



Grange View C.E. First School

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We aim to SPARKLE!

Dear Parents

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CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

As a school we are continuing to following all the guidance and advice being given by Public Health England and the local authority in relation to the coronavirus.

All children have taken part in their classrooms in sessions to raise awareness of personal hygiene. To support good handwashing we are singing 'Happy Birthday' (twice) which has been recommended so that they are handwashing for 20 seconds. The staff continue to carry hand sanitiser, every class has hand sanitiser and plenty of tissues. All pupils are reminded and encouraged to wash their hands at every opportunity. Our caretaker and cleaner are deep cleaning daily by wiping handles, doors, door frames and desks daily as well as their normal cleaning. Please ensure you see and read all the updates we post and send out.

You should not be unduly worried about the possibility of your children catching the Coronavirus.

There is no reason why your children should not continue to attend their early years, school or further education setting as normal.

What action you can take-

A UK wide campaign has been launched to provide clear advice on how to slow the spread of Coronavirus.

Please help to support the campaign which promotes basic hygiene practices, such as regularly washing hands and always sneezing into a tissue, to stem the spread of viruses.

Sports Relief Week

9th March all week - the whole school will be taking part in different sponsored sports activities. The school council have already sent out a letter in relation to this event

SATS DATES AND HOLIDAYS

The summer term is fast approaching and during this term the children in many classes complete a range of statutory national tests and assessments. In Y1, the children complete a Phonics Screening Check, in Y2 it's SATs tests and teacher assessments in reading, writing and maths and in Y4 it's the new Multiplication Tables Check. It is very important that the children do the very best they possibly can in these assessments as the data from them is likely to be used to help measure the progress that they make in future years. The information we gain from these is also vital in helping to ensure that we provide what is needed for each child. Children who miss the vital weeks at school leading up to these assessments are put at a disadvantage. Although we have a small window of opportunity to allow children who have missed tests to complete them, this often means the child completing them alone—this also increases staff workload and takes away from other pupils. **ALTHOUGH WE DO NOT AUTHORISE HOLIDAYS DURING TERM TIME ANYWAY - PLEASE AVOID BOOKING HOLIDAYS DURING THESE TIMES IN PARTICULAR.**

Year 1 Phonics Screening - First 3 weeks in June

Year 2 SATS— May

Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check—June

Appropriate Use of Facebook

We have recently been made aware of some Facebook posts from parents that make inappropriate comments about the school and individual classes that are unfair, unfounded and detrimental to the school ; where necessary, we will take legal advice. Parents are asked to direct their complaints to the school's attention. Our official Complaints Procedure can be found on the school's website.

Please remember Mrs Laskey is happy to speak to any parent face to face to discuss any concerns

Mobile Phones on school site

Please can we ask that we respect our children inside and outside of the school building. Please do not use your phone for any purposes when in the school hall for safeguarding purposes, anyone seen by staff will be asked to turn their phone off.

When collecting your child please remember they are looking forward to you picking them up and want to talk about their school *day* , so pop your phone away and find out what they have been learning about.

First Aid Treatment

All our staff are first aid trained and if your child receives a bump to their head depending on the nature they will receive treatment plus a sticker and a note to let you know what has happened. Any other first aid treatment is dealt with accordingly and information is recorded on our CPOMS secure online system as a record of any accidents.

Little Movers

Please can all Reception children make sure they wear school uniform on little mover days with just jogger bottoms. After Easter we will be asking for them to have a school PE kit in school so train them how to get changed for PE ready to start Year 1 for September.

CANCELLED- FREE Parent Workshops

Unfortunately due to lack of support the Dare to Delve workshop to help you to manage your child's behaviour at home has been cancelled. This is very disappointing since numerous families have asked for advice and support with their children at home.

The Free Sleep tight workshop will now be re-arranged for Monday, 16th March if we get enough parents interested, thank you.

Easter Events

Non Uniform for Easter Egg Donations For Friends of Grange View- Fri 20th March

Easter Fair - 2pm Fri 27th March

Easter Egg Family Egg decorating Competition- week beginning 30th March (details to follow)

Fri 3rd April- Easter Service in Family Worship

BABY PLAY

Every Thursday in the school nursery at 1.30pm - Baby Play is suitable for babies from birth to walking.

Mental Health week- Mental Health and Wellbeing Family Challenge!- # Let's get our Community Talking

******Grange View C of E First School- Litter Pick- NEW DATE******

This date has now been changed to 25th March 2020, litter pick after school 3.15pm-4.15pm in the afternoon we would welcome families to come to school and collect their child to walk around the village together cleaning up our local environment. The school will provide bin bags and gloves for adults. We hope that we can all chat on our mission to clean up Widdrington station and bring families together. All rubbish to be returned to school for our Caretaker to dispose of.

School Council Family Learning Task

The School Council have chosen to focus on developing a greener world this term. They would like to take part in the Climate Change Challenge. All families are invited to make a poster, video, song etc about the importance of saving energy, this could include turning lights off, using less vehicles, recycling and reusing more. We look forward to seeing your creations after half term - the school council have many ideas and suggestions for the school to be greener - WATCH THIS SPACE!

KS2 Residential Trip to Hawkhurst – 20-22 May 2020

This is fast approaching so to help ease with the cost of the visit parents can make regular/weekly payments at the school office. The full balance will be expected to have been settled by Friday, 1st May. This gives parents 8 weeks to pay the full amount, thank you.

Class DOJO/Facebook

Please note that Staff are happy to answer any queries up until 5pm on Dojo and only Mrs Laskey or Mrs Chapman up until 8pm on Facebook.

PE Kit

Children are missing out on valuable PE lessons due to not having the correct kit in school – kit does not include football kit. PE kit is school PE top, black shorts and sandshoes. There is no spare PE kit in school so please make sure your child has his/her kit in at all times. **Pupils reports will be changing this year and will include information about PE kit, Attendance and homework commitment.**

Please make sure your child has pierced ears covered for all PE lessons or have ear-rings removed.

Cold weather

Please remember to stay on the gritted pathways around school on all cold icy mornings to avoid any slipping and sliding. Our Caretaker Mr Guy is on site early making sure each pathway on the Gritting plan has been salted.

Inclement weather

During these cold and rainy mornings the school doors will open at 8.45am at the earliest, so we encourage you to arrive on the yard just before 8.50am for the bell which rings at 8.50am. 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 as your child will not be supervised.

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.

PLEASE SEND IN YOUR CHILD WEARING APPROPRIATE FOOTWEAR WHEN THE WEATHER IS WET – NO CANVAS TRAINERS FOR EXAMPLE AS YOUR CHILD WILL HAVE COLD WET FEET FOR MOST OF THE DAY

NUT ALLERGIES IN PACKED LUNCHES

We have still have a child in school with nut allergies therefore for the safety of the child but this week some parents are who are not checking . Mrs Laskey has found Kinder bars, hazelnut croissants, nutella sandwiches etc.

All nut based biscuits, bars , spreads etc in our school are banned . This includes chocolate spreads that are nut based and any other bakes and pastries eg. Pain au chocolate, crepes , nutty biscuits etc . So sorry for any inconvenience but this is essential for the well-being of all our children. Thank you.

Reading

It is essential you try and read with your child every day and record in their book if you have please. In some cases parents are not support their child with this and it impacts on their learning and progress. Please help us with your child's learning by hearing them read at least **3 TIMES PER WEEK**, thank you.

Tips for reading with children of any age:

- Set aside some time
- Find somewhere quiet without any distractions - turn off the TV/radio/computer.
- Ask your child to choose a book
- Sharing books they have chosen shows you care what they think and that their opinion matters. This means they are more likely to engage with the book.
- Sit close together
- Encourage your child to hold the book themselves and/or turn the pages.
- Point to the pictures

- If there are illustrations, relate them to something your child knows. Ask them to describe the characters or situation or what will happen next. Encourage them to tell you the story by looking at the pictures.
- Encourage your child to talk about the book
- Talking about the characters and their dilemmas helps children understand relationships and is an excellent way for you to get to know each other or discuss difficult issues. Give your child plenty of time to respond. Ask them what will happen next, how a character might be feeling or how the book makes them feel.
- And lastly, above all - make it fun!

It doesn't matter how you read with a child, as long as you both enjoy the time together.

Don't be afraid to use funny voices - children love this! It's never too early to start reading with your baby too.

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/tips-and-advice/reading-tips/how-to-read-with-your-child/>

FREE SCHOOL MEALS (PUPIL PREMIUM)

Some parents/carers whose income is below £16,190 per family are entitled to Free School Meals (OFSTED call this pupil premium). The school currently receives additional funding per pupil in our budget to use to support these pupils across the school. We use it to benefit every child by supporting us to have extra staff for small group work, buy resources to support small group work and interventions. A small proportion of this funding is used to subsidise Breakfast and Afterschool clubs and support half the cost of residential and school visits.

The information is fully available on the school website for everyone to read.

If you are entitled to apply please ring the Local Authority on 01670 623592.

Punctuality

Pupils are recorded as being late for school if they arrive after the doors have closed and come in through the main school doors. All Doors will be locked once classes are inside and the main entrance will have to be used.

IF YOU ARE RUNNING LATE FOR ANY REASON OR YOUR CHILD IS NOT COMING INTO SCHOOL DUE TO SICKNESS OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES, PLEASE RING TO LET US KNOW, THANK YOU.

All late marks show on children's attendance registers and we will be routinely contacting parents whose children are regularly late. Our routines start the minute children arrive at school with children getting straight on with their independent work in class. Children arriving late miss out on vital learning time and find it harder to settle into the school day and some pupils get upset when they are constantly late. Please help us by ensuring your child is at school, ready to come in when the bell rings at 8.50am. We'll keep you posted on how we are doing in our assemblies and newsletter.

Attendance

PLEASE NOTE THE INCREASE TO 94% attendance for any child taken out of school for a holiday in term time. This is the minimum they must have if parents do not want to be issued a penalty notice unless there are exceptional circumstances.

All schools in the Coquet Partnership have agreed that if an unauthorised leave of absence is taken during term time and the pupil's attendance in the 12 month period leading up to the absence is less than 94%, an application to the Local Authority for a penalty notice may be made based on the circumstances. Our overall whole school attendance target is 97%.

Ofsted Attendance

To aim to an outstanding school Ofsted say- 'Pupils value their education and rarely miss a day at school. No groups of pupils are disadvantaged by low attendance. The attendance of pupils who have previously had exceptionally high rates of absence is rising quickly towards the national average'.

Grange View needs every pupil at school every day to improve our overall attendance please

NO HOLIDAYS will be authorised in term time.

We have Education Welfare Officer working with us this year who will be monitoring attendance very closely; especially the late marks so please ensure your child/ren are on the school yard for the bell at 8.50am every morning.

For week ending 28/02/2020



Well done to Elm, Chestnut & Willow Classes
who all had 100%
Acorn – 95.0%; Oak – 98.0 %; Elm – 100%; Beech – 98.2%
Chestnut – 100%; Willow – 100%
TOTAL FOR THE WEEK – 98.7%
Above our new school target which is now 97% 😊



Acorn

Merit – Charlie, Archie
Writing - Mark
Sparkle - James

Oak

Merit – Owen, Freya
Writing - Nylah
Sparkle - Niamh

Elm

Merit – Jayden S, Avneet
Writing- Noah
Sparkle- Ethan

Stars of the Week



Caught Sparkling

Abbie-Rose – Acorn
Logan– Oak
Harleigh–Elm
Robyne- Chestnut

Beech

Merit – Emma, Olivia
Writing- Mason
Sparkle- Heidi

Chestnut

Merit – Katie, Joshua
Writing- Harry
Sparkle- Robyne

Willow

Merit – Aidan, Sophia
Writing- Ashpreet
Sparkle- Isaac

Awards out of school

Dillon – 50m swimming
Bailey R – Yellow Belt in Martial Arts
Gymnastics – Libby-Ellen
Trampolining – Iris, Niamh

Christmas Card Competition-winning children get tour of RAF Boulmer

Highly Commended went to Jaden Fender from Grange View First School . He met Station Commander, Group Captain Kevin 'Chesh' Cowieson and Warrant Officer David Barr, and visited the Control and Reporting Centreflight Lieutenant Gordon Halton demonstrated how RAF Boulmer carries out its role as part of UK Air Defence.

There was also a 'Kids vs Grown Ups' Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths STEM workshop.Group Captain Cowieson said: “It was clear how much time and effort went into every entry we received, our three finalists are worthy winners. The winning card was sent to all of our personnel deployed worldwide over Christmas.”

Well done Jaden, Grange View is very proud of you!!

Dates for Diaries

- ☐ Mon 9th – Fri 13th March – Sports Relief Activity Week
- ☐ Fri 13th March – Film Night until 5.15pm
- ☐ Mon 16th March – 3.15pm Messy Monday in the hall – all welcome
- ☐ Tues 17th March – Y4 Trigolf tournament at Bothal Primary
- ☐ Thurs 19th March – Y3 Tag Rugby event at Alnwick Rugby Club
- ☐ Fri 20th March – Non uniform for Easter Egg donation for the Easter Fair
- ☐ Fri 20th March – Family Bingo Night
- ☐ Tues 24th March – KS2 River trip

- ☐ **Wed 25th March 3.15pm – Litter pick after school with parents.**
- ☐ **Thurs 26th March – Y4 football tournament at Ashington Academy**
- ☐ **Fri 27th March – EASTER FAIR AT 2.15pm IN THE HALL**
- ☐ **Week beginning 30th March- Annual Easter Egg Family Egg decorating Competition-**
- ☐ **Tues 31st March – KS1 trip to Boulmer rock pools**
- ☐ **Tues 31st March – Y4 Dance Festival at JCSC after school**
- ☐ **Tues 31st March – Friends usual Adult Bingo 7pm**
- ☐ **Fri 3rd April – Easter Family worship 9am – end of Spring Term -**** school closes at 2pm******
- ☐ **Mon 20th April – Summer Term begins**

Kind regards,

Louise Laskey
Headteacher

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.

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. Our Safeguarding liaison officer Karen Kirkbride will be in school this term delivering these workshops.

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 which commences 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