



Dear Parents,

Remodelling and Extension

Work to remodel and extend our Key Stage 2 classrooms is due to commence during the week beginning 21 May 2007. The work is being carried out with the objective of improving the learning environment available to all our children in Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6. The work should be completed by the end of September 2007.

The work, whilst badly needed, does bring with it organisational problems that we will have to manage. However the school will be working closely with the City Council and contractors to minimise the inconvenience and ensure that we are able to deliver the curriculum as normal. Aspects re: Health and Safety will be fully monitored and assessed by the Health and Safety division of Coventry City Council.

Work Scheduled

The main thrust of the remodelling is to provide additional floor space in each of our four Key Stage 2 classrooms. This will create a more pleasant and flexible learning and teaching area. Circulation around the school is also to be improved with the provision of a corridor connecting all four classes both to each other and the rest of the school.

All classrooms are to be fully renovated and redecorated. New and upgraded lighting and heating systems, sound fields, wireless computer access and up to date fire and safety systems are to be installed.

All cloakrooms are to be modernised and all toilet blocks are to be refurbished.

Planning documentation detailing the scheduled works is on display in the entrance foyer of the school should parents wish to view them.



Organisational Impact

Parents will be informed of any instances of organisational change directly by letter. However only parents of children directly affected by any particular instance will be notified. Such changes shouldn't be too great and should really be limited to how children come on to and leave the school site.

In the first instance however I can say that both Y4 and Y5 will be relocated to the school hall during the week commencing 21 May. The hall is being partitioned into two distinct and generous teaching areas and all resources including interactive whiteboards and computers will be moved there.

With the hall otherwise engaged, activities that normally take place there will be impacted upon. The PE and dance curriculum will obviously continue and will be delivered outside. However after school clubs that make use of the hall will be suspended during the build, namely short tennis, basketball and fitness zone. There will be no whole school assemblies instead children will gather in smaller groups for assemblies to be held in the dining room. There will be no Friday Achievement Assembly, certificates will be presented to children in class by myself on a Friday afternoon.

As a school we feel confident that there will be no direct impact on children's learning and we look forward to the benefits that will ensue from the work.

Newsletter

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School Council

Dear Parents,
We had excellent success with our Bring and Buy sale to raise money for sponsoring a child. We actually made £230. That will cover nearly two years of sponsoring!
We have also made a School Council page for the website that you might like to visit soon.
Jonny
School Council



Healthy Schools

Fruit in Key Stage 2

Following discussion at School Council it has been agreed that children in Key Stage 2 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.

Key Stage 2 children having milk through the school milk scheme will take this during afternoon play.



Key Stage 1 children will now have their fruit snack in the morning (provided by the school) and milk (through the school milk scheme) in the afternoon.

Class Photographs

Whole Class Photographs are scheduled to be taken on Thursday 24 May. More details and information to follow.

Key Stage 2 Tests

Children in Year 6 will be sitting their Assessment Tests during the week commencing 14 May. Whilst staff endeavour to make the tests as stress free as possible, it is important that children make an extra effort to attend during the course of the week.

Good luck to them all!

Diary Dates

School Closure Day (Polling Day)	Thursday 3 May
May Day Holiday	Monday 7 May
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

School Website

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.

Best Regards,
Ben Whelan

May 2007