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# Grange Farm Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

## Parent Governor Election

### **Election of 2 Parents to serve on the Governing Body of Grange Farm School for a period of 4 years.**

I am writing to inform you that following the request for nominations in respect of the 2 vacancies for Parent Governors the following nominations have been received from parents wishing to serve as Parent Governors on the School's Governing Body for a period of 4 years.

A ballot is therefore necessary and a ballot paper is attached for each parents use. Each parent of a registered pupil at the school may record one vote for up to 2 candidates. Each parent may not vote twice for the same candidate or vote for more than 2 candidates. To assist you in this matter brief details of candidates are included on the reverse of this newsletter..

Ballot papers may be placed by you in the ballot box situated in the main entrance or returned to me in an envelope clearly marked "Parent Governor Election - Ballot Paper". The ballot paper may be returned by post or, if you prefer, sent to school with a registered pupil of the school.

The closing date for the receipt of votes is 12 noon on 22nd November 2007. Any votes cast after this time will be invalid.

The counting of votes and declaration of result will take place on that day and you will be informed of the result as soon as possible after that date.

## Extension and Remodelling

Although not fully completed our two central classrooms were handed back to Years 4 and 5 as scheduled. Additional window panels, new carpets and furniture are still in the process of being fitted however the classrooms are looking great and most importantly the children are totally thrilled with their new environment! The revised handover date is still set for the end of this current Autumn Term 2007.

However the delayed completion is going to impact this year on a number of traditional school events.

Without a school hall or rehearsal area we will be unable to put on a Christmas Production. The school has strived to consider options but alternatives have been unrealistic and unviable. We must accept that the benefits of the new build outweigh the disadvantages we have faced.

Another casualty of the delayed completion will be our Christmas Family Disco. Potentially we could have changed the venue but a core aim of the event is that it brings the school community together within the school building. Plans are now afoot to hold a "Grand Opening" Family Disco in the new year to celebrate the completion of the new build. It is envisaged that the new classrooms and teaching area will be open for viewing by all whilst a celebratory disco will be held in our newly returned hall. A provisional date for this event has been set as Friday 25 January 2008.



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**Our school trip to see Aladdin at the Belgrade Theatre on Wednesday 12th December is confirmed. Further information together with parental permission slips will be issued shortly. Children will be able to take their water bottles to the theatre and KS1 fruit will also be available. In addition the school will be providing the children with some complimentary refreshments.**

**Many thanks to our main building contractors Pittaways who have contributed £200 towards the cost of transport to the Theatre.**

**Parent Governor Candidates**

**Fanny Anderson:** I have been married for nearly 10 years, we have 2 girls (Molly is in KS1, Charlotte is in KS2) and we live about 3minute walk from the school. A very keen interest in education as a whole and in Grange Farm School in particular has led me to teach conversational French voluntarily after school for Y5 and Y6 and to chair the Friends of Grange Farm Committee for the last 2 years (organising various events such as discos and summer parties for the school). I can bring to the board of governors my experience as a parent for both key stages, my financial skills (I work as a Trainee Accountant) and I can represent families with a non-British upbringing.

**Daljeet Billing:** I am a highly experienced and enthusiastic professional and currently work for a Trade Association as an Operations Manager. I have a good understanding of business, particularly in event management and PR. I am responsible for a team where personal and professional relationships are crucial to the success of the project. My wealth of understanding as a single parent of two children, 14 and 7, can help develop and promote strong relations between the children, parents and the school. I am actively involved in the PTA, and in the last year have helped organise some very successful events.

**Helen Hughes:** I have been a parent governor for the past four years at Grange Farm with two children at school, in Years 4 and 2. In this time I have attended the full governing body meetings as a member of the Resource Management committee. On this committee I have fully supported the school in the current refurbishment scheme - refurbishing of the KS1 toilets, shared areas for KS2 and the current rebuild of the KS2 classrooms. These all have a major impact on the environment in which our children have when at school. During the recent OFSTED inspection I fully supported the Headteacher and the school in further developing the school. I am a teacher in the Local Authority and this brings a professional voice and viewpoint to our discussions to enable the school to move forward for the benefit of our children. I have thoroughly enjoyed the challenges of the last four years and would wish to carry on supporting all of our children and the school as a Parent Governor.

**Julie Prescott:** My 4 year term as a Parent Governor has now ended and as a parent I have a vested interest in the performance management of the school. As a Parent Governor I recognise the need to provide a creative learning environment and my children have provided a daily barometer of the excellent teaching standards Grange Farm enjoys. I have thoroughly enjoyed my experience as a Parent Governor and with your support would like to continue my tenure for a further 4 years.

**Peter Prue:** My daughter is now in her 3rd year at Grange Farm and my wife and I have been pleased with the progress she has made. As a thank you I would like "to put something back". I have worked in Local Government for over 30 years and have considerable knowledge of the financial set up. Hopefully this knowledge could be put to use for the benefit of the school.

**Snow Line**

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

- BBC Coventry and Warwickshire**
- Mercia FM & Mercia Classic Gold**
- Touch FM**
- Heart FM**

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

**School Council News**

*Hi, School Council here, were new and improved and here to talk about Children In Need! We have talked to the whole school and each child voted for what they wanted to do. We are proud to announce that the winner was Pyjama Day! On the 23 November every child can come to school in their pj's and dressing gowns if they want . If not they can come in non uniform. £1 for Children In Need.*  
*Many Thanks,*  
*Kira Moss (Chairperson) Rachel Cusk (Secretary)*