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**Grange View C.E. First School**  
**We aim to SPARKLE!**



Dear Parents

3<sup>rd</sup> February 2020

**NSPCC Number day**

We are supporting the NSPCC on this Friday 7<sup>th</sup> Feb across the school. All parents welcome in the afternoon to join their child to play maths games and see their books.

For Reception upwards parents are invited in at 2.30 to play maths games and in bring in board games to play with their children in the class.

Nursery parents welcome at 10.45am in the unit to be part of all our Maths learning in school.



**Parent Workshops**

A letter came home last week offering FREE parent workshops in school with refreshments on a Monday 2-3pm to support with Sleep, behaviour and healthy eating.

The workshops start on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> Feb for 3 weeks in a row, please let office know if you are able to attend.

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

**What are we doing? (Fri 27<sup>th</sup> March 9.30am)**

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As a partnership of schools we've also decided to extend this challenge further. Each school will also be offering a family fun event that is open to the whole community so pupils and families from all schools. We all want to get our community talking!

See attached 30 day Mental Health challenge for some fun with your family.

**BABY PLAY**

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

**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, 1<sup>st</sup> May. This gives parents about 3 months 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.

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.

### **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.**

### **The Sun Newspaper -Free Books**

We have signed up with The sun newspaper to get as many Free books for Grange View. The Newspaper have teamed up with HarperCollins to give away up to £12million worth of brilliant books to primary schools absolutely FREE. These include authors such as Julia Donaldson.

All we need all our families and friends need to do is collect the tokens every day in the Sun. Tell everyone you know to start collecting.

### **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 newsletters.

### **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.



Well done to Willow Class who won with 100%  
 Acorn – 94.4%; Oak – 99.0%; Elm – 99.5%; Beech – 99.1%  
 Chestnut – 98.1%; Willow – 100%  
**TOTAL FOR THE WEEK – 98.5%**  
 Above our new school target which is now 97 %



**Acorn**

Merit –

Writing –

Sparkle –

**Oak**

Merit – Whole class + Daisy

Writing – Charlie

Sparkle – Evan

**Elm**

Merit – Harleigh, Alice

Writing – Jaxon

Sparkle – Liam

**Stars of the Week**



**Beech**

Merit – Poppy O, Alarna

Writing – Olivia

Sparkle – Mason

**Chestnut**

Merit – Riley R, Ayden

Writing – Jayden

Sparkle – Logan

**Willow**

Merit – Grace, Katie

Writing – Riley C

Sparkle – Isaac

**Dates for diaries**

- ☐ Friday 7th Feb- NUMBERS DAY
- ☐ Mon 10<sup>th</sup> Feb- 3.15pm Messy Monday in the hall – all welcome
- ☐ Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> Feb - Y4 gymnastics tournament at Bothal Primary
- ☐ Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Feb – Wear Red for Valentine's Day and bring in a drinkable bottle donation for the Easter Fair
- ☐ Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Feb - School closes 3.15pm for half term (karate as usual)
- ☐ Mon 24<sup>th</sup> Feb – school re-opens as usual
- ☐ Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> March – WORLD BOOK DAY\_ more info to follow
- ☐ Mon 16<sup>th</sup> March – 3.15pm Messy Monday in the hall – all welcome
- ☐ Tues 17<sup>th</sup> March – Y4 trigolf tournament at Bothal Primary
- ☐ Fri 20<sup>th</sup> March – non uniform for Easter Egg donation for the Easter Fair
- ☐ Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> March – Y4 football tournament at Ashington Academy
- ☐ Fri 27<sup>th</sup> March – LITTler PICK 9.30am after family worship + EASTER FAIR AT 2.15pm IN THE HALL
- ☐ Tues 31<sup>st</sup> March – KS1 trip to Boulmer rock pools
- ☐ Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> April – END OF TERM
- ☐ Mon 20<sup>th</sup> April – Summer Term begins

Kind regards,

Louise Laskey - Headteacher

## Widdrington Baby Play

Every Thursday from 23rd January 2020  
 at Grange View First School  
 1.30pm – 3.00pm  
 Term time only

**Baby Play is suitable for  
 babies from birth to walking**

Play is essential to your baby's development, helping them to learn & grow in understanding  
 Come along to enjoy social play with your baby & to share your experience with other parents  
 An Early Years practitioner will deliver the session and is able to offer guidance around your  
 child's speech and language development, additional needs, safety advice,  
 eating and sensory development

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## Mental Health and Wellbeing Family Challenge!

### # Let's get our Community Talking

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Please find below a list of events and times in date order:

#### **Amble Links School – Family Sculpture Trail**

**Monday 10th February 3.30 - 4.30 pm** we're offering all families the opportunity to attend a sculpture trail on the school field. It is an opportunity to spend some time with the family and get some fresh air- don't forget to wrap up!

#### **Amble First School – Odd Socks Rock! Meet new friends through the power of socks!**

**Monday 2nd March 3:30pm - 4:30pm** All children to bring a pair of socks, you'll then get to swap one with a new friend and make a sock puppet. If everyone can bring something recyclable such as buttons and wool to add to their sock puppet and then we can share resources and support our save the planet mission! This will be followed by sock chats, drama and games to bring our new friends together.

#### **Warkworth C of E Primary – Family Park Run**

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> February 9 am.** All families are welcome to join us for the Parkrun at Druridge Bay, Country Park, Red Row, Morpeth, NE61 5BX. It's a free event and it's a perfect opportunity to get outside with family and friends! To join us, please register using the following link: <https://www.parkrun.org.uk/register/?section=form> There will be lots of people running and walking so everyone is welcome!

#### **Grange View C of E First School- Litter Pick**

**27<sup>th</sup> March 2020, litter pick 9.30am-10.30am** after Family Worship in the morning 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 returned to school for our Caretaker to dispose of.

#### **Hartbeeps - Musical Adventures!**

Hartbeeps are also offering two free sessions: one for babies and toddlers and then one for walkers to 5 years of age at St Lawrence's Church, Warkworth on:

7th February at 10 am (30 minutes) - walkers to 5 years of age.

11th February at 1.45 pm (40 minutes)- babies and toddlers.



<https://www.hartbeeps.com/morpeth-choppington-ashington-bedlington-newcastle-upon-tyne-se/classes>

Just turn up and join in the family fun!

### **Why are we doing it?**

There is clear evidence that building good relationships with family, friends and the wider community is positive for everyone's mental health and well-being. Did you know that anxiety and depression in children has risen by 48% since 2004? Did you also know that when children and young people are struggling with their mental health it can be particularly difficult for them to talk openly about how they're feeling? Our aim is to build up those good relationships within the community and between family and friends, and have some fun doing it!

### **Further support**

**If you or someone you know needs any further support or advice, please use the approved links below:**

Britain Get Talking by Young Minds and Mind.

<https://www.itv.com/britaingettalking/>

<https://www.mind.org.uk/>

<https://youngminds.org.uk/>

<https://www.headstogether.org.uk/partners/charity-partners/>

We'll try to keep families updated on events via Facebook

## A new Parent Carer Forum for Northumberland

Children and Young People 0-25 who have

**Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND)**

In It Together are standing down as the DfE recognised parent carer forum for SEND in Northumberland. We are therefore in the process of setting up a new Parent Carer Forum and would really like to have your views.

A parent carer forum is a group of parents and carers of children with special educational needs and or disability (SEND). The aim is to make sure the services in your area meet the needs of SEND children, young people and their families.

They do this by gathering the views of local families and then working in partnership with local authorities, education settings, health providers and other providers to highlight where local services, processes and commissioners are working well, or challenge when changes or improvements need to be made.

Forums usually have a steering group of parents who lead this work and listen to the views of other parents in the local area to make sure they know what is important to them. Forums are keen to hear from as many parent carers as possible.

### Who can join a parent carer forum?

Parents or carers of a child with any type of additional need or disability are welcome to join. Joining your forum does not mean you have to commit lots of time. In most forums you can join and receive information, and then decide if you want to get more involved at your own pace.

Contact will be working with other organisations in Northumberland to develop a new forum and we would really like to hear your views on how you think the forum would work best for you. There will be meetings taking place across the County the list is below, but in the meantime if you would like to be involved or need more information please email me directly at [Catherine.ratcliffe@Cafamily.org.uk](mailto:Catherine.ratcliffe@Cafamily.org.uk)

12 <sup>th</sup> February 2020	Hexham Community Centre Gilesgate NE46 3NP	10.30 am to 12.30
24 <sup>th</sup> February 2020	Berwick Workspace, Boarding School Yard, 90 Marygate TD15 1BN	10.30am to 12.30
27 <sup>th</sup> February 2020	Northumberland CVA, 107-109 Station Road, Ashington, NE63 8RS	10.30am to 12.30
3 <sup>rd</sup> March 2020	Barnardo's Devonworth Place, Blyth, NE24 5AQ	10.30 am to 12.30

Catherine Ratcliffe – Contact Associate