



## Diary Dates:

FGF Summer Party and Pig Roast	04/07/08
Sports Day	11/07/08 If Wet 16/07/08
Y6 Production (Bablake School Theatre)	15/07/08
School Closure Day (Teacher Training)	18/07/08
NB: School Closes for Commencement of Summer Holiday	

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# Grange Farm Primary School

GRANGE FARM PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Dear Parents,*

Once again we are fast approaching the end of what has been an extremely busy academic year. Yet as always in school there is much for us to do!

We have Sports Day and the Summer Party to look forward to, hopefully you will be able to attend these events in some capacity.

End of year reports to parents are currently being completed. The reports are testimony to your children's efforts over the year and as I begin to read through them, I am sure that there will be much to celebrate in every household.

## Year 6 Theatre Performance

The whole school will be travelling to Bablake School Theatre on the morning of Tuesday 15th July. This is to give all pupils the opportunity of to watch our Year 6 pupils performance of "Treasure Island". Further information will follow.

A performance for parents and friends of pupils in Year 6 will take place in the evening on the same day.

## Play Leaders



The school is aiming to improve activity levels among pupils, especially Key Stage 1 pupils at lunchtime.

To help us achieve this we are arranging for specialist sports teachers to train some of our Y5 pupils who have expressed an interest in becoming Play Leaders.

These two days of training will give our Y5 pupils the knowledge and skills to plan and organise other pupils in warm-ups and a range of physical activities and games.

The play leaders will then be deployed to work with groups of younger pupils at lunchtimes. They will lead the groups through warm-ups and planned activities. Their work will be supported and monitored by teachers and a nominated Teaching Assistant, who will ensure that the play leaders provide suitable, well-planned activities.

Through this initiative it is expected that our play leaders' organisational and leadership skills will be improved as will the quality of play experienced by our younger pupils.

Friends of Grange Farm School

## Family Summer Party Friday 4 July



**6.30pm-9.00pm**

£6 per family,  
or £2.50 per adult and £1 per child

Pig Roast  
Samosas  
Disco  
Bouncy Castle  
Games  
And Loads More!!

PUT THE DATE IN YOUR DIARIES  
MORE INFORMATION OUT SHORTLY

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## Sports Day

Parents will be aware that Sports Day is scheduled for Friday 11th July (Wednesday 16th July if wet).

Parents of pupils new to the school may not be aware that this is a whole day event commencing at around 10.00am and going on until about 3.00pm.

The children take part in a series of competitive events over the course of the day and parents may attend to offer support at any time during the day. We especially encourage parents to join over the lunch period, many parents bring a picnic to share with their children at this time.

If you are unsure about any aspect of the above please feel free to speak to your child's class teacher.

## 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.

## Cycling Safety Training

Pupils in Y6 have embarked upon the Coventry City Council Cycle Training Scheme. The award-winning course promotes cycling as a healthy form of exercise that can boost children's independence and is an effective and efficient method of transport.

Pupils completing the course will receive a Trained Rider badge and Coventry City Council Silver Certificate of Achievement.

## Rock Band

All pupils in Years 1 to 6 will be entertained by a "Rock Band" made up of pupils from Ernesford Grange Primary School on the morning of Tuesday 24 June. The group is currently "touring" a number of primary schools.

Hopefully it might inspire some of our drummers, electric guitarists and choir members to consider forming their own band. Maybe next year we can provide the support act!

## Ricky Dance

Ricky returns to school on Tuesday 8th July with his popular dance workshops. During the day all pupils will have the opportunity to work with Ricky to produce a uniquely enjoyable dance routine.

## Coventry Walk To School Week: 23—27 June 2008

This year, the Council's Sustainable Transport Team and Road Safety Team are once again organising Coventry's Walk to School Week which runs from 23 to 27 June 2008.

For a number of years now Grange Farm has joined together with nearly all of Coventry's primary schools in this event.

During the week the school will be encouraging as many people as possible to leave their cars at home with the aim of reducing congestion around school entrances and making school journeys safer, healthier and less stressful. 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 shortly.

*Best Regards,*

*Ben Whelan*

*June 2008*

