



## Diary Dates:

Y6 Residential Trip	11/03/07 To 15/03/07
School Book Fair	22/03/07
School Music Concert	28/03/07
Easter Holiday Period (Inclusive)	31/03/07 To 15/04/07

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# Grange Farm Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

### Music Concert

Our annual School Music Concert will be taking place at 6.30pm on the evening of Wednesday 28 March. All those children involved in any form of musical activity at the school will have the opportunity to take part.

### Y6 Residential Course

Our Year 6 pupils together with members of teaching staff travel to Coventry's Outdoor Education Centre, Plas Dol-Y-Moch in Snowdonia National Park next month for a 5 day/4 night Residential Outdoor Adventure Course. I am sure a great time will be had by all! Final information for Year 6 parents will be available shortly.

### School Closure Days

Can I take this opportunity to remind parents of three additional school closure days scheduled for the Summer Term.

The dates are as follows:

**Thursday 3 May 2007 (Polling Day)**

**Monday 4 June 2007**

**Friday 20 July 2007**

These days have been designated as Teacher Training Days and Grange Farm will not be open for pupils.

### School Website

Work on a revised school website is moving apace and we hope to be back up online for the start of the Summer Term.

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Grange Farm



### Tea Towels

FGF still has a small number of tea towels left. As you might have noticed by now, they are very good quality and it doesn't hurt to have more than one, so why not purchase some for Mothers Day! They are still priced at £4 for one or £10 for 3. Remember it's for a good cause: the children's School Council has decided to use this money for a whole school outing, details to follow!

### Sporting Results

#### Mixed Football Results

26 January : Grange Farm 1 v 0 Cannon Park

2 February : John Shelton 0 v 3 Grange Farm

#### Girls Football Results

Coventry 4-a-side (25 January)

Grange Farm 1 v 1 Henry VIII

Grange Farm 2 v 0 St Barts

Grange Farm 3 v 1 Aldermoor Farm

#### Local Area Swimming Gala

(6 February)

Stivichall 1st Place

Grange Farm / Finham Joint 2nd Place

Hearsall 4th Place

Earlsdon 5th Place

### School Council News

On Friday 16 March for Red Nose Day we are asking all pupils to come to school in as much red as possible, with £1 going towards charity. We have also decided that we are going to sponsor a child with a charity called Plan, which is based in the UK. We are presenting our ideas to all children at assembly on Friday.

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After a lengthy consultation process involving pupils, parents, governors and staff the school has recently made amendments to the way in which it manages behaviour. One of the key aims of the amendments has been to ensure that all those children who behave appropriately are given recognition for that good behaviour. Another has been to ensure that all instances of poor behaviour are managed consistently and in a simple fair fashion that is transparent to all.

I include below an extract from the policy detailing its Key Aims and Principles.

**Aims**

The aim of this **Behaviour Policy** is to build upon the outstanding elements of positive behaviour found within the school and to focus on the following:

Consistency

Fairness

Recognition of Good Behaviour

At Grange Farm School we want to create a warm, welcoming, caring environment where relationships are based on respect and positive self-esteem is developed in each child.

We are committed to maintaining high expectations of good behaviour as an essential contribution to the educational experience of the children and to their happiness and well being whilst in school.

We hope that all parents and guardians will support our approach to behaviour which, we feel, will be of major benefit to all.

**Key Principles**

All children have the right to develop their potential and be safe and happy. Our **Golden Rules** are essential for maintaining these rights. For their rights to be maintained therefore all children have to take on the responsibility of following our **Golden Rules**.

If children break the **Golden Rules** they must understand that they have chosen to do this and therefore must accept the consequences of their actions.

We want to enable children to see that improving poor behaviour is their responsibility and will eventually come from within themselves rather than be imposed by someone else.

All those children who follow our **Golden Rules** will be recognised. Examples of such good behaviour will be praised in class. **Achievement Stickers** will be awarded on a weekly basis to all children who have followed the **Golden Rules**. Children will therefore share their achievement with the Headteacher and **Certificates** will be awarded during **Achievement Assemblies**.

Copies of our **Golden Rules** will be displayed in classrooms and other appropriate areas of the school. All members of staff involved in caring for children within school will be aware of our **Golden Rules** and this **Behaviour Policy** and are responsible for its application. Copies of this **Behaviour Policy** will be kept in each classroom.

Children must be secure in the knowledge that the **Behaviour Policy** will be consistently followed and fairly applied. All instances of poor behaviour should be accompanied by a clear warning of the consequences of continued poor performance. Whole classes or groups should never be punished for the conduct of the individual. When appropriate, incidents of poor behaviour will be thoroughly investigated before any aspect of this **Behaviour Policy** is applied.

As always a copy of this Policy is available to view from the school office. I am also more than happy to discuss any aspect of it with any parent.

*Ben Whelan*

*February 2007*

