



Healthy Schools

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Grange Farm Primary School

GRANGE FARM PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Parents,



Electronic Communication

A number of parents already receive the School Newsletter via email and the school is now keen to develop class distribution lists that would allow all other correspondence between home and school to be sent electronically.

Whilst it is given that not all parents may be in possession of an email contact point, a good percentage of parents will.

Electronic distribution lists will increase the reliability of home/school communication (e.g. no more letters lost in the bottom of school bags) and will also be a positive move in terms of environmental sustainability.

We also see it as a first step towards an increased and more interactive parental connection with the school.

If you would like to have the school contact you electronically please complete the slip below and return it to school. We are happy to send to multiple accounts.

Parents not wishing to be communicated with in this manner will continue to receive paper communication from the school.

Remodelling And Extension News

Building work has now commenced on the school site.

Parents should be aware that all communication between home and school in respect of the construction work will come via separate notification and will not form part of this newsletter.

School Website

A reminder that the school has just re-launched its website at the following address:

www.grangefarmschool.co.uk

The site is still under construction so please be patient, we hope to complete it soon. In the meantime if you have any suggestions as to how we might improve the site please contact us.

The purpose of the site is to celebrate our children's achievements and to provide useful information about the life and work that goes on here. As such we hope that it will be informative and that it will provide a helpful insight.

CLASS DISTRIBUTION LISTS : EMAIL CONTACT

FAMILY NAME: _____ **CHILDRENS CLASSES:** _____

We would like to be included on the schools electronic distribution lists and can be contacted on the following account/accounts:

Signed: _____ Parent/Guardian

Grange Farm Primary

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Dewsbury Avenue
Coventry
CV3 6NF

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Fax: 024 7641 7150
Email: headteacher@grangefarm.coventry.sch.uk
Web: www.grangefarmschool.co.uk



Sun Protection

Whilst not blessed recently with particularly good weather the Summer months nonetheless are upon us and at first glance appear a lot more balmy than usual! This of course means that children, whilst in school, may find themselves in the sun both at break times and during lessons.

I would just like to reiterate to parents that all pupils are encouraged to wear caps during the Summer months as they prove invaluable in protecting children's skin from the sun. Children are also permitted to wear caps during sports and other outdoor lessons.

As in past years children in Key Stage 2 may bring sun creams into school and apply as necessary. May I suggest that younger children have sufficient creams applied in the morning before they come to school. There are some products on the market that are designed to be applied just once a day. Examples of these are products from the Ultrasun range and Riemann P20.

Unfortunately school staff are not in a position to apply creams to children themselves.

Could I also take this opportunity to remind parents that we encourage children to bring water bottles into school. Children are allowed access to their water bottles throughout the day and during the Summer months they are a real necessity.

Music Lessons

Accompanying this newsletter is information regarding the music lessons available to Key Stage 2 children whilst here at Grange Farm School.

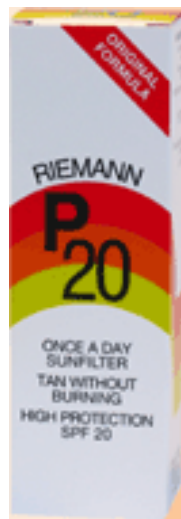
If you are interested in your child taking up such an opportunity then please return the necessary reply slip to the school.

SCHOOL DINNERS

We would like to remind all parents of the system now in place regarding school dinners.

- Apart from the first week of term, one weeks notice will be required before any child can start school dinners.
- **The office** must be informed if a child ceases school dinners or dinners ordered will be charged for.
- We will continue to offer the option of selected days, but chosen days must stay the same for **half a term** and written notice must be given to change them.

Many Thanks,
Admin Team



Diary Dates

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| Half Term Break | Saturday 26 May to Sunday 3 June |
| School Closure Day | Monday 4 June |
| FGF Summer Party | Friday 6 July |
| Y6 Production (Bablake Theatre) | Tuesday 17 July |
| Sports Day | Friday 13 July 18 July (if wet) |
| School Closure Day | Friday 20 July |
| Summer Holiday | Saturday 21 July to Monday 3 September |
| New Term Begins | Tuesday 4 September |

Coventry Walk To School Week: 18-22 June 2007

This year, the Council's Sustainable Transport Team and Road Safety Team are once again organising Coventry's Walk to School Week to coincide with Child Safety Week, which runs from 18 to 22 June 2007.

Last year Grange Farm together with nearly all of Coventry's primary schools joined in. The focus of the week is on encouraging walking to school as a fun way to develop basic life-skills and gaining independence. Resources are being produced to reflect this message and to encourage children to 'Join the Adventure' of walking to school.

During the week the school will be encouraging as many people as possible to leave their cars at home. For pupils who live too far from school, we will suggest that they join in by asking parents to drop them off a small distance away from the school, enabling them to walk the last part of the journey. Further information regarding this event will be forwarded to parents after the half term.



Best Regards,
Ben Whelan

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