



*Grange Farm  
Primary  
School*

NEWSLETTER

May 15<sup>th</sup>  
2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

With the newsletter this week comes a letter about the government's next phase of planning within the Coronavirus outbreak and what this means for children and schools.

I would encourage everyone to read this carefully and ask everyone for continuing patience, resilience and understanding during this challenging time. I have talked with many people in many schools this week and, whilst I have heard a range of opinions about many things, the common theme that everybody agrees on is that planning for when children will return to school (whenever that may be) is not easy.

Perfect solutions do not exist and, even within our own school community, I know there will be a wide range of thoughts, ideas and opinions about how we could move forward. Some of you may be desperate to have children back in school as soon as they possibly can be and others will be thinking that they wouldn't want children back until September at the earliest.

We will be working very hard to develop the best, safest possible pathway forward that we can, following all the rules and guidelines set by the government and the Local Authority and making good choices ourselves where they are our choices to make.

I appreciate that there will be people who will disagree with the government's position and who may disagree with the pathway we put together as we move ahead. We will respect your points of view as you make the choices that make the most sense for your family. I ask for your continued respect and understanding in return, as we go about remodelling the way we work once more.

If there is something that we can learn from the Coronavirus outbreak, as difficult as it has been, it is that being nice, kind, thankful, thoughtful and respectful makes the world work better. It is learning I hope everyone can remember for a long time to come.

Keep safe and well everyone and have a lovely weekend,

Mr Ledgard

## Diary Dates

Mon 25th to Fri 29th May

Half-term Holiday\*

Monday 1st June

Teacher Training Day\*

Tuesday 21st July

Last day of school year

**\*Following Coventry Local Authority advice, school will shut during the May half-term holiday and for a teacher training day on Monday 1st June. If you are a critical worker who has exceptional circumstances and no alternative care options, please get in touch to discuss if we would be able to help.**

For the time being, the diary is clear of the events that we had scheduled in for the weeks and months ahead. Some things will inevitably be cancelled and be impossible to replace—but that won't mean everything. We will consider everything in turn and let people know more when we have clear answers.



The best place for up to date Coronavirus Covid-19 advice remain the usual reliable sources. You can visit the government's Covid-19 page which you can find by clicking [here](#) and the NHS web page which you can find [here](#). Please don't forget to keep washing those hands!

## Google Classroom

Next week will be a normal 5 day week on Google Classroom with new materials and tasks being uploaded each evening for the following day. However, new materials won't then be posted until Tuesday 2nd June after the half-term break and the 1st June training day.

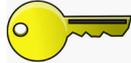
## GPs and A&E Open

You may have heard some concern in the media about the lack of non-Coronavirus related issues being dealt with by the NHS. We have a poster on our website ([click here](#)) which tells people how to access this help when they need it. The general message is not to keep quiet and let problems get worse when you would normally seek help.

## Quote of the Week



## Key Contacts



The best way of contacting us in school is using the phone number and the email address at the bottom of this page. Please be aware we are not regularly checking messages on School Comms.

We won't always be immediately available but we will pick up messages and get back to you.

Other key contacts:

[School Nursing Team](#)

Text 07507 329114 and they will ring you back

[Mosaic Family Hub](#)

Support available for all families in all sorts of ways 02476 978160

[Childline](#)

[www.childline.org.uk](http://www.childline.org.uk)

0800 1111

[NSPCC](#)

[nspcc.org.uk](http://nspcc.org.uk)

[MASH \(Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub\)](#)

For immediate and significant concerns about children:

02476 788555

## Support with Food

If anyone finds their circumstances have changed, you can apply for Free School Meals at any point. All the information can be found on our website by following [this link](#).

Food banks are also continuing to operate in Coventry during this time. If you need help, please let us know and we can help get access to this support for families.

## "No Caller ID"

If you're anything like me you might sometimes ignore this when it comes as a call on your phone. Please be aware that, at the moment, it could be school staff looking to get hold of you as we are not always based at school for work.

See Page 3 for a brilliant poster that Mrs Matthews has found for us.

## Grange Farm Children love to Give



How did you spend VE Day? Lehma and Hazara baked scones which they gave to their neighbours. A lovely thing to do and they look like they will have been very tasty!

Lucy and Jessica have made their own tabletop stall, selling all sorts of things and have raised over £300 for the NHS. They've met some wonderful people along the way and also given away their old bikes which has led to some lovely thank-you letters.



## Year 1 Fossils

Year 1 have done some lovely work creating and working with dinosaur fossils.



## Things to do...

There have been a few extra bits and pieces appearing on Google Classroom this week to keep you busy if you're short of things to do.

Mrs Whateley shared details of the Coventry, Solihull and Warwickshire sports challenges and it would be lovely to have some Grange Farm involvement.

There have also been at least two book token competitions to have a look at and, whilst I'm not sure if it's appeared on Google Classroom yet, there's also a Rob Biddulph big art lesson to get involved in as well. Have fun!

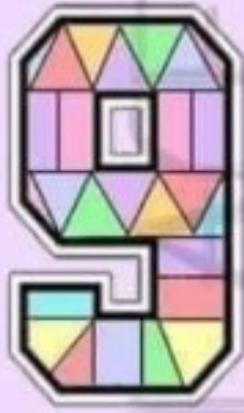
## Andy Blair

Andy Blair is a local shop who are one of the places you can source our school uniform from. They have been working on making themselves available during the Covid-19 situation and have now set up a new website:

[coventryschoolwear.com](http://coventryschoolwear.com)

## Year 6 Transition

We know a lot of parents of children in Year 6 will be thinking about their child's transition to secondary schools. The plan isn't fixed but I want to reassure everyone that lots of conversations are underway and we will let you know more information when we have it.



# things to say to your anxious child

1. I'm here with you. You're safe.

2. Do you want to do some dancing or running to get rid of the worried energy?

3. Tell me about it.



4. What would you like to say to your worry? What might your worry say back? Then what?

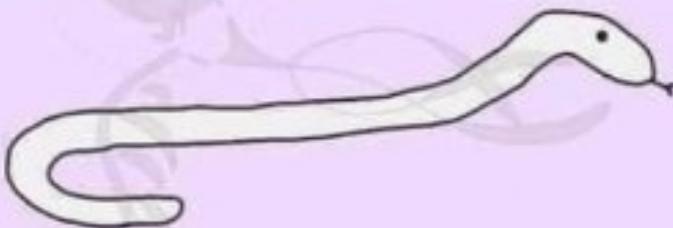
5. Let's draw it.

6. What does it feel like in your body? Where is the worry? How big is it?



7. Match your breaths to mine.

8. Let's think up some endings for what could happen (anxious ones, goofy ones, AND realistic ones).



9. What's something we could do to help you feel better?