



# Grange Moor Primary School

## November Newsletter

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Dear Families

Welcome to our November newsletter. Another month into my time here at Grange Moor and another month feeling so proud and so in awe of just how Grange Moor GREAT you all are. Thank you for welcoming both Mrs Degnan and I so warmly this term and for working so hard with us to put this wonderful little school back on the map. Already, we are hearing positive feedback in the community and prospective parents enquiring about school due to what they have heard. All of that would not be happening without your ongoing support and voice – thank you for being such champions.

We have some full weeks ahead as we move towards December – a busy time for teachers but one that will always be the most magical time. Please do check out the dates for the diary box to keep up to date and we would love you to join in where you can! Miss Barker 😊

### Communication

Word of mouth is one of our most powerful tools in raising the profile of our great little school.

Please do use the website and Facebook Page if you are a user to keep in the loop and spread the word.

<https://grangemoorps.co.uk>

Search Grange Moor Primary School on Facebook and give the page a Like and Share

### Subject Spot Light - Reading

This month the subject spotlight is Reading. Reading is so important at Grange Moor and is the key to opening up access to wider learning in all subjects for children. Reading is taught and developed through three key aspects:

**Skilled Word Reading** – We follow Little Wandle Phonics Scheme to ensure children learn the skills they need to read words and build fluency.

**Good Comprehension** – Alongside building skills for reading words, we also make sure children build skills to understand what they read and be able to comprehend pictures and texts.

**A Love of Reading** – Wrapped around the above two points is a culture where texts, books and stories are celebrated and enjoyed by children.

Regular reading, opportunities to choose and share books and conversations about what is being read make three points of a really important reading triangle. Thank you for all your support in facilitating and encouraging these points at home too 😊

### After School Clubs

**Mon:**  
Art Club

**Tues:**  
Gymnastics

**Wed:**  
Football

**Fri:**  
Dodge Ball

### Dates for the Diary

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November:** Non-Uniform Day in exchange for chocolate donations for the Fair.

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November:** Inset day

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December:** Christmas Jumper Day – just for festive fun!

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December:** Christmas fair from 3:15-5:30

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December:** Christmas Dinner Day

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December:** Christmas Performances 2pm and 6pm

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December:** Class Christmas Parties – Non Uniform Day

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December:** Families invited to join us from 2:15pm for a family carol service to finish the term.

### Entry to School – Morning

Starting Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November I am going to change the entrance to school due to ongoing concerns around unsupervised children at the junction coming into school before the start of the day.

From Monday all children and families should enter the school playground from the side entrance – the single gate just below the school office door. This will be opened and supervised by SLT from 8:40am and teachers will meet classes in the same places at 8:45am when children can be handed over to the care of school.

No cars should use the school drive/car park during this time before school to ensure the safety of everyone.

Thank you in advance for your support and understanding.

### Friends of Grange Moor

As always, a huge thank you to this wonderful group and all the energy and time you have shown for school. The next meeting is in school on **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November at 2:15pm** and anyone wanting to offer support, in any way would be warmly welcome.