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# Grange Farm Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

Welcome back at the beginning of a new academic year.

Our children have settled nicely, the atmosphere within school returning to its usual sense of calm and industry.

Our new Reception children have started coming into school this week and an especially warm welcome goes to them and their parents, particularly those new to our school community.

## Fun for Fathers

This year at Grange Farm school we will be delivering "Fun for Fathers" sessions at the school. These sessions will take place in the evening on a half termly basis. The sessions are an opportunity for fathers/male carers to learn, together with their children.

The first session as detailed below will take place on Wednesday 1 October between 5.30pm and 7.30pm.

## Fun for Fathers

(and granddads and other male carers)

Bring your children to meet the Gruffalo!



Make a gruffalo puppet, an owl, a snake and a fox.

Hear the gruffalo's story and have your picture taken with him.

Drop in between 5.30pm and 7.30pm.

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October

Friends of  
Grange Farm 

The Friends of Grange Farm will be holding their first meeting of the new academic year at 7.00pm on Tuesday 16 September in the school.

As always every parent/guardian is welcome to attend and we would like to emphasize that anybody who wishes to contribute to the activities we organise should attend these meetings.

## Rising 5 Admissions

Booklets containing application forms for school admission in September 2009 have been distributed to all schools.

Interested parents should take note of the revised deadline for submission of the application forms to the Local Authority, which has been brought forward from previous years and is now the 28th November 2008.

## Parents Evenings

On Tuesday 14 October, parents will be invited to school for a meeting with their child's class teacher. We are holding this meeting early in the term so as to provide an opportunity for those of you, who haven't already done so, to meet and discuss your child with their new teacher.

As with last year, parents will be allocated an individual appointment time to facilitate a private consultation with their child's class teacher.

A five minute appointment should be sufficient however if a longer discussion is necessary it can be arranged at a later date.

Letters detailing further arrangements should come out to parents on 29 September.



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**Staffing**

Parents will be aware that we have a new member of staff working at Grange Farm this year.

Miss Lorraine Morris has taken over as our Year 3 class teacher.

I am sure parents will join me in welcoming her to our school. I have no doubt that she will make a significant and positive contribution to our school community.

On behalf of parents I would also like to congratulate Miss Emma McGee who married during the Summer Break and returns to us as Mrs Whateley. I am sure you will join me in wishing her all the best for the future.

**Y6 Plas Dol-Y-Moch**

On Friday 17 October our Y6 pupils travel to Plas Dol-Y-Moch in North Wales for an outdoor adventurous residential course, a great experience for all involved. Our children and staff are due to return on Tuesday 21 October.



**School Photographs**

**Thursday 25 September**

Individual and family photographs. More details and information to follow.

**School Year Diary Dates**

Sept 25		Individual / Family Photographs
Oct 1		Fun For Fathers
Oct 14		Parents Evening
Oct 17-21		Y6 Residential / Dol-y-Moch
Oct 25-Nov 2		October Half Term
Nov 25		School Book Fair
Nov 26		Fun For Fathers
Dec TBC		Christmas Family Disco
Dec 9	2:30pm KS1 6:30pm KS2	Christmas Concerts Afternoon and evening performances
Dec 10	2:30pm KS2 6:30pm KS1	Christmas Concerts Afternoon and evening performances
Dec 18		Christmas Parties
Dec 20—Jan 4		Christmas Break
Jan 5		Teacher Training Day
Feb 10 & Feb 11		Parental Consultations
Feb 14—Feb 22		February Half Term
March TBC		Easter Music Concert
April 10—26		Easter Break
May 4		May Day
May 23—31		Half Term
June 4		Polling Day/Teacher Training Day
July 10		Sports Day (July 15 if wet)
July 18—Sept 3		Summer Break
July 20-21		Teacher Training Day

**Newsletter via Email**

We continue to produce an electronic version of our newsletter as a PDF file. The software, Adobe Reader, needed to read PDF files is installed on many computers and is available to download free of charge from the internet.

If you would like to receive a PDF version of the newsletter by email please contact the school office at:

[adminstaff@grangefarm.coventry.sch.uk](mailto:adminstaff@grangefarm.coventry.sch.uk)

Once again on behalf of all staff may I thank you for your support in the past. I know you will continue to support us during this coming year.

**Ben Whelan**  
**September 2008**