

SCHOOL CLOSURES 2016-17

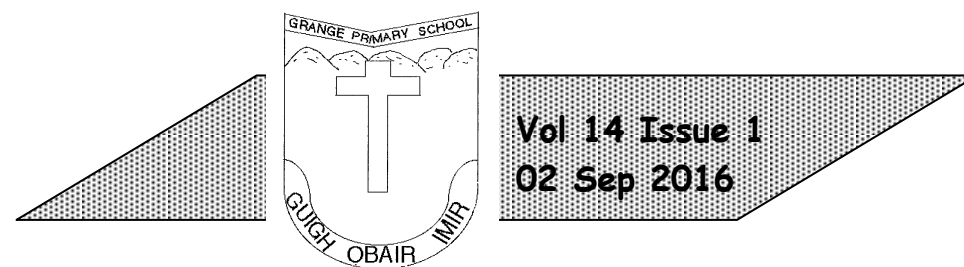
The following are the school closings for our pupils for the year:

Staff Development Days	Thursday 27 October 2016 Friday 28 October 2016
Autumn Mid-term	Monday 31 October 2016 Tuesday 01 November 2016 Wednesday 02 November 2016
Christmas Vacation School reopens for all pupils	School closes Wednesday 21 December @ 12.00noon Monday 09 January 2017
Spring Mid-term holiday	Thursday 16 February 2017 Friday 17 February 2017
St Patrick's Holiday	Friday 17 March 2017
School Development Day	Monday 20 March 2017
Easter Vacation	School closes Thursday 13 April @ 12 noon. School reopens for all pupils on Monday 24 April
May Bank Holiday	Monday 01 May 2017
May Bank Holiday	Monday 29 May 2017
School Holiday	Tuesday 30 May 2017
Staff Development Days	Wednesday 31 May 2017 Thursday 01 June 2017 Friday 02 June 2017

School closes for the Summer Break on Friday 30 June 2017 @ 12noon.

School Staff Development Days are days scheduled throughout the course of the school year. On these days, pupils do not attend. These days, however, can be subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances throughout the year.

Please refer to our School Calendar on our school website for dates of other specific events in advance.



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Grange Newsletter

We welcome our 2016-17
Primary One class.



Back row: James, Grace, Danny
Middle row: Caiden, Aoife, Noah, Conor, Ava
Front row: Finn, Ellie, Cody, Caoimhe, Arya

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<p>Welcome to the first issue of our school newsletter for the new school year. We welcome back all our pupils and staff and pray for a happy and fulfilling year at school.</p>
<p>Primary 1 Milestone: We welcome all our pupils and parents back to school and we especially welcome our new Primary 1 intake. We wish them many happy and informative years in Grange Primary School. We also wish all the best to last year's P7 pupils as they begin life in secondary school.</p>
<p>A Warm Welcome: We welcome Miss Siobhan Walsh to the teaching staff in our school. Miss Walsh will be working with the P2/3 and P5/6 classes.</p>
<p>Back to School: This is a very busy time for pupils, teachers and parents. At the start of the new school year many notes and forms are sent home. Today, parents will receive a number of Data Collection Forms including: a consent form detailing the names of all adults permitted to collect a child from school; a form asking for parental consent to allow a child(ren) to be photographed in a school setting for various medium; ICT Parent Permission and Pupil Consent forms; Parents of P1 pupils have already completed most of these forms. We emphasise to parents the importance of completing and returning these forms as soon as possible providing school with up to date mobile contact numbers so as to enable us to make contact in case of emergency.</p>
<p>Safeguarding & Child Protection: Our school Safeguarding team consists of Mr.S. Rogers & Mrs. C. Stack (Governors); Mrs R. Mc Ateer (Designated Teacher); Ms. D. Hughes (Deputy Designated Teacher); and Mr. S. Mc Kinley (Principal).</p>
<p>Child Safeguarding: In our last whole school review of issues relating to Child Protection and school procedures, we draw parents' attention to the procedure for removing a child during the course of a normal school day. If a parent knows in advance of an occasion when a child will be collected early from school, they should inform school in advance either in writing or through the secretary. When the child is to be collected, parents should report to the office (9.30am – 1.00pm) where Mrs Murnion will make arrangements. Thereafter, (1.00 – 2.45pm) parents should gain entrance through the front door and make contact with either the Principal / Vice-Principal. On the occasion of a child being removed early from school, parents must sign a Register in the office. Parents are advised that under no circumstances should they proceed directly to a child's classroom without first making contact through the office.</p>
<p>Pupil Collection: The parking bay area at the front of the school is now clearly marked as a BUS ONLY area. Parents are asked NOT to park in this area when dropping off or collecting children, but to use the CARPARK and to walk their children into the school yard. This is for everybody's safety. Last year, one or both buses were unable to pull in to allow children to get on the bus safely. Please be advised.</p>
<p>Money Matters: The cost of school dinners remains £2.50 per day/ £12.50 per week. We ask that, as far as possible, money for dinners each week is brought in to school on Monday or Tuesday to assist with banking arrangements.</p>
<p>Milk: All pupils can avail of 1/3 pint of milk each day at a subsidised cost of £0.21/day. Any children wishing to take milk in Term 1 should return the Reply Slip sent home.</p>

<p>Altar Servers: A new rota for altar servers will commence shortly. We ask again that any child who believes they could help out serving at masses in Grange, to please let us know.</p>
<p>Beginning Year Mass: Our first whole school mass will be in Grange Chapel on Thursday 29th September at 9.30am, where P7 pupils will participate in the Liturgy.</p>
<p>Attendance at Mass in Our Lady of Lourdes, Grange: P5/6 (8th Sep); P3/4 (15th Sep); P2/3 (22nd Sep); P1/2/3 (6th Oct).</p>
<p>Swimming lessons: Pupils from P5& 6 are due to commence their swimming lessons for Term 1 on Thursday 8th September. A letter and permission form was sent home today. Please return permission forms prior to commencement date.</p>
<p>African Drumming Lessons: Children from P5 & 6 will shortly receive details of an exciting Music Project taking place in November. It's sure to be a BIG HIT.</p>
<p>Tin Whistle Lessons: All pupils in P4-7 will receive a letter outlining the opportunity to avail of tin whistle lessons again this year with Mr. Danny Mc Greevy. We encourage pupils to have a go.</p>
<p>Class Library Visits: Thursday 15th September sees the first visit of the P5/6 class to Kilkeel Library as part of our continuing partnership with them in the promotion of reading.</p>
<p>Pupil Health and Safety: We remind all parents that we have a child in school with a diagnosed NUT ALLERGY. Please ensure no nuts or products containing nuts are sent to school as part of lunch items.</p>
<p>Flu Vaccination Programme: We have been notified that all primary school pupils will be offered the 'flu vaccine' as part of the annual school's Health Immunisation Programme. This will occur in our school on Wednesday 23rd November. Consent forms to follow.</p>
<p>Pantomime: All P4-7 pupils today received a letter informing them of the details/cost of our school's attendance at 'The Pantomime' in January. We need to have exact numbers confirmed shortly in order to finalise our booking and to make payment. Details of the P1-3 panto outing will be provided shortly.</p>
<p>GL Assessment Transfer Test: Any P7 parents wishing their child to sit the Post-Primary Consortium Entrance Test must register their child with the Registration Centre (Sacred Heart Grammar School) on/before 2.00pm on Friday 23rd September.</p>
<p>Lost Property: We have a large collection of coats/jackets left over from last year from all classes. We ask parents to come in and check through the box in the front foyer before they are recycled.</p>
<p>Dates for the Diary: Tuesday 13 September – Wastebus visits school; Friday 16th September – Deadline for deposit to attend P4-7 Panto; Monday 19th September – 'Brilliant Grange' Personal Development Workshop No. 3; Monday 26 September – Primary 6/7 class assembly; Connemara / Retriever presentation; Friday 23 September – Registration deadline for 2016 GL Assessment Transfer Test; Monday 03 October – Primary 1 pupils remain until 2.00pm Monday 03 October – Deposit deadline for P4-7 pantomime;</p>