



### **Grange View C.E. First School**

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***We aim to SPARKLE!***

Dear Parents/Carers

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## **Let your light shine – Matthew 5:16**

### **Welcome Back**

We hope you have had an amazing summer.

The staff and children have a great start to the term and everyone has settled really well. It was lovely to see all the children back, smiling and looking so smart.

Please remember that the classes have been organised based on the number of pupils and staff we have in school this year. If you have any class related questions please message your child's teacher or any whole school issues or concerns contact the office and Mrs Laskey, we are happy to help with anything.

### **African Arts Week**

Next week is African Arts week in school to support and run alongside our Pearl of Africa visit.

We have a visiting artist Katherine Renton coming in and every class will be producing artwork based on African animals. These will be available for parents to purchase to support the Pearl of Africa choir.

### **Pearl of Africa**

Please can you all support this world-wide charity with this once in a lifetime concert for our families and the wider community. Please come along for a fun and fabulous evening of songs, dance and crafts.

Tickets are available from the office for a small charge of £2 per adult and £1 per child

The choir will be in the school also on Friday afternoon delivering workshops across KS1 and 2 running alongside our African Arts week. Thank you.

### **Cake Bake**

After school on Monday we will be selling cakes made from Mrs Palmer and the staff to fund raise. These will be on sale after school on Monday in the yard. If you can help with donating any cakes this would be fantastic and lots of fun on Sunday for you together as families. We appreciate any help with this if possible.

### **REMINDER - New Payment System – SCHOOL MONEY**

All parents should now have been sent an invitation to download the new Schoolmoney app. All breakfast club and after school club places, as well as Wraparound Care need to be booked in and paid for in advance on Schoolmoney. Payments for swimming can also be made through School Money. Thank you

### **Nut Allergy**

We have a new pupil in school with a nut allergy. For safety purposes we cannot allow any nut-based products on school site including chocolate spread or nut-based products. Any items that arrive and are identified in school packed lunches will be removed and sent back home. Thank you for your support with this.



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## **After School Clubs**

Clubs this half term will be as follows:

- Monday – NUFC games club
- Tuesday – Cycling with Mrs Cessford – bring your own bike.
- Wednesday – Trident Soccer
- Thursday – Arts & Clarts with Mrs Henderson

All need to be booked in advance and paid for on School Money please.

## **\*\*\*NEW Wraparound Childcare\*\*\***

We are now trialling Wraparound Childcare for all our families.

Breakfast club now starts earlier at 7:30am-8:50am for £2 or £1 from 8:00-8:50am every morning, and after school we run 3.15-5.15pm for £4 per hour including a snack/drink. These are run by Miss Gray and Miss Bell. Breakfast club in the hall as normal and after school care in the Early Years unit to allow access to the outdoor area. Once again, these are to be booked in advance and paid for on School Money. Thank you.

## **Is my child well enough for school?**

We want every child to have 100% attendance and anything below 97% will result in our new attendance procedures starting with the support of the Education Welfare officer.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

This link from the NHS may help you decide but we always recommend Calpol and sending them to school. If your child becomes unwell we will ring you and let you know immediately. Thank you.

## **\*\*\*\*\*NEW Diary Dates\*\*\*\*\***

Phonics meeting for Reception Parents - date TBC after school

11<sup>th</sup> Sept - Cake sale after school

12<sup>th</sup> Sept - Roots and shoots in Alnwick Y4 - see separate letter from Mrs Chapman

15<sup>th</sup> Sept - Pearl of Africa Concert 6pm in school hall

25<sup>th</sup> Sept - Bike to school week

13<sup>th</sup> Oct - Harvest service- TBC

16<sup>th</sup> /18<sup>th</sup> Oct - Parents consultations

24<sup>th</sup> Oct - Flu immunisations – Reception – Year 4

27<sup>th</sup> Oct - Half term

## **Love of Reading**

We continue our love of books at Grange View and hope you all have enjoyed the Library Reading Challenge this summer. Cathy our librarian next door will be in touch soon with us to see who has managed the challenge. We hope will provide the children with daily opportunities to share a good book with friends.

**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.

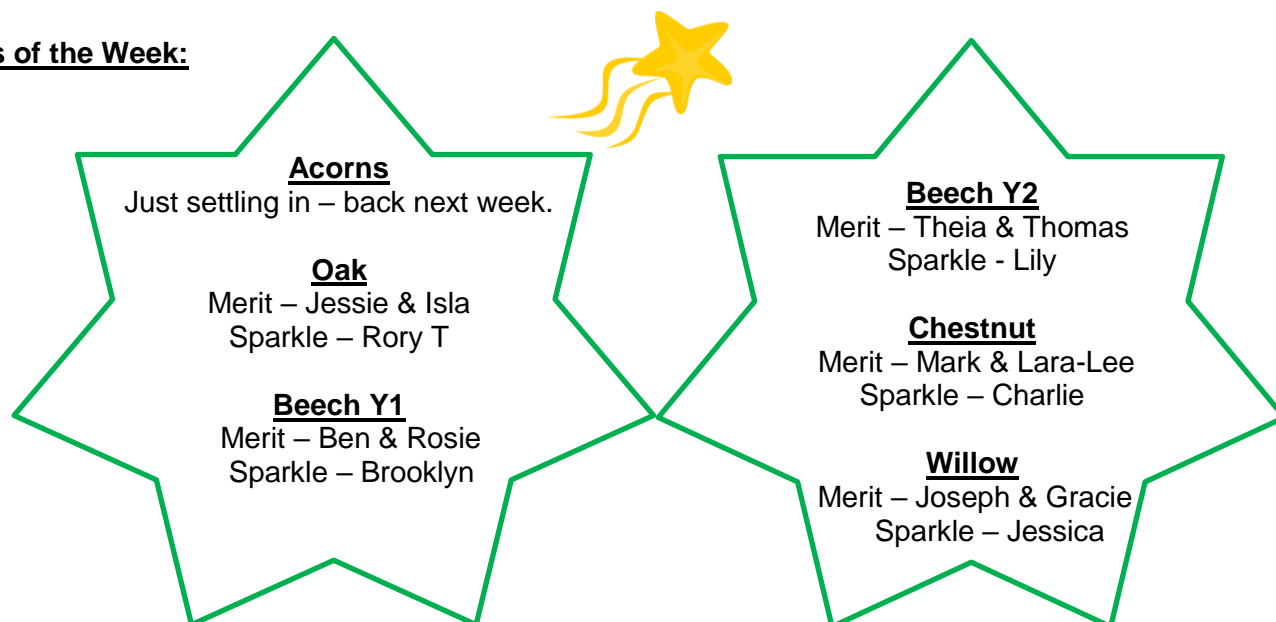
<http://www.grangeview.northumberland.sch.uk/website/esafety/102589>



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**Stars of the Week:**



Kind Regards,

Louise Laskey - Head Teacher

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### **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 Rebecca Griffin 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**