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# Grange Farm Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

Friends of  
Grange Farm 

## Christmas Production

### Reception, Years 1 and 2

Tuesday 15 December-2.30pm **No Tickets  
Required**

Wednesday 16 December-6.30pm **Tickets Only  
Years 3,4 and 5**

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Our children and staff will soon be busy learning songs, rehearsing lines and preparing costumes and effects in readiness for our Christmas Concerts.

With so much work and effort going into the productions we would hope that all children will be able to take part in both performances.

Your child's class teacher will be in contact with you in due course to inform you of the time that your children will need to arrive for the evening performance. You will also be informed of the time that they will need to be collected.

Tickets for the evening performances will be available from Monday 30 November.

Unfortunately, due to the halls limited capacity coupled with an anticipated high demand, tickets will be relatively scarce.

This means that in the first instance each family will be limited to a total of two tickets, two for each evening if you have children in both Key Stages.

Entrance to the evening performance will be strictly by ticket only. We would also ask that young children do not attend in the evening unless you have allocated a ticket to them.

It is also worth noting that there are no entrance restrictions to the afternoon performances.

## Friends of Grange Farm *Family Christmas Disco*

Friday 11th December

*At Grange Farm School*

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



## Disability Equality Scheme

The school is currently in the process of updating its Disability Equality Scheme. The action plan was initially put together in January 08 by a working group after consultation with all those who form part of our school community. We are currently updating the plan and are in the process of collecting information and views from families who joined the school in September 09.

If there are any further ways that you feel the school could promote disability equality or improve access please let us know and we 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 the school directly.

## Newsletter

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## Expanding School Places

Parents may be aware of recent press coverage regarding the need to expand Primary School places within the City of Coventry. The Strategic Planning Dept of the Council have predicted that by September 2012 there will be a need for an additional 411 Reception class places within the City.

Proposals designed to meet this additional demand for school places include transforming Grange Farm into a two form entry school. Under these proposals it is envisaged that from 2012 Grange Farm will increase its intake from the current 30 pupils, 1 Reception class to a revised 60 pupils and 2 Reception classes.

Although it is very early on in the process, school governors nonetheless are viewing the initial proposals in a positive light. Rather than being seen as a threat the view is that the proposals have the potential to be very beneficial to all those involved with the school. It is imperative that the ethos of the school does not change, the addition to the school is not seen as temporary, and that the school facilities would require updating in line with the proposed increase in numbers.

Obviously any proposals to change school admission numbers will involve consultation between City Council members and stakeholders of the schools involved. Towards this end, briefing papers on the proposals will be issued to the parents, staff and governors of Grange Farm School in early January 2010. A consultation meeting for parents of the school is arranged for 7.00pm on Tuesday 12 January 2010.

## Parent Governor Election

Commencing November 2009 Mrs Rochelle Sassman has been appointed to the position of Parent Governor at Grange Farm School.

On behalf of the whole school community I would like to once again thank all our Governors for their continued hard work and dedication to the school.

## Diary Dates

Dec 11		<b>Christmas Family Disco</b>
Dec 15	2:30pm KS1 6:30pm KS2	<b>Christmas Concerts</b> Afternoon and evening performances
Dec 16	2:30pm KS2 6:30pm KS1	<b>Christmas Concerts</b> Afternoon and evening performances
Dec 17		<b>Christmas Parties</b>
Dec 19—Jan 3		<b>Christmas Break</b>
Jan 4		<b>Teacher Training Day</b>
Feb 9 & Feb 10		<b>Parental Consultations</b>
Feb 13—Feb 21		<b>February Half Term</b>
April 2—18		<b>Easter Break</b>
May 3		<b>May Day</b>
May 6		<b>Polling Day/Teacher Training Day</b>
May 29—June 6		<b>Half Term</b>
June 7		<b>Teacher Training Day</b>
July 9		<b>Sports Day (July 13 if wet)</b>
July 24		<b>Summer Break</b>

## Safe Parking

Concern once again has been expressed at the way in which some parents are parking outside school.

The vast majority of parents/carers are very careful about how they park around the school site. However I would like to remind all parents and carers that cars should not be pulling up on the yellow zig-zags/double yellow lines immediately outside the school or pulling into the school entrance.

Whilst I appreciate the constraints of time on a busy morning, my only real concern is for the 214 children who make their way through our school gates every morning and evening.

Their safety is paramount and cars that pull up directly outside the school restrict vision and therefore compromise childrens safety.

On another note, it is important to remember the schools neighbours who live on Dewsbury Ave and surrounding streets. A number of residents have recently found cars obstructing their driveways. This is clearly unacceptable.

I would therefore ask all parents to continue to park with care and consideration.

**Ben Whelan**  
**November 2009**