents welcome. Last day of Term – 2pm finish

Ofsted Report

If you didn't receive the email or text to say that our OFSTED Report is now available, you can now find this on our website at the following link: <http://grangefield.gloucs.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2013/03/Grangefield-Primary-School-Ofsted-Report-Final-2017.pdf>

Reception Superhero day and Sorting Hat for Owl Groups

Reception had a fantastic superhero day - they found out what their amazing bodies can do by exploring all five of their senses. They were also sorted into their Owl Groups by wearing the Sorting Hat that decided which one they joined.



Well done to the following children who were awarded the Blue Card Award for outstanding achievement this term.

Reception	Phoebe and Antony
Year 1	Joshua and Tomas
Year 2	Benji and Lewis
Year 3	Madison
Year 4	Ella
Year 5	Freya
Year 6	Adriana

Staff News

Sadly Miss Croker will be leaving us on 10 November. Miss Croker has been a member of staff for many years and we wish her all the best on her new school adventure.

Harvest Festival

It was so lovely to see so many parents at our Harvest Festival yesterday. We were sorry it was a bit of a squeeze, but we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did! Didn't the children do well! Thank you so much for donating so much food, Miss Bennett took 19 bags of food to the Bishops Cleeve Food bank today.

Christmas Performance dates and times

Please see the highlighted yellow dates above to note a date change for the KS1 Christmas Performance at St Michael's Church and the timings have now been decided.



Parents Evenings

Just to let you know that we will be holding a crèche at the school during parent's evenings. This means that you will be able to leave any siblings while you go to your appointment.

Accelerated Reading Parents Meeting for Reception and all Year Groups

On Monday 6 November at 2.30pm we will be holding a meeting to run through how the accelerated reading scheme works.

Pick up and Drop off

From after half term, we are now able to use the new pathways for children arriving at school.

EYFS and KS1 – This remains exactly the same as before. Children come in via the children's door, if they have a bike they park it in the bike shed then use the path outside Little Hoots and then walk round to the children's door. At the end of the day, pick up from the astro and leave as usual from the gate at the corner of the astro.

KS2 – The gate next to the bike shed will be open from 8.45am. Children can then walk across the playground to their classroom. If they have a bike, they should park the bike in the bike shed and then wait by the gate until it opens at 8.45am. If it is already open, they can walk from the bike shed over to the classroom. At the end of the day, KS2 children should be collected from the playground. The gate by the bike shed will be open just before 3.15pm and parents can walk round and wait on the playground.

Children in both Key Stages – If picking up children in both key stages: enter via the astro, collect your EYFS/Key Stage 1 children first and then walk around the back of the building past the new building using either the ramp or steps and wait on the playground.

Children and parents leaving from the top playground can then use the side gate by the bike sheds to exit, collecting bikes if need be.

As we do have clubs which use the playground on certain days, please can children and parents leave promptly.

Clubs pick up – if picking up after a club please collect from the astro.

Clubs

Apart from Scratch club - clubs will continue to run next term. There will be two additional Clubs:

- 'Christmas around the world' from the second week of term on a Thursday after school – 3.15-4.15pm. It will be for children in Year 1 and Year 2 – maximum of 25 children on a first come first served basis. If you would like to put your child's name down, please email the school.
- Book club on Monday lunchtime and this will be by invitation only and a letter will be sent out separately after half term.

Shoesday Tuesday and Wheely Wednesday

Shoesday Tuesday and Wheely Wednesday are returning after half-term! For our new Reception parents, Shoesday Tuesday is an initiative to encourage more families to walk (or cycle/scoot) to school. Children are permitted to wear their own choice of footwear on a Tuesday, providing they have walked to school. Wheely Wednesday is a similar initiative to encourage cycling to school. Children who ride or scoot to school on a Wednesday are allowed to arrive at 8.30 and can use the field/playground to ride their bike/scooter until 8.45am when we blow a whistle to signify the start of the school day. Parents are allowed to stay and watch their children but this is optional. Children who do ride a bike MUST wear a helmet. Helmets are optional for scooters. Children who ride or scoot to school on a Wednesday will receive a stamp on a card, once they have 9 stamps they are allowed a badge. PLEASE NOTE, children must wear their school shoes on a Wednesday. Both these events have been hugely popular in the summer and we hope they continue to be popular this autumn.

Cross Country Champions



Grangefield took a team on Wednesday to compete in the Cleeve Cluster Cross Country. The children all put in excellent performances with the girls team achieving a first, second and third in their individual race (Milly, Imogen and Adriana). The boys were equally outstanding and both hoop race teams finished third. A great overall team effort which saw Grangefield win back the trophy.

1 st	Grangefield	137 points
2 nd	Woodmancote	176 points
3 rd	Prestbury	211 points
4 th	Bishops Cleeve	239 points

Cake Sale

Thank you to everyone who bought in a cake today. They all looked very delicious. Please bring money to buy the cakes on the astro after school.

Reminders

- If you would like to purchase your child's school photograph you will now have to do this on-line as the photos have now been sent off.
- There are still lots of parents who need to pay for their child's school dinners. Please ensure that the accounts are in credit before the new term starts.
- Please can children not bring in sweets or chocolate in their lunch boxes.

Community

- **Calling all young musicians!** Be part of the **BBC** Ten Pieces. Saturday 4 November.
On Saturday 4 November, young musicians from Gloucestershire Music will help celebrate the BBC Ten Pieces initiative with a full day of music making. Our BBC Ten Pieces day will be held at three locations in Stroud, Gloucester and the Forest of Dean. Musicians of all abilities are encouraged to attend. Musicians of all levels are invited to join our music centres, meet the members and work alongside our fantastic tutors. Works by Carl Orff & Stravinsky will be among the works covered with music to suit all abilities. Adults can also join in at the Forest of Dean Area Wind Band.
Brookfield Music Centre. Sir Thomas Rich's School, Gloucester
Open to young musicians on all instruments. Parts will be available for brass, strings, woodwind, percussion and guitars. Session runs from 09:30 - 12:30. Free to centre members / £5 for visitors.
Five Valleys Music Centre. Archway School, Stroud
Open to young musicians on all instruments. Parts will be available for brass, strings, woodwind, percussion and guitars. Session runs from 09:30 - 12:30. Free to centre members / £5 for visitors.
Forest of Dean Area Wind Band. Five Acres School (formerly Lakers), Coleford
Open to wind, brass and percussion musicians of all ages and abilities. Parts will be available for brass, woodwind, and percussion. Session runs from 10:00 – 12:00. Free to centre members / £5 for visitors.
You can register by emailing steve.legge@gloucestershire.gov.uk or visit their news and events page for our online registration at www.gloucestershiremusic.co.uk

We hope you all enjoy half term.
Mrs Lewis