



Can Do Croc Quotes

'Never think you can't do it because if you keep trying you really can succeed' – Marley, Y6

Date	Activity	Date	Activity
21 Oct	Last day of Term 1 – staggered normal finish	4 Jan	Inset Day – no children in school
22 Oct	Inset Day – no children in school	5 Jan	Term 3 starts
23 Oct	Inset Day – no children in school	12 Feb	Term 3 ends
2 Nov	Term 2 Starts	22 Feb	Term 4 starts
18 Dec	Last day of Term 2 – staggered early finish (times to follow)	1 April	Term 4 ends

Welcome back!

A huge hello and welcome back to all the children at school with us this year. We now have 368 children on roll at Grangefield School. I would like to take this moment to acknowledge and congratulate how well all the children at Grangefield have coped with the challenges presented to them over the last six months. As a school community I feel that staff, children and parents have embodied our school values and have shown a level of determination and resourcefulness we should all be proud of.

We also welcome Miss Sharpe who is teaching RA, Mrs Cross (Reception TA) and Mrs Mason (Year One TA). Congratulations to Mrs Ogden (Reception TA) on the birth of her baby son in August, Mr Allard who welcomed his son during lockdown and Ms Beckley (Kitchen Manager) on the birth of her daughter in May.

Key dates for this academic year

The impact of the global pandemic continues to be felt and as such it is hard to make any firm plans with regards to the normal key dates. However, we are looking at making tentative plans for special events (such as Harvest and Christmas celebrations) virtually. We will notify you through our newsletter and website, but ask that you please do keep an eye out.

Unfortunately Open Days can not take place as normal for the Reception 2021 starters. Please look on our website for information regarding Reception 2021 – we will be putting up a video tour of the school in the coming weeks.

School drop off and collection

Now that term has started we are assessing how drop off and collection are working. It is by far the most congested part of the school day and we appreciate that aspects may need altering. We ask that, for the safety of us all, guidelines are followed. We ask that all parents and guardians are mindful when dropping off and collecting children from Grangefield and do the following:

1. Stick to the timings

Please remember to stick to the timings below and drop off your child as quickly as possible. Try to avoid coming earlier than your allocated time. If you have children in various year groups please drop them all off at the same time (the earliest relevant slot). For example if you have a child in Year 3 and Year 5 you can drop them both off at 8:45am. You will then collect them at the latest relevant time slot.

Year Group	Drop Off Time	Collection Time
Reception	08:55	15:05
Year One	08:50	15:15
Year Two	08:45	15:10
Year Three	08:55	15:15
Year Four	08:55	15:15
Year Five	08:45	15:10

Year Six	08:45	15:10
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2. Socially distance at all times

Please remember to keep your distance when lining up on the playground and approaching the gates. Please keep apart on the astro and stay in line when waiting for your children.

3. Leave promptly when you have collected your children

Please leave promptly as a family when you have collected your children. Do not wait for other people.

4. Try and keep it to one parent only to reduce the number of adults we have on the school site.

5. Do not allow children to play on school equipment or run ahead.

Please make sure you stay together as a family – do not allow your children to play with any of the school equipment or to run ahead.

Over the next week we will continue to assess the situation. If we feel social distancing is not being maintained, for the health and safety of everyone we may put additional measures in place; for example all adults to wear masks at all times when on the school premises.

Year 5 and 6

Year 5 and Year 6 children are allowed to walk home alone if written permission has been provided by the parent. This permission can also be given for Year 5 and 6 children to leave the school premises and meet you along the approach to school.

School Dinners

Key Stage 2 parents – please make sure you pay your dinner money regularly. We are no longer able to let the total debt go beyond £15 and if this does happen you will need to bring in a packed lunch for your child until the debt is paid.

Free school meals

The global pandemic has also resulted in financial hardships for many families due to the economic challenges we continue to face. Families who are in receipt of one or more of the following are entitled to free school meals, and by registering, also unlock vital funding that the school can use to support their child:

Your child might be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

If your child is in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 your child will automatically get a universal free school meal but please make sure you also register via the normal free school meals application to ensure that the school does not miss out on additional funding.

How to apply for free school meals

Please go to <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-transport-and-free-school-meals/apply-for-free-school-meals/>

Autumn Menu

Due to the present situation we are offering a packed lunch menu for children who have school dinners. This will be reviewed after the October half term.

ALLERGY INFORMATION: If your child has an allergy or intolerance please ask a member of the catering team for information. If your child has a school lunch and has a food allergy or intolerance you will be asked to complete a form to ensure we have the necessary information to cater for your child.





	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1					Sausage Roll or Veggie Sausage roll or
Lunch	Ham, Egg, Cheese or Tuna Baguette/Sandwich				
Fruit	Fresh Fruit & Crudites				
Dessert	Lemon Drizzle Cake	Cookie	Iced Shortbread	Chocolate Orange Cake	Cookie
Week 2					Sausage Roll or Veggie Sausage Roll
Lunch	Ham, Egg, Cheese or Tuna Baguette/Sandwich				
Fruit	Fresh Fruit & Crudites				
Dessert	Banana & Chocolate Oaty Square	Iced Shortbread	Chocolate Shortbread	Cookie	Chocolate Crunch

PLEASE ADVISE DAILY OF ANY ALLERGIES.

Shoesday Tuesday

Shoesday Tuesday will run every Tuesday. This is an initiative to encourage children to walk to school. If your child walks to school or you park at a further point (further away than Voxwell Approach) and you walk from there they can wear their own shoes to school on a Tuesday.

Cleaning vacancy

We are currently advertising for a cleaner at the school. This is a part time, permanent contract. Further details can be found on the Gloucestershire County Council [website](#). Please contact the school office if you are interested in this role.

Attendance

- If your child is poorly and cannot attend school please remember to let the school office know as soon as possible by either calling 01242 671003 or emailing admin@grangefield.gloucs.sch.uk
- School term dates can be found on our website. The right of a head teacher to authorise any absence has been taken away – consequently no family holiday, short break or day out can be authorised, except in exceptional circumstances.

Reminders

- Please remember to wear a mask if you are entering the school office reception area.
- If your child is being picked up by another parent or adult regularly please provide the school office with a list of people you are happy for your child to go home with.
- Our Children and Families support worker, Ms Hunt is available four days a week (Monday-Thursday) and is available to help and support you. If you wish to make an appointment with her please call or email the school office.
- All children must bring in a coat even if the day starts out sunny and please ensure all your child's belongings are clearly labelled.
- Please ensure that you let us know if you have any changes to your mobile phone numbers, email addresses or personal details so that we can keep our database up to date.
- Please remember that when parking near the school you are mindful of children crossing the road and walking on the pavements. Do not park on either roundabout.

Have a good weekend,
Mrs Lewis