



*Where Children Come First*

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Hello there all,

This term has started with a bang. Our children have been hard at it – walking, visiting the park, climbing and our Foundation Stagers are on the main playground having a right ‘knees up’ – it is great to see. It is so good to be back; our children have been amazing this week and I have seen The Grange Way in abundance over the last few days. I have seen some impressive work from Year 5 this week too – all is looking good.

It is lovely to see you all in the mornings and afternoons; the children look very happy, smart and eager to be here.

Staff have been working hard to get our new school improvement plan up and running and we will be building our whole school curriculum for next year. There is going to be a massive focus on Phonics and Reading for all children and we will be asking parents to support us on achieving a high level of support at home in improving reading, enjoying reading and sharing a range of books with our children. I will share the Key Targets of the School Improvement Plan in my next letter in a fortnight.

Welcome to Miss Goldstone who is our newly appointed Office Administrator – it is good to have you on board. She is working at pace to learn the ropes from Virginie who very sadly leaves us next Friday – taking her girls with her of course. It will be a very sad day indeed.

As you can see, the scaffolding is up and the roofers are ready to start; we are just waiting on some safeguarding checks and we are good to go as soon as they are completed.

**Chasewell Playgroup Outdoor Area:** It has been reported to us by our neighbours from Chasewell Playgroup that their garden/outdoor play space is being used by our children after school as they leave to go home. It is being left in a bit of a state and toys have been broken. The area is cleaned and checked each afternoon by Chasewell staff before they leave so they know it is our children causing the mess and damage. I cannot argue it, as I have seen toddlers and our children being allowed to go through their outdoor area and climb etc. Please refrain from allowing our children on Pre-school equipment and keep your children on the path. Your cooperation with this would be much appreciated and save any further embarrassment or cost.

I must thank you all for getting the children into school on time – overall, promptness has been impressive. The Bankside traffic situation has not helped of course but the children have made it in good time.

At **97.68%**, whole school attendance is looking in really good shape – well done all.



## Congratulations and Bravo to:

**10 CBGs:** Emilia C

**20 CBGs:** Allie W

**50 CBGs:** Mia Ta

**Silver:** Joshua D

**70 CBGs:** Toby S

**Gold Badge:** Alani F, Oliver W, Isla B

**100 CBGs:** Benjamin D, Freddie N

**110 CBGs:** Gracie Bo

**Platinum Badge:** Gemma S

**130 CBGs:** Theo B, Corey B, Sienna L, Matthew Al, Laura S, Ollie MS, Reuben P

**140 CBGs:** Dawson H

**Book:** Hugh H, Sonny C, James G, Patryk M, Oliver G

**170 CBGs:** Tiannah P, Benedict F, Lucy W, Amelie H

**Amethyst Badge:** Sophie B, Poppy C

**190 CBGs:** Abdou Allah D

**200 CBGs:** Nicholas E

**Topaz Badge:** Xanthe G, Stacey F, Holly R

**Sapphire Badge:** Louis C

**280 CBGs:** Eleanor A

**Grange Pen:** Hugh H

## Showing the Grange Way outside school

### Well done to:



Iris P... for making her promise at Girl Guides after joining in September and attending the meetings on zoom. Since the lockdown restrictions have eased the Guides are meeting up in person again. The Guides were also asked if they could volunteer to help out at Longford Park Rainbows and Iris was one of two Guides who offered to help. She has been looking after the Rainbows on a Monday evening before her Guide meeting - and is really enjoying the responsibility of looking after the younger girls.

Freya S... for achieving her RSL level 1 singing exam with 88% and a merit certificate – impressive!

**COVID cases numbers** are on the rise as you know. Nothing is changing in school in terms of our protocols and sanitising etc. This Delta variant is highly transmissible, so we must not take our eye off the ball. If your child comes into close contact with a positive case, get the PCR test booked immediately please and stay away until a negative result is delivered. If your child is under the weather – bad belly, sore throat, headaches etc, get them PCR tested. Better to be safe than sorry. Public Health



England (Southeast) reported this week to headteachers that cases have quadrupled in the over-60s. Let us see what is announced on 14<sup>th</sup> June. Please be careful:

## Space; Face; Hands.

It is promising to be a beautiful weekend, so please make the most of it safely. Happy Weekend.



Ms Boswell

