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We aim to SPARKLE!

Dear Parents / Carers

4th February 2022



Safer Internet Day

Safer Internet Day will be celebrated on the 8th February this year. The theme is 'All fun and games? Exploring respect and relationships online.' We're sure you'll agree that ensuring safety in the online world is so important for our children and we know that it can be daunting and worrying for parents and carers as children begin to have an online footprint. The Safer Internet Day site has lots of information and support for children and their parents/carers. You can access it by the link below.

<https://www.saferinternetday.org/en-GB/>

In school, we'll be exploring issues relating to safe internet use in the week beginning 8th February and we'll share some of the work we've done with you.

Children's Mental Health Week 7th-13th February

This year the theme for Children's Mental Health week is 'Growing Together'. All of the classes will be running a session to bring awareness to this theme, suitable for their age. They will be looking at books which contain characters that change over time, such as the Very Hungry Caterpillar, and relating this to how they have grown and changed themselves. The children will be encouraged to reflect on how 'Growing Together' can be emotionally challenging and how they can recognise and consider strategies to deal with this.

THANKYOU

THANKYOU to all those who support NSPCC Number day
 We had lots of fun around the school with Numbers – see the photos on our Facebook page and Class Dojo.



School Lottery

Check out the prize details at the end of this letter. Win a STAYCATION!!!!



SCHOOL UNIFORM

We have mountains of second hand good quality uniform FREE to anyone who needs a couple of extra sweatshirts. Please let the office know if you need anything.

Nursery places

We are filling up fast for future years and need to know which families need a place as we do not want to turn anyone away. Instead we would hope to employ additional staff to allow every child a place in the next 3 years.

Please share this information with anyone who has a child coming up to the age of 3. All information is on the school website or call the office and we are happy to help. Thankyou.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS - Please apply for Free school meals if you think you meet the criteria as this would entitle your child to a free school lunch, free milk and many more other benefits in school. The link to apply is: <https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Education/Schools/Meals.aspx>

Diary Dates-

8th Feb- SAFER INTERNET DAY

18th Feb- Break up normal time for half term.

Tues 1st March – School reopens

Training Day 2022 - 28th February

NEW DATE- Friday 1st JULY Extra school day holiday for the Queens 70th Year Jubilee – As agreed by partnership schools

E-safety- Remember all you need is on our school website and Facebook page to support you at home with the internet and its use.

<http://www.grangeview.northumberland.sch.uk/website/esafety/102589>

Inclement weather

During these cold and rainy mornings the school drop off and pick up times remain the same. So we encourage you to arrive on time.

If you arrive early you may get wet and cold! Children will be escorted into school as usual by the class teacher, so please don't try to come into school early. Doors will only open at 8.45am in severe weather. In the case of school closure due to severe weather please always check school website, Face Book page, Northumberland County Council Website and listen to Radio Newcastle. The school will also use the Text2Parents Messaging Service.

Shopping Link to support Grange View CE First School

<https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1049905-0>

This is the link to The Friends of Grange View Fundraising. It takes you to Amazon for any purchasing. Everything you buy raises funds for the school and generates extra funding to the PTA who in turn spends it on resources for your child and the school. Thankyou for supporting us with this as every penny counts.

SIMS Online payments – COVID SAFE CASH FREE SYSTEM

Thank you to all of those who have already signed up and are using it. We cannot accept cash and the SIMS system is what should be used. You should have received an activation code via email and it is very quick and easy to set up. Please follow the online instructions to set this up to make any future payments. Any issues please email or call the office. Thank you.

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns at

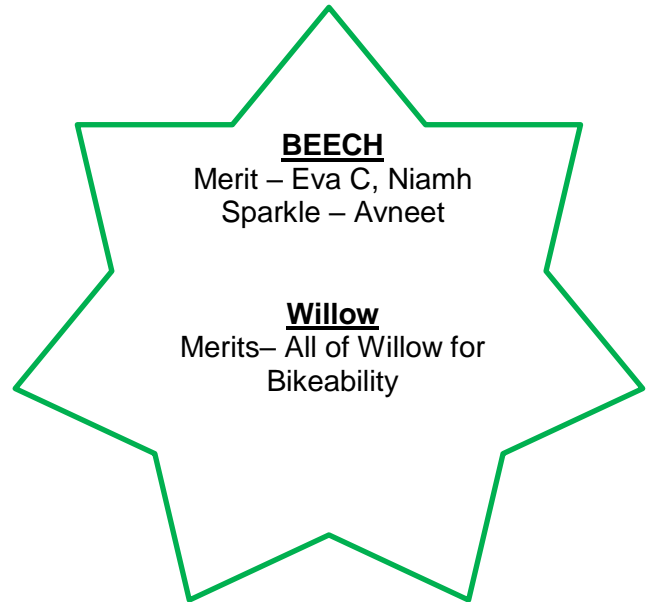
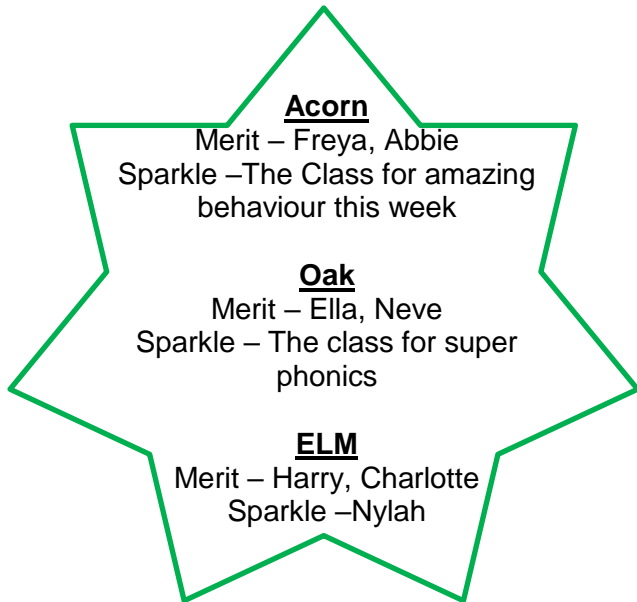
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****Please note – no cash is to be brought into school unless we ask specifically (often for the Friends of Grange View events) All payments for school lunch, milk, uniform, trips etc. should all be made online. Due to Covid, we need to avoid handling cash as much as we can. ****



We're working towards Artsmark
Awarded by Arts Council England





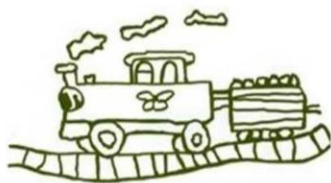
ATTENDANCE -The most important message is children should be in school as much as possible as every day that a child misses school, for whatever reason, they miss out on vital learning. **Obviously COVID is having an impact on attendance and the data.**

Week ending: 4.2.2022



Well done to Willow Class who won again this week with 98.1 %
Our school target continues at 97%. Whole school this week 95.1%

Kind Regards,
Louise Laskey- Head Teacher



Play Today Win A Getaway



Support Our Lottery This Term
WIN a Forest Staycation!

- Help give our fundraising a much needed boost
- Tickets cost just £1 a week
- Guaranteed cash prize winner every week
- Jackpot of £25,000!

Play Now! Go to:

YourSchoolLottery.co.uk/play
and search for: Grange View C.E



Supporters must be 16 years of age or older. See website for T&Cs. Closing dates: 26th February 2022



We're working
towards Artmark
Awarded by Arts
Council England



Safe to Learn section

This is a section on our newsletter where we will share and update any safeguarding information for all parents/carers to be aware of. Mrs Pat Treanor is our Chair of governors and safeguarding governor, Mrs Laskey and Mrs Chapman are our Designated Safeguarding lead staff.



Mrs Laskey- Head



Mrs Chapman-Assistant Head

OPERATION ENCOMPASS INFORMATION

The original initiative was aimed at supporting children who are affected by domestic abuse. The next part of the project will help all children to learn about friendships, relationships, emotions and rules so that they can live and work together safely.

Operation Endeavour- This is an innovative project in which schools and colleges in Northumberland are participating, and which is run in partnership with Northumberland County Council and Northumbria Police.

Operation Endeavour commenced in November 2018, aims to support children and young people who go missing from home. Children who go missing from home are at risk of significant harm and they may be vulnerable to sexual exploitation, violent crime, gang exploitation, or to drug and alcohol misuse.

As a result, following any report of a child going missing to the Police, the Police will make contact with Children's Social Care who will then communicate relevant and necessary information to nominated school staff.

Each school has members of staff (key adults) who have been fully trained in liaising with the Police and Children's Social Care when required, and will ensure that the necessary support is made available to the child or young person following their return.

I believe that this project demonstrates our school's commitment to working in partnership to safeguard and protect children, and to providing the best possible care and support for our pupils.

OneCall

OneCall is the number for all adult social care, children's services and community health enquires in Northumberland. Helping the most vulnerable to keep safe and well 24-7.

Telephone- 01670 536400