

NEWSLETTER

12th January 2018

Dear Parents /Carers,

Welcome back to all the children after the Christmas break and I wish all of you a very happy new year. I do apologise for the closure of the school for the first three days, but the boiler breakdown was unexpected and sudden and the school was really very cold indeed! The staff were wonderful and used the time very well to prepare for the children's return.

I am very pleased to be back in the 'hot seat' at Grangewood after a break of two and a half years. Although I still know most of the children and staff, there are some unfamiliar faces and I look forward to getting to know them and working with them all over the next few weeks.

I know we have an exciting term ahead. Please read the newsletter regularly as it does contain important and up to date information. If you would like to meet me in person, please telephone the school and we will find a convenient time.

A happy new year once again,

Hilary McDermott

Head of School

FOG Family Fortunes



Friends of Grangewood will soon be hosting a Family Fortunes quiz night at The Woodman Pub, Ruislip. This is a fun packed evening that helps raise much needed funds for a variety of projects.

FOG Family Fortunes Quiz Night

Date: 6th Feb 2018

Time: 7.30pm

Venue: The Woodman Pub



Pupil Premium and Free School Meals

The Pupil Premium is additional funding given to schools to help raise the attainment of pupils. It is paid to schools according to the number of pupils who have been registered as eligible for free school meals at any point in the last 6 years. If your child is not already registered for free school meals and you are in receipt of the below benefits or your circumstances have recently changed they may be eligible to this funding.

Income Support

Income-based Jobseekers Allowance

Income-related Employment and Support Allowance

Support from NASS (National Asylum Support Service) under part 6 of the immigration and Asylum Act 1999

The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,190
Universal Credit

Please note, if you receive Working Tax Credit run-on, you are not eligible for Pupil Premium funding.

Please contact the school office for a Free School Meals application if you feel the above applies to your child.

Spring Term Annual Review Meetings



This spring term Annual Reviews will be taking place over the following 2 weeks:

Week 1 w/c 19th February 2018

Week 2 w/c 26th February 2018

If your child is due an Annual Review this spring term letters have been/will be sent home with your child with the dates and times for these meetings.

Please return the reply slip to confirm attendance and also, the 'Parents/carers report' and 'All About Me' forms- your views and feedback is an important part of your child's Annual Review.

We would like to thank all of you who were able to attend last term's annual reviews.

Vacancies



We are currently recruiting SMSAs and supply staff to join our team.

SMSAs help to support our pupils over the lunchtime period to ensure their safety, welfare and good conduct. Our lunchtime is from 12 noon until 1.30 pm Monday to Friday.

If you would like to know more about these very important and valued roles, please telephone **01895 676401** for further information.

Diary Dates



06/02/2018

Family Fortunes

Quiz Night

09/02/2018

Inset Day (no pupils)

12/02/2018-16/02/2018

Half Term

