

NEWSLETTER

1st December 2017

Dear Parents /Carers,

We have had a wonderful week celebrating Grangewood's 40th Birthday. The children enjoyed an exciting day of activities which ended with a party and disco. We would like to thank all of you who attended our afternoon tea. It was lovely to see so many familiar faces past and present. I would like to thank all my staff and volunteers for all their hard work and for making the celebrations such a success.



Parent's Evening

Thank you to all of you who attended this weeks parent's evening it was lovely to meet with you all and celebrate the children's achievements.

Christmas Jumper Day

On Friday 15th December we will be supporting Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day. All children may wear a Christmas jumper or t-shirt. Please send in a £1 donation



Christmas Performances

The children have been busy practicing for next weeks' Christmas Performances. If you would like to attend please ensure you have returned your reply slips by Monday 4th December. Please note when your child's class performance will take place.

Wednesday 6th Dec at 1:45pm

- Willow
- Oak
- Maple
- Beech
- Ash
- Chestnut



Thursday 7th Dec 10.30am

- Squirrel
- Squirrel Nutkins
- Hedgehog
- Robin
- Rabbit

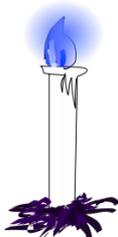


Absence & Sickness

With the winter season now upon us your child may become unwell. It can be difficult to determine if they are well enough to attend school. Attached are the latest NHS guidelines, which we believe you may find helpful. You can also visit the below link for further information.

<https://www.nhs.uk/Livewell/Yourchildatschool/Pages/Illness.aspx>

Please remember if your child is going to be absent from school for sickness or a medical reason to contact the school office before 10am (office hours (8am – 4pm) so we can let classes know and mark the registers with the correct codes for the reason your child is absent. Thank you in advance.



Christingle Service

The Christingle Service takes place at st Martins Church. For any parents wishing to attend the service please contact the school office for more details.

Diary Dates

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| Christmas Performance KS2 | 06/12/ 17 |
| Christmas Performance KS1 | 07/12/17 |
| Christmas Dinner | 19/12/17 |
| Term Ends (<i>early closure 1:30Pm</i>) | 20/12/17 |
| Pupils Return to School | 03/01/18 |



Is my child too ill for school?

When your child is unwell, it can be hard deciding whether to keep them off school. These simple guidelines should help.

Not every illness needs to keep your child from school. If you keep your child away from school, be sure to inform the school on the first day of their absence.

Use common sense when deciding whether or not your child is too ill to attend school. Ask yourself the following questions.

- Is my child well enough to do the activities of the school day? If not, keep your child at home.
- Does my child have a condition that could be passed on to other children or school staff? If so, keep your child at home.
- Would I take a day off work if I had this condition? If so, keep your child at home.

Common conditions

If your child is ill, it's likely to be due to one of a few minor health conditions.

Whether you send your child to school will depend on how severe you think the illness is. Use this guidance to help you make that judgement.

Remember: if you're concerned about your child's health, consult a health professional.

- **Cough and cold.** A child with a minor cough or cold may attend school. If the cold is accompanied by a raised temperature, shivers or drowsiness, the child should stay off school, visit the GP and return to school 24 hours after they start to feel better. If your child has a more severe and long-lasting cough, consult your GP. They can give guidance on whether your child should stay off school. Get more information in [Common cold](#).
- **Raised temperature.** If your child has a raised temperature, they shouldn't attend school. They can return 24 hours after they start to feel better. Learn more in [Feverish illness in children](#).
- **Rash.** Skin rashes can be the first sign of many infectious illnesses, such as chickenpox and measles. Children with these conditions shouldn't attend school. If your child has a rash, check with your GP or practice nurse before sending them to school. [Watch this slideshow of childhood illnesses](#) to help you recognise your child's rash.
- **Headache.** A child with a minor headache doesn't usually need to be kept off school. If the headache is more severe or is accompanied by other symptoms, such as raised temperature or drowsiness, then keep the child off school and consult your GP. Read more about what to do about [headaches in children](#).
- **Vomiting and diarrhoea.** Children with diarrhoea and/or vomiting should definitely be kept off school until at least 48 hours after their symptoms have gone.

Most cases of [diarrhoea and vomiting in children](#) get better without treatment, but if symptoms persist, consult your GP.

- **Sore throat.** A sore throat alone doesn't have to keep a child from school. But if it's accompanied by a raised temperature, your child should stay at home. Read more about [sore throat](#).
- **Chickenpox.** If your child has chickenpox, keep them off school until all their spots have crusted over. Read more about [chickenpox](#).

Now, read about [medicines for children](#) with everyday health problems.

Tell the school

It's important to inform the school if your child is going to be absent. On the first day of your child's illness, telephone the school to tell them that your child will be staying at home. The school may ask about the nature of the illness and how long you expect the absence to last.

If it becomes clear that your child will be away for longer than expected, phone the school as soon as possible to explain this.

