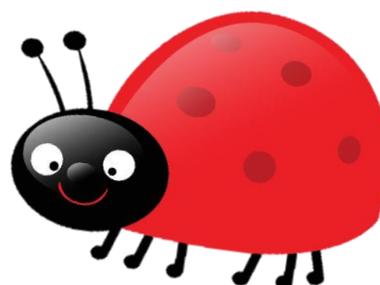




Welcome to Reception September 2022



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Dear Parent/Carer

Thank you for choosing our academy for your child's education. Your choice of school is one of the most important decisions you will ever have to make. With our committed and enthusiastic staff, happy children and strong partnership with parents, we think we represent an excellent choice.

Our Vision Statement underpins the ethos of our whole school community. This states:

"Grange Lane Infant Academy in partnership with parents, aims to provide a happy, caring and stimulating environment where everyone will recognise and achieve their potential and become lifelong learners."

The pride we have in our school was reinforced by our most recent inspection which said that:

"You have the highest expectations and aspirations for all pupils and staff in the school. Your 'can't do yet' point of view and belief that every child can achieve no matter what their background permeates the school. This means that outcomes for all pupils are improving year on year and more pupils are working at a greater depth than previously. Indeed, those who are disadvantaged are now doing better than other pupils nationally." (July 2019)

We hope this booklet will give you an insight into our happy and successful school. Although it contains a lot of useful information, we realise it may not answer all your questions, so please contact us for any further information you may need.

Helen Acton
Chair of Governors

Louise Chappell
Principal

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THE AIMS OF GRANGE LANE INFANT ACADEMY

To provide a supportive environment in which all its members are valued, consulted and are encouraged to achieve success.

To ensure that the curriculum is broad, balanced and matched to the needs of the children whilst ensuring continuity and progression.

To provide equal opportunities and access to the curriculum for all, regardless of gender, race or disability.

To be aware that we are part of a community and that education should involve that community as a whole.

General Information for Parents about Grange Lane Infant Academy Reception Class

General Aims for Reception Classes

We will make your child's first year in full time school a happy and fulfilling experience. This will be achieved through careful planning and a mix of adult led and child- initiated activities. It will be a fun, practical and creative time. They will experience many other aspects of learning within the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum. Their learning will develop through areas dealing with communication and language, personal, social and emotional development, physical development, literacy, mathematics, understanding the world, expressive arts and design.

Both Reception classes have access to a large exciting outdoor space which is important for outdoor learning. This means coats and sensible shoes must be brought to school at all times! Bring wellies too for the wet weather!

In class your child will have the opportunity to learn many things, including how to:

- Talk and listen to others in different situations
- Take turns and share
- Learn letter sounds and names (phonics)
- Read simple words and sentences
- Form letters correctly
- Write simple sentences, lists and captions
- Subitise recognise quantities without counting up to 5
- Automatically recall number bonds up to 5 (including subtraction facts) and some number bonds to 10, including double facts. Explore and represent patterns within numbers up to 10



How can you help? Please find time to spend a few minutes each day with your child to do the following:-

- Read a story to your child
- Share a book with your child
- Help your child to learn new letters, words and numbers
- Listen to your child reading a book each night
- Point out numbers and shapes when you are out and about
- Spend time talking with your child
- Spend time listening to your child, encouraging them to talk
- Sing songs and rhymes with your child
- Completing Read, Write, Inc homework
- We also invite parents and carers in to work with their children on a weekly basis once they are fully settled within school. You will receive a letter about this.

Tapestry

We have a system in school that allows you to see what your child has been learning about at school. We take photos and write comments about the different things they have been doing. You can add to this too! You can add photos and comments of things that your child has done at home. We love to see this! If you are already signed up to Tapestry from our nursery then this will continue as normal, however if you are not signed up the letter is attached. Please return to school so we can add you to the system.



Preparing Your Child for School

Here are some of the things which would help your child when they enter school in September:-

- **Dress and undress themselves.** This helps toward independence. Elasticated skirts/trousers and a short sleeve shirt would make this easier for your child, especially on PE days as would Velcro fastenings or slip-on shoes.
- **Be able to use a knife, fork and spoon.** This is important for lunchtimes
- **Fasten/Unfasten their own coat**

School Day

Doors open at 8:40am so that children are settled and ready for the start of the school day at 8:45am. Please ensure that you arrive on time (late arrivals miss important learning). Access to your child's classroom will be via the outside door for that class, for dropping off in the morning and collection at 3pm when school finishes. If you arrive late for dropping off or picking up your child you will need to use the main entrance door.

Please let the teacher know if someone else will be collecting your child.



School Dinners

School dinners are free for all infant children (Reception to Year 2). Until after October half term, packed lunches are not an option for Reception children. This is because dinner time allows children to gain vital skills, such as socialising with their peers and using a knife, fork and spoon. Also, our school lunches now offer children a choice of either a meat, vegetarian, sandwich or jacket potato main meal. There is also always fruit available. If following the half-term holiday, you wish your child to have packed lunch you need to give 1 weeks' notice.

Milk Money

To access school milk, you need to register with cool milk (www.coolmilk.com) before September. There is a cost for school milk, the term after their 5th birthday. Their website has full details but last prices were £15.00 per term.

Emergency Details

The school needs an up to date emergency contact number in case of illness or accident

Attendance

The aim is for all pupils to achieve 97% attendance each year. Please aim to send your child to school every day possible. If they are ill please contact the school office. If there are ever any issues getting pupils into school please talk to a member of staff and we will support you to support your child. For these purposes we employ an Education Welfare Officer and a Pastoral Manager. To reward pupils' attendance, we have 'In It To Win It' during our weekly Celebration Assembly. All children who have had 100% for the week and have shown good behaviour will be entered and the winner wins a book to take home.



Safeguarding

All at the Academy, and indeed the community have a duty to protect children. If a safeguarding or child protection issue is raised we will follow our Safeguarding procedures. Safeguarding overrides any confidentiality procedures. If you have a concern please contact the Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mrs Louise Chappell or Deputy Safeguarding Lead: Mrs Kay Shaw via the school number.



Mrs L.A. Chappell – Principal
Designated Safeguarding Lead. 01302 651038



Mrs Kay Shaw – Pastoral Manager
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead. 01302 651038
Mobile: 07535 091409

PE Kits

Send your child with a PE kit at the beginning of each week and they can bring it home at the end of the week. Children can wear any colour shorts and t-shirt for PE. These should be close fitting and not baggy as this could be a hazard when using apparatus. We prefer children not to wear earrings to school; those that do must be able to remove them for PE.

Frequently asked questions:

My child also has other people to help them, for example a Speech and Language Therapist – can they help?

Please let your child's teacher know if they are being supported by other professionals such as a physiotherapist, children's centre worker, occupational therapist, community nursery nurse, health visitor, doctors or anyone else. We can all share information to help your child achieve and learn.

How do I fit in with my child's learning?

YOU are the most important person in helping your child. You know your child best and any information you give us is really important and will be used to help your child. Sometimes we also need to know if anything unusual is happening in your child's life so that we can help them in school. It is really important for us to have a good relationship with parents and carers.

My child is not doing the same as my friend's child

ALL CHILDREN ARE DIFFERENT – and every child's needs will be personalised. Children enjoy different things, they learn things differently and by staff observing them, and making notes, we know what learning your child needs. However, if at any time you are concerned about your child's learning please chat to your child's teacher. If we are concerned about your child's development, we will also speak to you.

What does my child need to bring to school?

- Book bag (with reading book and reading record inside)
- Water bottle
- Weather suitable clothing
 - Coat, wellies, hats, scarves, gloves, etc
 - Sun hat, sunglasses, sun cream, etc.
- Sensible shoes (for playing outside everyday)
- PE kit (Fridays)
- Library books (Fridays)
- Challenge books (when challenges have been set)
- Baking money (50p on Mondays)
- Spare clothes (in case of accidents)