



### Grange View C.E. First School

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***We aim to SPARKLE!***

Dear Parents/Carers

27.10.2023

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

A huge happy 30<sup>th</sup> birthday to both Miss Darlow and Mrs Timmins in the holidays. We would also like to send all our love and best wishes to Miss Darlow who is getting married during half term. Have a lovely week off and stay safe while out trick or treating.

### **Nut Allergy reminder/Packed lunches**

We have a 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. We also do not allow sweets in packed lunches. Any items that arrive and are identified in school will be removed and sent back home for health and safety reasons. Nut allergies are very serious and even so much as someone in the same room opening a product containing nuts can be enough to trigger a serious reaction. Thank you for your support with this.

### **Year 3 and 4 Swimming**

In order for swimming to continue for the Autumn and Spring term, and as an essential part of the curriculum, we really need parents to support this. All monies for swimming can be paid on Schoolmoney, thank you.

### **Children in Need**

**BBC**  
**Children**  
**in Need**



The School Council will be meeting to discuss and plan what we will be doing as a school to raise money for Children in Need 2023, which takes place on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November. We will keep you updated.

### **After School Clubs – BOOKING OPEN FOR NEXT HALF TERM**

Clubs next half term (6<sup>th</sup> November onwards) will be as follows:

- Monday – NUFC games club
- Tuesday – **NEW** Boccia with Mrs Cessford
- Wednesday – Trident Soccer
- Thursday – Arts & Clarts with Mrs Henderson

There will be no After School Clubs Weeks commencing 11<sup>th</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup> December due to performances etc. but Wraparound (Hangout Club) will still be available.

All clubs need to be booked in advance and paid for at time of booking on School Money please.



We're working  
towards Artsmark  
Awarded by Arts  
Council England



### **Emergency Contacts/Up to Date Information**

For safeguarding purposes, we should have 2 emergency contact telephone numbers for all pupils in school. We also need current contact emails/addresses for all parents in school. Please make sure your information is up to date with the office if anything has changed recently, thank you.

### **REMINDER - SCHOOL MONEY – MUST BE PREBOOKED/PAID IN ADVANCE**

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.

### **Office Closure Times**

A reminder that the office closes at 3:00pm on Tuesdays and Fridays.

### **Santa Visit**



We have managed to secure the *REAL* Santa again this year to visit school week commencing 4<sup>th</sup> December. He also does home visits, check out his Facebook page and website on the links below:

<https://www.facebook.com/santavisitsNE>

<https://www.happysanta.co.uk/>

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### **\*\*\*NEW name for Wraparound Childcare – HANGOUT CLUB (Gracie's suggestion)\*\*\* - Please see updated Friday PM times**

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 (Monday – Thursday) and 3.15-4.15pm on a Friday, 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.

### **Family Hub – PARENTING**

As a school this half term we are aware that a number of families are struggling with their child's behaviour/emotions at home. We have access to lots of support, advice and courses for everyone through the family hub, please contact them on 01670 624500 or have a look on their Facebook page which is [www.facebook.com/northfamilyhubs](http://www.facebook.com/northfamilyhubs)

### **100% Attendance Incentive**

We have decided to introduce an incentive for any child achieving 100% attendance. Each half term, anyone with 100% will be entered into a prize draw to win a £50 supermarket voucher.

### **School Website**

Please remember all topic letters/newsletters/long term curriculum plans/school lunch menu and lots of other information is available on the school website <http://www.grangeview.northumberland.sch.uk>

## Mental Health and Wellbeing



If you are seeking support or advice for your mental health and wellbeing you can access Qwell. It is a free, online service that is completely anonymous. It offers support such as: live based messaging with a qualified counsellor, self directed help with articles or active message boards with advice. This is a great resource for a variety of concerns such as but not limited to stress, life changes and anxiety. You can access it 24 /7. Please catch Mrs Timmins our Senior Mental Health Lead if you want more information about this free service.

[www.qwell.io](http://www.qwell.io)

## PE Kits/Jewellery

Please ensure your child comes to school in their school PE kit on their PE days and everything must be labelled. We ask that they are plain black/grey bottoms nothing branded. We ask that jewellery be kept to stud earrings only, no hoops allowed. Earrings are to be removed for PE/swimming. They will need to be removed before school please if your child is unable to remove them themselves, 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\*\*\*\*\*

6<sup>th</sup> Nov – Back to School

16<sup>th</sup> Nov – Year 3 and 4 visit to Great North Museum

17<sup>th</sup> Nov – Children in Need

7<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas Fair

12<sup>th</sup> Dec – Early Years Christmas Performance 10:30am

13<sup>th</sup> Dec – KS1/2 Christmas Performances 2:00pm and 5:00pm

14<sup>th</sup> Dec – KS1/2 Pantomime at Whitley Bay

18<sup>th</sup> Dec – Early Years Pantomime in school

19<sup>th</sup> Dec – Early Years Christmas Party AM

20<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas Lunch/Christmas Jumper Day

21<sup>st</sup> Dec – KS1/2 Christmas Party AM

21<sup>st</sup> Dec – Break Up for Christmas Holidays (Teacher Training Day 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec School Closed)

8<sup>th</sup> Jan – Teacher Training Day - School Closed

9<sup>th</sup> Jan – Back to School

## \*\*\*\*\*NEW Friends of Grange View Diary Dates\*\*\*\*\*

14<sup>th</sup> Nov – Mr Guy's Bingo night – doors open 6:30pm - £1 per ticket or 6 for £5

24<sup>th</sup> Nov – Pop up stall after school on the yard – hot chocolate and biscuits

1<sup>st</sup> Dec – Non-uniform day for chocolate donations

1<sup>st</sup> Dec – Film Club night 3:15-5:15pm Reception – Year 4 welcome, £2 per ticket includes popcorn/drink

4<sup>th</sup> Dec – Santa is visiting this week!

**4<sup>th</sup> Dec – NEW DATE - Family Bingo - 4.30pm (doors open 4:00pm) - £1 per ticket or 6 for £5**

5<sup>th</sup> Dec - Mr Guy's Bingo night – doors open 6:30pm - £1 per ticket or 6 for £5

7<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas Fair

## 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>



**Stars of the Week:**



**Acorns**

Merit – Lexie & Albie  
Sparkle – Archie N

**Oak**

Merit – Rory T & Corey  
Sparkle – Freya

**Beech Y1**

Merit – Alice, Jackson P  
& Dexter  
Sparkle – Michael

**Beech Y2**

Merit – Thomas & Willow  
Sparkle – Hayden

**Chestnut**

Merit – Thea & Freddie  
Sparkle – Archie H

**Willow**

Merit – Louis & Freya  
Sparkle – Olivia



**SPARKLE TEA – Marcie, Rosie, Daemon and Morena**



**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.

**Week ending: 20.10.2023**



Well done to Willow Class who won with 100%

Acorns – 94.5%  
Oak – 99.4%  
Beech – 99.3%  
Chestnut – 96.5%  
Willow – 100%

Our school target continues at 97%. Whole school was 98.2%

Kind Regards,

Louise Laskey - Head Teacher



# PLAY OUR SUPERDRAW



## WIN A HARRY POTTER BUNDLE

- Win Tickets to Harry Potter and the Cursed Child
- AND a family pass to the Warner Bros Studio Tour!
- Tickets from just £1 a week
- Play now and support our school!

BUY TICKETS:

Go to: [YourSchoolLottery.co.uk](https://YourSchoolLottery.co.uk)

And search for: Grange View C.E



Draw date Saturday 28th October. See website for terms and conditions

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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**