

Shona Pitcher – Headteacher



I hope you have all had a relaxing summer break and are ready for another busy and enjoyable year at Grand Avenue Primary and Nursery School. It has been wonderful to see all the children returning to school and I am delighted to welcome all our new families and staff members to the Grand Avenue community.

Our commitment to fostering a positive learning environment and upholding our school values remains as strong as ever. We are dedicated to ensuring that every child enjoys their learning experience and exceeds their expectations.

You will usually find me on the school gate most days, so please feel free to come and speak with me or any member of the senior leadership team. Children are always welcome to approach me during the school day as well. I have had a few visits to see my new office! For those of you who haven't seen, we have had some improvements made to the layout of the school. The old ICT suite is now a lovely new meeting room and part of that room has been turned into the Headteacher's office. Now I am close to the main reception and in the heart of the school. The new ICT suite is where the old meeting room was and is a more flexible space for computing lessons and group activities.

We are just getting dates together for all the exciting events coming up and we will be sending out our curriculum newsletters shortly which will tell you more about your child's new year group and the learning covered.

I wish you all a fantastic new year at our school. We take immense pride in our school and our values and look forward to achieving great things together.

Years 1-6 Autumn Clubs Programme

The timetable and how to book for external clubs is in the parent resources section of the website. Most clubs will start w/c Monday, 16th September.

Bookings for staff led clubs will open on Monday, 9th September at 10am.

Parking

As we start the new school year please can we remind you all to park considerately when dropping off and collecting your child. We have already had several calls and emails from neighbours in the last few days reporting cars who have parked dangerously.

Please do not park on the double yellow lines, zig-zags, pedestrian crossing, across driveways or on the pavements.

Thank you for helping to keep our children safe.

Welcome to our new members of staff:

Miss Fowler—Assistant Head/SENCO

Miss Iqbal—Teaching Assistant (Year 4)

Miss E Cooper—Teaching Assistant
(Year 4)

Mrs Pintor—Teaching Assistant (Year 5)

And welcome back to:

Miss Steele—Year 6

Miss McGarry—Year 5 & Planning
support team

Mrs Mitchell—Year 6

Mrs Kew—Planning support team

We have a number of scooters and bikes which have been left in school over the summer holiday. Please can you collect these by the end of Friday, 13th September. Any items not collected by this date will be sold and funds donated to the school.

Swimming Sessions:

Swimming sessions for Years 1,3 and 6 start w/c 9th September. Thank you to all the parent/carers who have volunteered.

Please log onto the School Gateway to pay the fees. If you have any issues please contact the School Office .

Home learning

Home learning will be set from next week. The log-ins for google classrooms will be shared early next week. If you have any issues please speak to your class teacher.



If you would like to celebrate your child's birthday we would welcome a book of your choice that the class teacher can share with the class. Please do not bring in sweets or chocolates.



Bag 2 School

We raised £116 in July - Let's try and beat this!

Thursday 19 Sept

What: Free textile recycling fundraiser for the school
When: During morning drop off
Where: Please leave bags at the bottom of the main school gate, on the grass verge

Please tie all bags with a double knot

Thanks very much for your help!

Bag 2 School accept the following 'good quality' items for RE-USE:

- Men's, Ladies' and Children's clothing
- Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around)
- Handbags, Hats, Bags
- Scarves and ties
- Jewellery
- Lingerie, Socks, Belts
- Soft toys
- Household linen, Household curtains, Household towels
- Household bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers only)



Second Hand Uniform Sale

FRIDAY 13 SEP

Second hand uniform sale
When: Friday 13th September
Where: At bottom gate
Time: 2.45pm to 3.30pm

Morning Drop Off Fri 22/3 - Your Donations Welcome!
 Only good condition items; please bag up by age, if possible.
 Donations for GASPA welcome

Dates for your Diary		
Mon, 9th Sept	1,3,6	Curricular swimming starts
Mon, 9th Sept	Y1-6	Bookings for internal clubs opens
Thurs, 12th Sept	All	Volunteer Swim Inductions 9.00am and 2.45pm. Please sign up here
Fri, 13th Sept	All	GASPA Second Hand Uniform Sale
Mon, 16th Sept	R-Y6	External clubs start
Thurs, 19th Sept	All	Bag2School
Fri, 25th Oct	All	Last day of Autumn Term 1
Mon, 28th Oct— Fri, 1st Nov	All	Half Term
Mon, 4th Nov	All	Children return to school for Autumn Term 2
Fri, 29th Nov	All	INSET DAY— School and Nursery closed
Fri, 20th Dec	All	Last day of Autumn Term

Parent/Carer -Teacher Consultations

Meetings will be held on Thursday, 7th and Friday, 8th November. Please note that the Nursery will be closed all day on Friday, 8th November.