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We aim to SPARKLE!

Dear Parents/Carers

31.03.2023

Let your light shine – Matthew 5:16

Happy Easter

Wishing you all a wonderful time at Easter with your family and friends. Enjoy the spring sunshine and the signs of new life arriving. We look forward to seeing you all back safe and sound for the summer term on Monday 17th April.

SIAMS Inspection

A huge thank you to everyone involved in our SIAMS church school inspection last Wednesday. We are so happy and excited to share this with you all and here is the link

http://www.grangeview.northumberland.sch.uk/website/church_school_information/102586

Parents Questionnaire

Thank you to all our parents who attended parent consultations last week face to face or over the phone. We hope you find the target sheets useful and if you have any further questions or worries please give us a call. Please could we ask you to complete an online parent questionnaire following this link:

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/parent-view-results/survey/result/22979/12>

If you complete the survey please drop an email to Mrs Burt and you will be entered into a FREE PRIZE DRAW which will be drawn after Easter. Thank you.

Swimming – Y3/4

Please can we remind all parents/carers that the school receives no additional funding for swimming. We need your weekly donations to support the cost of weekly transport and lessons. The school subsidises over £1000 shortfall for the year. We have a huge amount of missed donations. Please can we remind everyone that all payments are to be made via SIMS Pay360 asap.

Packed Lunch Reminder

May we remind parents that sweets are NOT allowed in packed lunches. Any found will be returned home. Thank you for your support with this.

Free School Meals (Pupil Premium)

It's simple and easy to see if your child is entitled to FREE SCHOOL MEALS.

This is not the same as universal Free School Meals, which every child is entitled to from Reception to Year 2. You will be able to access subsidised educational visits, free milk, subsidised clubs including Breakfast Club, as well as the school receiving £1500 per pupil which supports resources and staff for your child.

The number to apply is 0345 600 6400 and they can check using your national insurance number to see if you are eligible. Please help yourself and the school by giving them a ring, thank you!



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Topic Reviews

Early Years Topic Review – Growth & Change – Spring 2

Our topic this half term has been Growth and Change. We have enjoyed learning about life cycles of caterpillars, chicks and frogs. We have watched our caterpillars grow, turn into cocoons and hopefully they will be ready to release soon! We have thought about how we grow and change from babies to children. In our Art sessions we have created caterpillar paintings using stampers and used symmetry to make butterfly paintings. We have begun looking for signs of Spring whilst down at the Forest and have been hunting for minibeasts.

One of the highlights of this topic was our visit to Northumberland Zoo. We walked around the zoo, studied the animals and learnt lots about their habitats. We really loved the fruit bats, meerkats and snow leopards. We watched the otters and snow leopards being fed. We even had a minibeast workshop and got to hold some minibeasts.

Both Acorns and Oak have enjoyed having Little Movers as our PE lessons. We love learning new dances and playing games. We have also had Multiskills sessions this half term where we have learnt many new skills and played lots of fun team games. All of the children have loved our Dough Disco and wiggle squiggle sessions to strengthen our fine and gross motor skills. We have had a fabulous half term!

Key Stage 1 Topic Review - Green Grangers – Spring 2

In Beech class we have been learning all about plants and how they grow. The children have designed their own gardens, made mini greenhouses and grown beans. The artwork the children produced at the end of the topic was beautiful and they loved learning about Vincent Van Gogh. They have also really enjoyed learning about different STEM careers and conducting our own science experiments about washing hands. We are still waiting for our results and look forward to seeing what will happen to our slices of bread.

Key Stage 2 Topic Review – Green Grangers – Spring 2

We have really enjoyed this term's topic, it has been action packed learning about the food chains, rainforest layers, dangers, deforestation and ways in which the animals communicate. The children have created some fantastic setting descriptions, conspiring different techniques to build a picture in the readers mind, they also used the text 'There's a Rang Tang in my bedroom' to explore and innovate poetry. In Maths, we are so much more confident with our fractions now, we have also consolidated our written methods for addition, subtraction and multiplication which showed great improvements in our end of term tests. In reading, we have been working on developing our "vocab ninja" techniques confidently, which helps us extract the relevant information in the text accurately.

Although we didn't all go on a trip this term, we did enjoy a visit from various different professionals to raise the profile of STEM careers and the ingenious technology they use. We also had a wonderful time on World Book Day, dressing up as woodland animals and welcoming a local author in to share her love of writing, drawing and nature.

School Council

At their lunchtime meeting today, the school council voted to take part in weekly class litter picking around the village after the Easter holidays. Starting with Acorns the first week back, the children will come home with litter picking equipment. Please join in, take lots of photos to post on Dojo and help the children to make Widdrington look amazing!

They also voted for a Design a Poster campaign with litter picking being the theme. Please see attached poster with details in the newsletter email. Thank you.

Reading and Swimming Volunteers

Are you able to come along to school and hear readers in the afternoon? Or are you free on Wednesday afternoons to come swimming with Year 3 and 4? We would love some volunteers! Please contact the office if this is something you are able to offer, thank you!

Curriculum Enhancements

As part of our continued curriculum developments at Grange View we have introduced our Music Spine this week across all our classes. This involves the children hearing and listening to different types of music each morning as they come into school, as well as learning about these. Every fortnight we will listen to a different type of music. After the holidays we are listening to Pop through the ages 🎵🎵🎵



Widdy Welcomes / Warm Hub

Widdy Welcomes every Thursday 10.00am - 12.30pm holds a coffee morning. A warm, friendly and welcoming place to go for a cuppa and some home-made cakes and biscuits

The Warm Hub Fridays 4pm until 6pm at Widdy Welcomes, Adults £1.50 and Pensioners and Children £1.00 if you would like to book a space please get in touch with Gareth Tate 07811130808. All welcome.

PCs

We have some elderly PCs that are looking for a home. They are FREE to anyone who wants one as they are 9 years old. They will be cleared and ready to use with a keyboard, PC and screen. Please let Mrs Burt know if you are interested. Thank you.

Attendance

All the schools in the Coquet partnership are currently working together on policies and procedures to ensure every child has good attendance. Our school target remains at 97% and we are here to help every child achieve this and above over the coming months. ALL holidays in term time are unauthorised. If you need any help or advice please contact the school office. Thank you.

Breakfast club

Our breakfast club runs from 8am and we encourage booking ahead of the day for a charge of £1. If any families need last minute urgent Breakfast club provision please just ring ahead to let us know and we are happy to help.

*****NEW AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS*** – SUMMER TERM - £1 per club to support cost of living crisis -**

Numbers and age limits for all clubs

Mon – Forest School with Miss Gray – 16 spaces max.

Tues – After school NUFC Sports club. NO singing club sorry. LUNCHTIME CLUB- Change the World - KS2 (Free)

Wed - Football

Thurs - Little Movers + Computing (Years 2 – 4 only for Computing)

If you would like to book your child into a club please contact the office, and then make payment via SIMS.

*****Remember – Payment must be made before your child attends after school club*****

*******NEW Diary Dates*******

17th April - Robinwood Years 3 & 4

18th April – Reception height and weight checks

21st April – Roots n Shoots - Year 4

27th April – Year 4 Parents meeting with James Calvert Spence College – 2:30pm at Grange View

5th May – Kings Coronation afternoon TBC

11th May – Centre for Life – KS2

15th May – Bikeability

19th May - Roots n Shoots - Year 4 (in school – Mrs Chapman will update all on Dojo with what's required)

8th June – Countryside Day - Year 2 & 3

23rd June – Roots n Shoots - Year 4

29th June – Enterprise Day

17th July – Friends of Grange View Ball Skills Workshop

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>

UNIFORM ORDERING - NOW ONLINE

Our uniform ordering has now moved online to our supplier, Mapac. We have limited quantities of items left in school which we need to use up, and Mapac will direct you back to school for any items we still have stock of.

Everything else (and all uniform once our limited stock is gone) will need to be ordered online directly from the supplier.

You can order here: <http://www.mapac.com/education/parents/uniform/grangeviewfirstne615lz>



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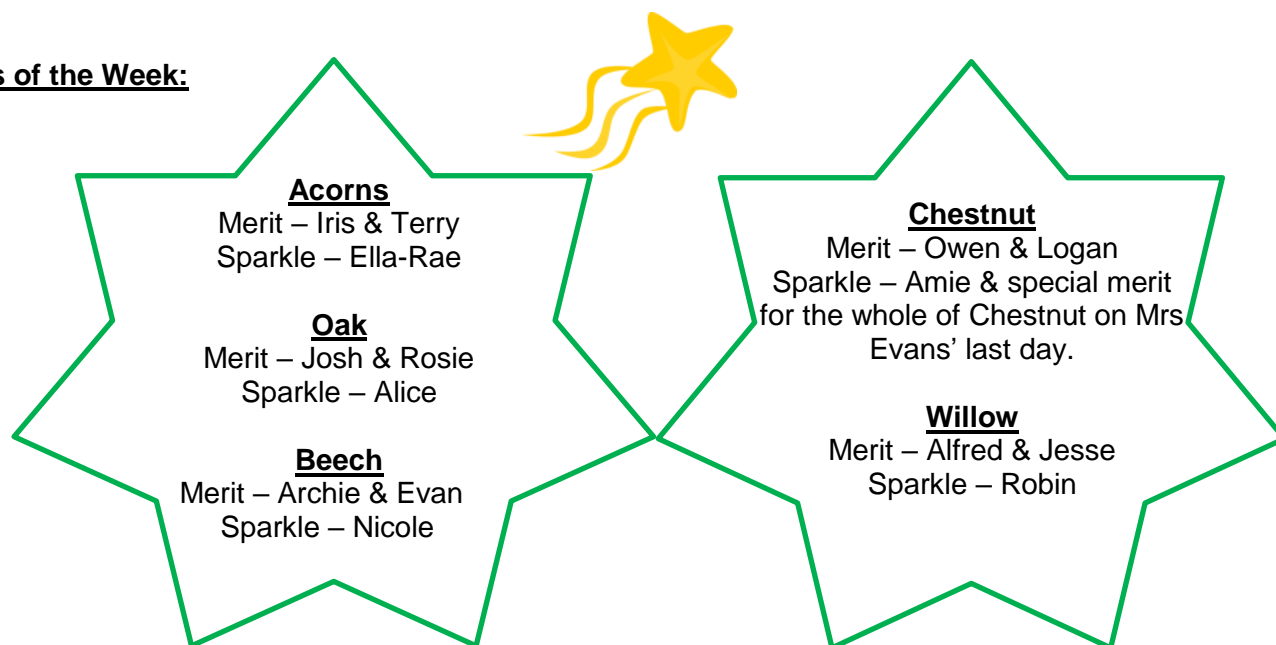
Thank you to all of those who have already signed up and are using it. We cannot accept cash and the SIMS system is what should be used. You should have received an activation code via email and it is very quick and easy to set up. Please follow the online instructions to set this up to make any future payments. Any issues please email or call the office. Thank you.

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns at

admin@grangeview.northumberland.sch.uk

**** Please note – no cash is to be brought into school unless we ask specifically (often for the Friends of Grange View events) All payments for school lunch, milk, uniform, trips etc. should all be made online.

Stars of the Week:



SPARKLE TEA – Domenica, Rosie, Rory O & Lydia

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: 24.03.2023



Well done to Chestnut Class who won with 100%

Acorns – 94.2%
Oak – 90.7%
Beech – 95.7%
Chestnut – 100%
Willow – 81.9%

Our school target continues at 97%. Whole school was 92.5%

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