



'If you can't do something, you actually can but you have to keep trying' - Latia, Yr4B

Date	Activity	Date	Activity
13-16 Sept	Year 6 Bikeability	18 Feb	Term 3 Ends
14 Sept	Principal from Cleeve High – Talk for Year 5/6	28 Feb	Term 4 Starts
	parents – 6pm		
15 Sept	Reception Parents Information Evening	8 April	Term 4 Ends
24 Sept	School Photographs – Individuals	25 April	Term 5 Starts
22 Oct	Term 1 Ends	27 May	Term 5 Ends
1 Nov	Term 2 Starts	6 June	Term 6 Starts
17 Dec	Term 2 Ends	6 June	Year 6 PGL – Liddington, Swindon
4 Jan	Inset Day	20 July	Term 6 Ends
5 Jan	Term 3 Starts		

#### Welcome back!

I hope everyone has had a lovely summer holiday and a big welcome to all the new children starting at the school with us this year. Our first two class entry year group have now reached Year 6, so we are now a 14 class school and have 396 children on roll.

We also have a few new faces in our staffing team, Mrs Kay who is our KS2 lead (Phase 2) and is teaching Year 4B, Mrs Moyle who is teaching Year 3B whilst Mrs Hodgetts is on Maternity Leave, Mrs Leigh who is our PPA cover for KS1, Mrs Li (TA), Mrs Rogers (TA), Miss Parker (TA), Mrs Baird (Apprentice TA) and Miss Cullen (Apprentice TA). We also welcome back Mrs Ogden (TA) from Maternity Leave.

# **Grangefield Babies**

Congratulations to Mr Wooding and his partner on the birth of their daughter, Rosie, and further congratulations to Mrs Hodgetts and her husband on the birth of their daughter, Grace, who were both born during the Summer Holidays.

#### **Reception Parents Information Evening**

This will take place on Wednesday 15 September at 6pm, we have had to limited this to one adult per family and requested that no children attend.

### Friends of Grangefield (FOGS)



If you are interested in supporting or joining our school PTA, we would love to hear from you! (New & Existing Parents).

Join our Facebook Page – Friends of Grangefield FOGS and message us with your details.

As the school is growing, we will be looking for volunteers at events, behind the scene helpers, and even Committee Members. As the saying goes, many hands make light work, so we are excited about our team expanding, meeting

lots of new families and bringing new skills/connections to FOGS.

# **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 can only water be put into the bottles brought in for during the day.
- Please ensure all your child's belongings are clearly labelled.
- Please make sure that your child brings in everything they need for the start of the day.
- All children must bring in their coats even if the day starts out sunny.
- If your child is interested in having CoolMilk, please register by 5pm on a Tuesday to have milk from the following Monday. You can register on the website <a href="https://www.coolmilk.com/">https://www.coolmilk.com/</a> If your child is entitled to Benefit based Free School Meals – please contact the office
- If your child is unwell and unable to attend school please call in the morning to report your child's absence on 01242 671003 or email us on admin@grangefield.gloucs.sch.uk
- If your child is being picked up by another parent or adult regularly, please give a list of people you are happy for your child to go home with to your teacher.

#### **School Dinners**

Key Stage 2 parents – please make sure you pay your dinner money regularly. We are no longer able to let the total debt go beyond £10 and if this does happen you will need to bring in a packed lunch for your child until the debt is paid. If you feel that you may be entitled to Free School Meals, you can check on this website: <a href="https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-transport-and-free-school-meals/apply-for-free-school-meals/">https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-transport-and-free-school-meals/</a>

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.

### Wheelie Wednesday

Wheelie Wednesday has restarted, we will open the gates at 8:30am and the children can ride their bikes and scooters on the school grounds. This is to encourage a healthier lifestyle and for children to come to school using their bikes and scooters rather than a car. Children must have a helmet for both bikes and scooters.

# **Road Safety around the School Grounds**

Please park carefully and drive slowly when parking near the school. Children should be supervised when they leave the school grounds. Please do not leave your engine running when you are waiting outside the school grounds. If you need to park in neighbouring streets, please be mindful not to block driveways or obstruct the pavements. Please do not drive into the staff car park, unless you have been given permission, at any time of the day.

### Important - Year Six transition to Secondary School

Please note the evening above in the key dates section for when Mr Richards from Cleeve High visits. Parents and children (if they wish to) from Years 5 and 6 are welcome. You should receive a letter in your child's book bag with details of the transition. You must make your application electronically by no later than the date on the letter. This is extremely important as any applications received after this date may not be considered until after March 2022. 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 session days are.

# What have we been doing?

Year 6 had a wonderful first day back to school dressing up like WW2 evacuees. Throughout the day we looked at the WW2 timeline, created information posters, drank Bovril tea and made 3D Spitfires. Well done to everyone for all their hard work and amazing efforts with our dress up day.



Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Lewis

# **NOTICES**

# Sir Thomas Rich's School Open Days: 23 and 24 September 2021

Sir Thomas Rich's School in Longlevens, Gloucester, is running face-to-face open days on 23 and 24 September for boys considering joining Sir Thomas Rich's in Year 7.

The open days are primarily aimed at current Year 5 and 6 boys and their parents or carers, however boys from any year group are very welcome to attend.

The booking form is live from Thursday 9 September on the home page of the school website: www.strschool.co.uk.

Sessions take place at 9am, 10am and 11.30am each day, with a welcome talk from the Headmaster in the school hall and the opportunity ask questions, meet current students and to tour the school and see lessons in action.

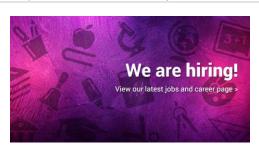
When all sessions are fully booked there will an option to join the waiting list, as we may be able to offer additional sessions subject to demand. There will also be an opportunity for Year 6 boys to visit the school after the Gloucestershire Grammar Schools Admissions Test results have been released in October (dates tbc).

We very much look forward to meeting some of the pupils from your school at our open days.

# **Job Vacancies**

Bishop Cleeve Primary Academy are looking for a School Administrator – if you are interested, please click on the link below

https://www.eteach.com/job/school-administrator-1171526



# School Administrator - Eteach

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## **Family Learning Courses**

The Family Learning Team are offering some exciting courses online this term for parents. All of the classes are delivered by experienced teachers, many of whom are primary teachers too.

- Improve Your English and Help your Child runs on Wednesday mornings. ESOL parents are welcome to join this course at any point in the term. We will work with them to build their English skills and help their child in school effectively
- **Help Your Child with Reading** runs on Tuesday mornings, staring on 14<sup>th</sup> September. We will support parents with children in the Infants to develop the joy of reading with their child
- **Help Your Child with Maths** runs on Tuesday afternoons, starting on 14<sup>th</sup> September. This course focuses on how parents can support their children develop their maths skills in the Juniors, looking at multiplication, fractions and more
- **Calm Kids, Calm Home** runs on Friday mornings starting on 24<sup>th</sup> September. This course supports parents to find ways to settle their children and make their home calmer
- Calming the Mind runs on Tuesday mornings starting on 5<sup>th</sup> October and also on Monday nights starting on 4<sup>th</sup> October. This course is a 5-week introduction to mindfulness, which has proved to be very effective in helping parents regain a sense of calm.

If you are interested in any of the courses, further information can be found on our website, under the NEST tab.