



### Grange View C.E. First School

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



Dear Parents

13<sup>th</sup> Jan 2020

### **A sad goodbye to Mrs Miller**

The governors and I have accepted Mrs Millers resignation as from 19<sup>th</sup> January. We have released her from her contract to concentrate on her own well-being and her lovely family.

We are so sad to see her go as she has been an amazing teacher at Grange View for 3 years and supported us with so much! We will be saying goodbye to her very soon.

Mrs Metcalf will be teaching full time in Chestnut Class until further notice.

### **Head lice**

This is still a problem within school. The only way we can get on top of this is if EVERYONE keeps checking their child's hair on a daily basis and act quickly if any head lice are spotted. We would not have this problem in school if everyone was diligent so we ask for 100% co-operation with this, thank you.

### **Australia**

As you know, Australia is being ravaged by one of the most devastating bushfire seasons the country has ever seen and it's only less than half-way through the fire season. High temperatures are forecast later this week across main fire fronts, so the danger is far from over. This season's catastrophe has devastated both people and wildlife, whilst destroying vast areas of land and thousands of homes.



We would like to support fund raising for WWF (World Wildlife Fund) by holding an animal picnic in each class this Friday afternoon at 2.30pm. All we ask is that everyone sends in a money donation of their own choice to school and your child brings their favourite soft animal toy (NOT ONE THE SAME SIZE AS THEY ARE PLEASE). Each class will hold their own animal picnic in their classrooms and share animal facts about their soft toy!

Thank you so much for supporting this disaster in Australia.



### **ALL BLACK School Shoes**

Now we have returned for the Spring Term we expect to see all our pupils wearing all black school shoes/trainers please as it is part of our school uniform. Not pink, yellow, Nike or Vans. All black trainers are acceptable Thank you.

### **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.

### **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.

### **Online portal for Reception Class – closes on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

The online portal for Reception school places in First and Primary for September 2020 is open and parents must complete an application for a place in a Reception class even if your child attends the school nursery or pre-school setting.

### **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 everyday in the Sun. Tell everyone you know to start collecting.

### **SCHOOL WEBSITE- ONLINE CLASS NEWSLETTERS**

Please check out our online newsletter that tells parents what the children will be learning about during that half term that can be used to support the children's learning. Please take the time to read this newsletter with your child. Any help from home is much appreciated and makes a huge difference.

### **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.

### **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.**

## **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**



**NEW INFORMATION – 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 NEW 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.

### **Attendance for the last week of term ending 20/12/19**



Well done to Willow Class who won with 98.4%  
Acorn – 89.9%; Oak – 90.5%; Elm – 97.9%; Beech – 95.9%  
Chestnut – 94.2%; Willow – 98.4%  
TOTAL FOR THE WEEK – 94.7%  
Well below our new school target which is now 97 %



### **Stars of the Week**

#### **Acorn**

Merit – Whole Class + Mark  
Writing – Mary-Jayne  
Sparkle – Charlie W

#### **Oak**

Merit – Logan, Maisie  
Writing – Alfie  
Sparkle - Isaac

#### **Elm**

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

#### **Beech**

Merit – Karl, Amelia  
Writing – Heidi  
Sparkle - Olivia

#### **Chestnut**

Merit – Jack, Sophia  
Writing – Grace Y, Dillon  
Sparkle - Evie

#### **Willow**

Merit – Lennon, Bailey  
Writing – Jaden  
Sparkle – Heaven'lee

**Easy Fundraising [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk).** Please register and keep Shopping online on this website for school funds. Every penny you spend helps school, thank you.

### Dates for diaries

- ☐ **Tues, 14<sup>th</sup> Jan – Year 2 gymnastics event at Ashington Leisure Centre**
- ☐ **Mon 20<sup>th</sup> Jan – 3.15pm Messy Monday in the hall – all welcome**
- ☐ **Thurs 30<sup>th</sup> Jan- KS1 Beamish visit**
- ☐ **Mon 10<sup>th</sup> Feb- 3.15pm Messy Monday in the hall – all welcome**
- ☐ **Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> Feb- Y4 – Gymnastics tournament in the morning at Bothal Primary**
- ☐ **Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Feb – School closes 3.15pm for half term**
- ☐ **Mon 24<sup>th</sup> Feb – school re-opens as usual**

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



# 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 actively mobile

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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