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Thursdays	ays Year 5 Swimming lessons until Easter				
18 March	RockSteady Concert 2:30pm				
19 March	Y6 visiting Cleeve High Dance Show 1:30pm				
19 March	FOGS Easter Egg Trail				
20 March	FOGS Easter Egg Trail				
22 March	Term 4 Ends: 2pm finish				
8 April	l Inset Day				
9 April	Term 5 Begins				
9 April	Parents Evening				
11 April	Parents Evening				
16 April	Bag 2 School Event				
19 April	Year 6 Parents meeting re Residential—3:30pm				
27 April	Family Bingo Event				
9 May	Y4 Assembly—2:30 pm				
w/c 13 May	Year 6 SATS (all Year 6 children MUST attend)				
20-24 May	May Y6 Residential to Grittleton House Adventure				
24 May	ay Term 5 Ends				
3 June	Term 6 Starts				
4 June	Class Photos				
18 June	KS2 Sports Day—Timings to be confirmed				
19 June	KS1 Sports Day—Timings to be confirmed				
9 July	Y6 Performance—9:30 am more details to follow				
10 July	Y6 Performance—5pm more details to follow				
17 July	Y5 Visit to We The Curious				
17 July	Y2 Performance—Timings to be confirmed				
19 July	Y6 Graduation—1:15pm more details to follow				
19 July	Term 6 Ends: 2pm finish				
22 July	Inset Day				
21-25 Oct	Oct Y6 Residential to Grittleton House Adventure				
New Event or Change of Data /Time					

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#### **Lost Property**

**FOGS Event** 

We are currently filtering through our lost property boxes, we will try and return any items which are named. All other items will be put outside by the mosaic owl during the final week of term. Any items left on the final day will be sorted, good-quality uniform will be added to our preloved boxes and all other items of clothing will be added to the FOGS Bags 2 School event. Please ensure that all items are labelled, it makes it much easier to return lost items.



#### Message from Mrs Lewis

#### Hello!

I would like to take this opportunity to say a final farewell to you all. Across the last few weeks, I have had the chance to speak with many of you, thank you so much for your kind words. I have to admit that my emotions have been very mixed. To retire now has not been a decision I have taken lightly but I know that it is the right time for myself and my family.

Teaching has been a career that I have cherished, and were I to have my life again, I would not change my choices. I have had the privilege to work in nine different schools. My first class was a group of 34 Yr2's and Yr3's in East Hertfordshire. These youngsters will now be in their mid-40's. Some of the names and faces I can still remember and, as with all teachers, I often wonder how things turned out of them.

But it is at Grangefield that I have stayed the longest—nearly 14 years and the overriding reason is because I have been proud to be part of the Grangefield School Community, playing my own small part in shaping the future for the next generation of youngsters.

My thanks go to you, the parents and carers, for choosing Grangefield for your children and for supporting them, myself and the school community in so many different ways.

I know that I am leaving Grangefield and our children in the very capable hands of Mrs Kydd, Mrs Kay and the whole Grangefield Community and I know that the Grangefield children will continue to 'Fly High and Spread their Wings'.

To you all, I wish you the best of luck for all that the future holds. **Karen Lewis** 



## Summer Menu

There will be a new Caterlink menu after the Easter holidays, this will run until October. We are still waiting for the special dietary ones, once these have received we will send them out to those who require them. The new menu has been uploaded to the <u>website</u>.

# Parents Evenings—9th and 11th April

The online booking system will open at 8am on Monday 18th March at https:// grangefieldowl.schoolcloud.co.uk/

These meetings will be held in your child's classroom. You may view their classwork before or after your meeting, outside their classroom. Please exit the school grounds after pick up to allow staff to ensure all children have got home safely and to prepare for meetings. Please be punctual for your appointment; if you are late unfortunately your meeting will be shorter. Teachers must end meetings promptly so not to impact on the next meeting. There will be a crèche for school aged children in the school hall and pre-loved uniform will also be on sale.

# Absences—Notification

A reminder that all absences should be reported via the School Office in the first instance, this can be done via the phone on 01242 671003 or via email at admin@grangefield.gloucs.sch.uk You are more than welcome to follow up with a Class DOJO to the teacher, but be aware that this may not always be read in time, which may result in the school office phoning you.

# **Gaining My Wings**

In assemblies this week, the children have been introduced to an exciting new initiative, our 'Gaining My Wings' awards. The awards scheme is not compulsory but we would love to see as many children involved as possible as we truly believe taking part will contribute to your child's personal development and wellbeing. The majority of the activities are designed to be completed at home but staff members will be actively planning opportunities within school to support the awards. You can find out more about this on the school website.



## **Friends of Grangefield Corner**

Easter Trial—Tuesday 19th March and Wednesday 20th March

Are you able to crack the Easter code? Win a chocolate Easter Egg by unscrambling the letters hidden around school and revealing an Easter themed word!

We would prefer tickets to be brought upfront. Tickets can be purchased here <a href="https://www.pta-events.co.uk/fogsbc/">https://www.pta-events.co.uk/fogsbc/</a> Ticket

sales end on Monday 18th March at 1:00 pm. However, maps will be sold in the hall on the day.

## Bag 2 School

Bag 2 School is back on Tuesday 16th April. Have a Easter holiday clear out and help raise funds for the school. Bag 2 School will collect donations of good quality clothing and accessories, weigh them, send a cheque and redistribute your donations. See Bag 2 School poster for more information.

Bags can be dropped off Monday 15th April and Tuesday 16th April before 9am, outside main Reception.

## Family Bingo

SAVE THE DATE—Saturday 27th April

Family Bingo event—more information to come!

If you have any questions, suggestions or feedback, we'd love to hear from you at grangefieldpta@grangefield.gloucs.sch.uk

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#### Grangefield School



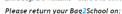
Bag 2 School is a company that specialises in the reuse and recycling of good quality second-hand clothing and we have arranged to make a collection from your school. All the bags will be weighed and you will be paid for the total weight collected. Remember, the more you collect the greater the benefit to your school.



When the clothes have been removed from the bag the plastic will be packed and sent for recycling.

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Tuesday 16th April 2024 by 9am 01609 780 222 www.bag2school.com helpdesk@bag2school.com

# **Girls Football**

With the assistance of some of our Parents, we are trying to establish a Year 5/6 girls football team, in the hope to be able to take part in some inter-schools competitions next season. Here is a team report from Mr Harris (Arabella's Dad):

The girls have all taken to structured football practice amazingly well and I've been very impressed at their behaviour and how well they can listen to instructions. I am also impressed at how they are willing to bounce ideas off me, and how we have all been working together to make the sessions as enjoyable as possible.

It has been great in only three sessions to see improvements in those who already play for clubs, as well as those who are completely new to football—its great to see them returning each week, but also from feedback from parents actually looking forward to the sessions and them becoming a highlight of their week.

I look forward to seeing them again after the Easter break, where we will look to transition from less drill based

activities, into those where they are ready for matches. We practiced a match on the full pitch at the end of the last session, and even after such a short period of time, after instruction we were able to break up the team into defence, midfield and attack, with players not all following the ball and with an understanding of their positions.

Keep up the good work, and more importantly it's great to see the Grangefield girls playing football again.

On Monday 4th March, Mr Hyde took a team of Year 3 & 4 girls to Bishops Cleeve



Football Club for a tournament. They won 3 games and had a wonderful time. For some of the girls, it was their first time playing football! Some future stars for the Year 5/6 Girls Football team.

# A435 Bishops Cleeve Bypass and Roundabout—Road Closure

We have been informed of road closures to the south entrance to the village. This will be for approximately 10 nights (excluding weekends) between the hours of 19:00 to 07:00 for resurfacing works, the planned dates are currently Wednesday 3rd April until Tuesday 16th April. As this is an overnight closure, it shouldn't affect the school day, but may be worth considering when booking parents evening slots, especially the later evening ones, on 9th and 11th April.









# Triple P—Positive Parenting Program

# School Appeals—Volunteer Panel Member Recruitment

Gloucestershire County Council are in the process of recruiting volunteer Panel Members to assist with virtual School Admission Appeals. They are particularly in need of Parent Members (those with children currently in Education).

Here's the <u>link</u> to the relevant page on the Gloucestershire County Council website



# **Families Magazine**

Helping parents deal with the everyday and the difficult issues attached to modern parenting.

Read the latest issue of **Families Magazine here** 

# **Gloucestershire Libraries**

Digital April—June: What's on Guide: <u>What's on April-</u> June 2024 by Gloucestershire Libraries—Issuu

Discussion Group Ages 0—12							
Bed Routines	23/07/24	12:30—2:30 pm					
Dealing with Disobedience	29/07/24	12:30—2:30 pm					
Managing fighting and aggression	19/08/24	12:30—2:30 pm					
Hassle free shopping	28/08/24	12:30—2:30 pm					
Discussion Group Ages 12+							
Getting teenagers to co-operate	24/07/24	12:30—2:30 pm					
Dealing with teenager's emotions	30/07/24	12:30—2:30 pm					
Building teenagers survival skills	20/08/24	12:30—2:30 pm					
Reducing family conflict	27/08/24	12:30—2:30 pm					

Triple P are offering Discussion Groups over the summer for families

If you would like to join any of these discussion groups, please email me, Allie Lack—Children and Family Support Worker at <u>admin@grangefield.gloucs.sch.uk</u> stating which group you would like and I can make a referral for you.





# **Cleeve Residential Colouring Competition**

Monday 4th March to Monday 1st April

Pop into Cleeve Residential to pick up a colouring sheet, then return it back to the office. Please ensure the completed entry has your child's name, age and a contact number on the back.

The winner will be announced on Tuesday 9th (first day back at school) and the 3 lucky winners will receive an Easter egg.

All entries will be displayed in our window so make sure they are bright and colourful!



# **Cleeve Residential Easter Rock Hunt**

Monday 4th March to Monday 1st April

We have been busy hiding 9 Easter themed rocks around the village and local parks in the hope that you can find and return them to our office.

For every returned rock, you will receive an Easter egg and will entered twice into our prize draw.

The prize draw will be held Tuesday 2nd April and 4 lucky winners will receive one of the following:

- Bar 9 £15 voucher
- Cleeve Fish Bar £10 voucher
- Black & Gold £10 voucher
- Cleeve Bookshop £10 voucher

# Good Luck hunting! Hop to it!!

red banana drama

For more information or to enquire about booking a place Please contact

Kerry: redbananadrama@yahoo.co.uk www.redbananadrama.com 07818100314



Activites may include: Games, story telling, comedy, parachute activities and MORE... Something for everyone - with the aim of having lots of FUN and LAUGHTER!

Hot Meal included!!

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# 27-28 March and 3-4 April

# HOLIDAY CRAFTS FOR CHILDREN

Wed. and Thu. 27-28/03 Popsicle Planes Wed. and Thu. 3-4/04 Swallow hand puppets

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Things you need to know about Play Gloucestershire

Play Gloucestershire - a registered charity - is the leading provider of free, outdoor, active play in the county. Our Activities are aimed at school aged children. Under 8's are welcome and should be accompanied by a parent or carer. We love it when the whole household joins us at our sessions.

Our Play Ranger activities are open access. This means there is no registration – children can leave the site at any time. Our Play Rangers will not stop them and may not know that they have left.

We encourage children to take responsibilities for their own actions. We think this is good for them. They will be encouraged to resolve disagreements amongst themselves. We will intervene if absolutely necessary.

Play Gloucestershire believe that children need and want to take risks when they Play. Our Play Rangers aim to respond to these needs by offering children stimulating, challenging environments for exploring and developing their abilities. In doing this, we aim to manage the level of risk so that children are not exposed to unacceptable risks. Our experience tells us that whilst children play outdoors they are likely to have accidents. If this causes concern please come along and speak to us about it.

All our activities are outdoors and include den building, fires, arts and crafts, sports and a range of playful games. We encourage children to play freely and choose what they do. They do not have to do anything if they don't want to. Children will get wet, hot, cold, smelly and dirty and need to wear appropriate clothing and footwear. Better to wear old play clothes than ruin your best!

Our Play Rangers will provide drinking water at all sessions. We promote healthy eating and sometimes will provide free fruit.

We believe all children have the right to play. Please talk to us if your child needs additional mobility or other support to enjoy Play Rangers.

For further information: Visit us at www.playgloucestershire.org.uk Email info@playgloucestershire.org.uk Phone 01452 505548





Admissions Information Morning



Friday 12th April 2024

Understanding the grammar school process for Year 5 families. Places are limited so please ensure you book through our website: www.ribstonhall.gloucs.sch.uk/join-us/school-tours/open-day



Join us for the Cheltenham Tennis Club Open Day Saturday 6th April from 10am-1pm. All ages and standards welcome!

Cheltenham Tennis Club 3 Tewkesbury Road Uckington, Cheltenham, GL51 9SL

Book your free place at: https://cheltenhamtennis.club