



Date	Activity	Date	Activity
26 Nov 2015	Year 2 Class Assembly – 2.55pm start	15 Dec 2015	Christmas Meal
23-29 Nov	Assessment period – avoid any time off during this week	16 Dec 2015	EYFS/KS1 Performance 2pm and 6pm
27 Nov 2015	Whole School Pantomime Trip	17 Dec 2015	KS2 Performance 1.30pm start
3 Dec 2015	Music Concert – 6pm	18 Dec 2015	Christmas sing along – 1.30pm start
4 Dec 2015	PTA Table top Christmas Fair 5.30-7.30pm	18 Dec 2015	End of Term 2 – 2pm finish
10 Dec 2015	E-Safety Evening – 6pm	5 Jan 2016	Start of Term 3
11 Dec 2015	Christmas Disco	14 Jan 2016	Curriculum and Assessment Evening – 6pm start

### Owl Group Artwork

On Friday 13 November Hawk Owls studied the artist M.C. Escher. We found out that Escher's work is famous for featuring mathematical objects and operations including reflection, symmetry and tessellations. We worked together in our owl group to recreate his artwork and here are some of our pictures.



### Cleeve Secondary School Christmas Concert

Cleeve Secondary School are holding their annual Christmas concert on Wednesday 9 December at Cheltenham Town Hall. It is normally an evening full of different styles of music, some with a Christmas theme, all performed by pupils of the school. The concert starts at 7pm. Grangefield will be appearing, along with other local primary school choirs, to support them in one choral piece of music. If you would like tickets, please purchase them from our Reception or Cleeve Secondary School. Tickets are priced at £8 per adult and £4 concessions. We look forward to seeing you there.

### Primary Mathematics Challenge

On Monday 16 November a selection of Year 5 and Year 6 children took part in the Primary Mathematics Challenge. This is a nationwide competition for pupils to get involved in and the children that took part thoroughly enjoyed the challenge!



### E-Safety Evening

Thank you to everyone who responded to our online e-safety questionnaire. Following your responses we would like to hold an e-safety evening for parents which should help to answer some of your questions. The evening has been arranged for Thursday 10 December at 6pm and will be led by Pete Nolan, who is a CEOP Ambassador. Your child has a letter in their book bags with more information and a reply slip. We look forward to seeing lots of you there.

### Consultation

Thank you to everyone who has responded to the Consultation to increase the Reception intake to create a two form entry permanently. The consultation is open until 4 December 2015 and questionnaires can be handed in at the school or on-line. At the end of the newsletter you will find the frequently asked questions sheet which was available at the drop in earlier this week.

### PTA Corner

With so much going on in the coming weeks, I thought we'd just do a quick catch up. The pantomime trip is almost upon us and we are super excited for the children. It promises to be a truly magical day.

The following week, **Friday 4 December** we have our **Christmas Table Top Fair** from **5.30 until 7.30pm** with some fantastic stalls selling all things festive. Unlike our Summer Fair, this one is hosted by the PTA but the stalls are run by independent suppliers. We have Usborne Books, Neals Yard Organics, Hills Hearts and Crafts, Pickle Pie to name but a few. Twenty stalls in all with plenty to suit everyone so please come along with the children, enjoy a glass of mulled wine and do some festive shopping in the comfort of the school hall.

Friday 11 December is the school Christmas disco's for KS1 and KS2 – more details on this event will be issued in the coming week.

Thank you to everyone for your support with our cake sale – we raised approximately £70 which will go towards the half time delights next Friday at the pantomime – oh no they won't – oh yes they will!!!

Kind regards  
Tracey Pewtner  
PTA Chair



### Children in Need 2015

We raised a magnificent £285.40 on our Children in Need day. Thank you so much for your very kind donations.

### Sport Round up

#### Cleeve Cluster Cross Country – by Tilly, Damian and Bella

On Wednesday 18 November, 21 children took part in the Cleeve Cluster Cross Country. In the girls hoop race we successfully won, same with the boys hoop race. In the girls running race we had 3 people in the top 6 (Eve, Sienna and Bella) and in the boys we had 1 person in the top 6 (Damian). At the very end we found out who won. IT WAS GRANGEFIELD! We had shared lifts with the parents and went back to school and enjoyed the last 20 minutes.

Have a good weekend with lots of rest as its assessment week next week.  
Mrs Lewis/Mrs Freeman

## Permanent Expansion of Grangefield Primary School

### Frequently Asked Questions

#### Why expand Grangefield Primary School?

Two housing developments at Homelands 2 and Cleevelands in Bishops Cleeve of approximately 1000 houses will generate additional pupils for the area. Gloucestershire County Council needs to ensure there are enough primary places in the area to meet the demand. In agreement with the Headteacher and governors of Grangefield Primary, we have agreed to consult on the proposal to expand Grangefield Primary.

#### Why is the proposal to expand an existing school and not establish a new school?

For any significant housing development a Section 106 agreement is negotiated to seek a financial contribution from the developer for providing any additional school places that may be required. The agreements for the Bishop Cleeve developments provided funding to expand existing primary school provision in the area rather than a site and funding for a new school. Grangefield School opened in 2000 as a 1 form entry school on a 2 form entry site to allow it to be expanded when demand increased. .

#### What size will the school be?

Currently the school has an admission number of 30 and an overall capacity of 210. The proposal is to increase the admission number to the reception year of the school from 30 to 60 organised in two classes of 30 from the September 2017 intake. This would not affect the size of the other year groups at that time. As the 2016 intake moves through the school the overall capacity will increase each year reaching a final total of 420 places by the 2023 intake.

**What will it mean for the school?**

If the decision is made to permanently expand the school it is planned to provide new classrooms and associated facilities to accommodate the extra pupils.

**Is there enough space on the site for this proposed expansion?**

Yes. Building design would ensure best use of the available space with minimum impact on existing facilities.

**Will there be extra traffic?**

Expanding a school will risk creating additional traffic although the additional places are being provided to cater for local demand. GCC Highways will be consulted as part of the planning application process and will have the opportunity to make recommendations for improvements as part of the planning consent conditions.

**How and when would any building work be carried out?**

Any building work required would be carried out by contractors who are experienced in ensuring that there is as little disruption to the children's education as possible. As far as possible the work would be scheduled to maximise the school holiday periods and to minimise disruption to the operation of the school.

**Will this expansion affect my child's education?**

The proposed expansion will not have any detrimental effect on the standard of education delivered. The ethos of the school under the existing Governors and Leadership team would stay the same.

**Why can't the extra pupils go to another school?**

Naturally, most parents want to be able to send their children to their local primary school. Increased demand in the immediate locality has meant that we will require places at this school. By expanding the school, it will allow more parents to be able to send their children to their local school.

**How will it be funded?**

The building work will be funded by developer contributions from the housing development.

**What are the plans for secondary provision?**

Developer contributions have been secured to expand the provision at Cleeve School to accommodate children from the housing development.