



Date	Activity	Date	Activity
10 Sept	Y2/Y3 Curriculum Information Evening Y2 starts at 5.30pm Y3 starts at 6.15pm	18 Oct	Reception Parents evenings – a sign-up sheet will be available on Tapestry
11 Sept	Head Teacher at Winchcombe Secondary School to see Year 5 and 6 parents - 5.30pm start at Grangefield	19 Oct	Last day of Term 1 – 3.15pm finish
12 Sept	Y4/Y5/Y6 Curriculum Information Evening Y5 starts at 5.30pm Y4 starts at 6.15pm Y6 starts at 7pm	29 Oct	Start of Term 2
18 Sept	Principle of Cleeve School to see Year 5 and 6 parents – 6pm start at Grangefield	7 Nov	Parents Evening – Years 1 to 6
19 Sept	New parents coffee morning - 9.30am	8 Nov	Parents Evening – Years 1 to 6
19 Sept	New to Reception Phonics information evening – 5.30-6.15pm	23 Nov	Open Afternoon for children starting in September 2018 - 1-30pm
19 Sept	Y1 Curriculum Information Evening 6.15-7pm start	11 Dec	Y1 and Y2 Christmas Carol concert at St Michaels Church - 1.30pm
27 Sept	Open Afternoon for children starting in September 2019 – 1.30pm start	13 Dec	Reception Nativity 2pm
28 Sept	Individual School Photos	18 Dec	Y5 and Y6 Carol concert at St Michaels Church 1.30pm
16 Oct	Open Morning for children starting in September 2019 - 9.30am	19 Dec	Y3 and Y4 Christmas Production – 1.30pm
16 Oct	Reception/Y1/Y2 Harvest Festival – 2pm	20 Dec	Christmas Party Day
17 Oct	Reception Parents evenings – a sign-up sheet will be available on Tapestry	20 Dec	Last day of term 2 – 2pm finish
18 Oct	Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6 Harvest Festival – 2pm		

Welcome back

Welcome back to Grangefield! I hope everybody has had an enjoyable summer holiday. A particular welcome to the new children. Along with our new Reception children, we are delighted to welcome three new children into other year groups. We now have 305 children on roll at our school.

We also welcome Mrs Phoenix (SENCO), Mrs Hodgetts (Reception Teacher), Mr Spicer (Y4 teacher), Mr Wooding (Year 2 teacher), Mrs Kennedy (TA), Mrs Rushton (TA) and Mrs Cross (TA) to our staff.

Newsletters

As the school is getting larger we will be altering the way we communicate with parents. We will still have occasional newsletters but will be using the website, email and text as the primary form of communication. Within Reception and KS1 we also have Tapestry. We will alert you by text when information is published on the website.

Curriculum Evening

Please note the dates of each curriculum information evening at the top of the newsletter. It's really important that parents attend these evenings as we need to work in partnership with you and your children. The evening will give you a flavour of the content covered in your child's year group, an insight into assessment and links and tips to support your children at home. It will be a great opportunity for you to see the changes to the school as well!

Phonics Evening for New Reception Parents

Please ensure you try to attend the Phonics evening (details above with key dates). This is an evening to explain how phonics is taught at the school and how you can help.

All New Families

We are holding a coffee morning for all new parents on 19 September at 9.30am and hope to see as many new parents who can make it as possible.

Parents evenings

Please see the dates above for this. More information will follow.

Important - Year Six transition to Secondary School.

Please note the evenings in the 'key dates' section above for when Head Teachers visit Grangefield from two of our Secondary Schools. Year 6 parents should have received a letter in your child's book bag with details of secondary school transition. You must make your application either electronically or on paper by no later than the date in the letter. This is extremely important as any applications received after this date may not be considered until after March 2018. Please do look at secondary school websites for schools you are interested in your child attending after Grangefield in order to find out when their open sessions days.

Open Sessions for Children entering Reception in September 2019

Dates of these sessions are listed below and on our website. If you have any children due to start school in September 2019, please note down the dates and please do spread the word to friends or family who also have children starting in September 2019. There is no need to book:

- Open afternoon – 1.30pm on Thursday 27 September 2018
- Open morning – 9.30am on Monday 15 October 2018
- Open afternoon – 1.30pm on Friday 23 November 2018

Flu Vaccinations

Please note that flu vaccinations will now be given to children from Reception to Year 4 and the vaccine will be given as a nasal spray so it is quick and easy. These will be done on 14 January and we will give you further details in due course.

General housekeeping

- Please ensure that you let us know if you have any changes to your mobile phone numbers, email addresses or personal details so that we can keep our database up to date.
- Please make sure that your child brings in everything they need for the start of the day.
- Please ensure all your child's belongings are labelled clearly, as the school is getting larger there are more places to lose things!
- All children must bring in their coats, even if the day starts out being sunny.
- If your child is unwell and unable to attend school, please call in the morning to report your child's absence or email us.
- If your child is being picked up by another parent or adult regularly, please give a list of the people who you are happy for your child to go home with to your teacher, this will mean that you do not need to phone the office to get messages to the teacher. You can appreciate with 234 families now, it takes a lot of time to give messages out and of course whilst we will always help, we would appreciate your understanding of how busy we are.
- We have sold out of book bags, we will let you know when they come into stock again.

Grange Money

You can now pay Grangemoney via Parent Pay. Reception parents – we will issue you with your parent pay login details in the next few weeks. The Grange money has increased to £12 per school term so a total of £36 per school year. This money is used amongst other things for subsidising trips, workshops, cooking and design technology.

School Dinners

Key stage two parents – please make sure that you pay your dinner money regularly. We are no longer able to let the total debt go beyond £15 and if this does happen you will have to bring in a packed lunch for your child until the debt has been paid.

Key Stage 2 children (Year 3-6) are more than welcome to bring in some fruit for snack time at break. In Reception and KS1 fruit is provided.

FoGS Corner

FoGS are the Friends of Grangefield School and work in partnership with the school to help and raise money and organise exciting events. More information can be found on the website under the FoGs tab. The FoGS AGM will be held on Thursday 27 September at 6pm to 7pm at the school, everyone is welcome. The agenda can be found in our owl notice board and will be on the FOGs page of our website.

Clubs

School clubs will start in week three. We will send you a letter about this in due course.

Shoesday Tuesday

Shoesday Tuesday will run every Tuesday. This is an initiative to encourage children to walk to school. If your child walks to school, or you park at a further point and walk from there, they can wear their own shoes to school on a Tuesday.

Wheelie Wednesday

On Wednesday we will open the gates at 8.30am and the children can ride their bikes and scooters on the school grounds. Again this is to encourage, a more healthy lifestyle and for children to come to school using their bikes and scooters rather than a car. Children must have a helmet.

Grange Field Construction

Please find below an information leaflet with details of the forthcoming development for the Grange Field opposite the school. This is a very exciting project and when completed will be lovely for the children. It will affect the parking arrangements whilst the work is being carried out. We ask for your increased vigilance when walking to school and particularly when parking and using the parking bays.

Parking

No doubt you will have noticed our new banner and road signs. Please do not park on the turning circle outside the school gates. The purpose of the circle is to enable cars to safely turn around in order to keep the flow of traffic moving. Please be vigilant when parking on the edge of the pavement. Obviously, our children are walking along the pavement and we want to keep them safe. Where at all possible please walk, scoot or cycle!

Have a good weekend.

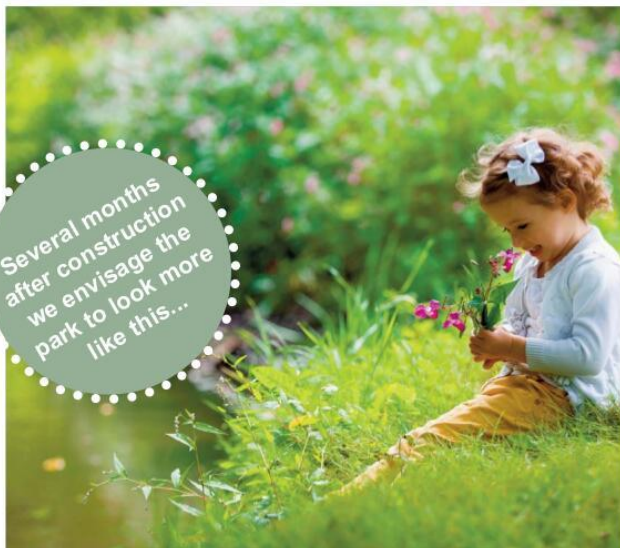
Mrs Lewis

Construction work at The Grange Field

please bear with us...



During construction, and before planting has established, the site may look like this...



Several months after construction we envisage the park to look more like this...

To make the Grange Field a more attractive and useable space, works need to be carried out that will initially cause some disruption.

The nature of the transformation means that, both during and after the work, the area may appear unkempt and ignored, but rest assured this is not the case. The grounds will look bare and muddy for a few months during construction, and afterwards it will look patchy while the newly planted vegetation establishes itself.

We apologise for any inconvenience caused. However; we hope you understand that, although the area will look worse for a short period of time, it will improve. It is expected the area will eventually become a thriving natural habitat for local wildlife and an attractive place for residents of Bishops Cleeve and visitors to enjoy.

Sections of the site will need to be fenced off for safety and security reasons during construction. Areas will only have restricted access where equipment and materials are being stored, or where construction activities are taking place. This is to try and minimize the area unavailable to the public. Additionally, when a section of footpath needs to be temporarily closed, we will try to make alternative routes available.

Car parking

To allow large vehicles to deliver materials, areas of the car park may need to be coned off for safety reasons. This will be returned to normal as soon as possible on the day of the delivery. To minimize impacts on car parking, we envisage that most of the deliveries will be scheduled specifically to avoid the school run.

“ We truly believe that this is an exciting opportunity to create an enhanced and inclusive public open space which will be an important local resource, improving the quality of life for both people and wildlife.

**To keep up to date with future news and progress reports on the project, please go to:
www.tewkesbury.gov.uk/the-grange-field**

To get in touch - email: thegrangefield@tewkesbury.gov.uk or phone Jason Westmoreland on 01684 272168 or write to Flood Risk Management Engineer, Tewkesbury Borough Council, Asset Management, Council Offices, Gloucester Road, Tewkesbury, Gloucestershire, GL20 5TT.