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# Grange Farm Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

*As we start a new year may I take this opportunity to wish you all well for 2009.*

## Staffing

Parents, I am sure you will join me in wishing farewell to Mr Trevor Elliot our schools Deputy Headteacher who has retired from his post as of the 31st December 2008.

Mr Elliott has given 36 years of service to the children and City of Coventry both as a teacher and school manager and during this period of time he has had a real impact on the achievements of many young people. He has proven himself popular amongst parents and pupils and was a respected member of staff.

The school will be wishing Mr Elliot farewell at our Achievement Assembly on Friday 30 January.

Friends of  
Grange Farm



## Raffle Result

The winners of the family pantomime tickets raffled during the Christmas Productions were the White family and the Dhesi family. Congratulations!

## Fruit

Can I remind parents of children in Key Stage 2 that their children can bring some fruit or vegetable to eat at morning break.

As children will need to eat this during their break please supply small amounts, for example a small individual piece of fruit or vegetable or items such as grapes or carrot sticks in a small bag or box.

# MoodleDo

## Virtual Learning Environment

The school is in the process of establishing its own online virtual learning environment.

MoodleDo is an online Learning Platform that can be entered from any computer that has internet connection whether that computer be at home or in school. Through our MoodleDo Learning Platform pupils will be able to access information and other learning resources/activities which will support and enhance their learning in school.

The resources and online activities available will be linked to the areas of work children are currently engaged in and pupils will only ever see the work that their teachers have provided specifically for them.

Our pupils in Year 4 have already been introduced to the site and we will be rolling it out into other year groups over the coming months.

In the first instance the resources/information found on the site will be used purely as an additional activity for children to pursue should they wish to. In the interest of inclusion children without internet access at home will be given opportunities to access the site in school. Internet access can also be found at your local library.

We feel sure our MoodleDo Learning Platform will become another valuable learning resource for our pupils and indeed should also provide information for you as parents about the type of work pupils are covering in school.

## Newsletter

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### Water Bottles

The majority of our children bring water bottles in to school. Children have access to their water bottles throughout the day and it would be great to see all our children bringing them into school. As well as the obvious health benefits research shows us that good hydration improves mental alertness.

Only water should be brought into school.

Water bottles can be refilled from specially installed filter taps.

### Snowline

Parents should be aware that in the unlikely event of school closure due to heavy snowfall, announcements detailing the situation will be made over the following local radio stations.

**BBC Coventry and Warwickshire**

**Mercia FM**

**Touch FM**

**Heart FM**

Information about school closures can also be found on the City Council website.

### Disability Equality Scheme

The school is currently in the process of updating its Disability Equality Scheme. The action plan was put together in January 08 by a working group after consultation with all those who form part of our school community. We are currently in the process of collecting information and views from families who joined the school in September 08 and also the children's views through school council representatives.

If there are any further ways that you feel that the school could promote disability equality or improve access please contact me and I will ensure that your ideas are put to the working party. If you would like to update any information that the school has or if there are any personal issues regarding disability that you wish to discuss please contact me directly.

Jasminder Sahota  
Acting Deputy Headteacher

Feb 4	Fun for Fathers
Feb 10 & Feb 11	Parental Consultations
Feb 14—Feb 22	February Half Term
March TBC	Easter Music Concert
April 10—26	Easter Break
May 4	May Day
May 23—31	Half Term
June 4	Polling Day/Teacher Training Day
July 10	Sports Day (July 15 if wet)
July 18—Sept 3	Summer Break
July 20-21	Teacher Training Days

### Open Evening

On Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th February, parents will be invited into school for a meeting with their children's class teacher.

This is possibly the most useful meeting, between parents and teaching staff, that takes place during the year.

Parents and teachers together can review children's progress to date and can set targets for future development and progress.

Letters arranging appointments should come out from school on Tuesday 20th January and will need to be returned to school by Friday 23rd January so that individual appointments can be arranged.



### Share

This term the school intends to run a SHARE programme for parents of pupils in Y1 and Y2.

The SHARE programme, to be delivered by Miss Pennington, aims to improve the educational attainment of children and increase parents understanding of the role they play in their children's learning.

This is accomplished through practical sessions with trained staff in school followed by activities that are then taken away for families to complete together at home.

A letter with further information will shortly be coming out to parents of all pupils in Year 1 and Year 2.

**Ben Whelan**  
**January 2009**