



Grange View C.E. First School

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We aim to SPARKLE!

Dear Parents / Carers

22nd July 2022

ANOTHER YEAR OVER!

A MASSIVE thank you from all of us to all of you for everything you have helped your child/ren with over the last year. Everyone has 'Sparkled' as always and have let your light shine!

We would like to wish all our Year 4 pupils the BEST OF LUCK at their new school. We hope you all have an amazing summer with your families and loved ones. HAPPY SUMMER HOLIDAY TO YOU ALL!

Remember our new start time of 8.45 and finish time of 3.15pm for main school. We will remind everyone before we all return on 7th September.

GOODBYE AND GOOD LUCK

We say a sad farewell to Miss McQuade who is off to teach in Qatar. We thank her for a splendid maternity cover in Willow class and all her hard work across the year. Good Luck to Miss Adams who gets married in the holidays too. She will be Mrs Waters when we return to school in September.

FRIENDS OF GRANGE VIEW FUNDRAISING



A huge thank you to the Friends of Grange View who have raised a huge £5,713.00 this school year. They have put so much hard work in and organised so many amazing things for us in school. We are sure you will agree this is an amazing amount and they couldn't have done it without the support of our fantastic parents and students, so THANK YOU!



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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>

NEW INFORMATION FOR SEPT 2022

The school day will be returning to pre-pandemic timings. Nursery will start at 8.45am until 11.45am. Main school will start at 8.45am and the school day will end at 3.15pm. This supports government recommendations.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

Due to the cost of living crisis Grange View will be keeping the cost of our school lunches at £2.20, despite being advised to increase the cost by the Local Authority. We understand that enough household bills are increasing at the moment, and we are keen to keep costs low. This will be monitored during the Autumn term to make sure we can continue to keep within our costs. Hopefully more children will make the move onto school lunches as the cost of making packed lunches at home continues to rise.

WATER BOTTLES

When we come back to school in September each child will receive a free water bottle with their name on, featuring the school logo. So please do not go out and buy one in the summer holidays. They can be kept in school and refilled daily.

THE READING CHALLENGE IS BACK!

The **Summer Reading Challenge** is an annual event aimed at 4 – 11-year-olds. Children are encouraged to read six (or more) books of their choice during the summer holidays with collectable incentives and rewards, plus a medal and certificate for every child who completes the Challenge. Our librarian Cathy will be visiting us to present a special assembly, promoting the Challenge. The STEM based theme for 2022 is...'**Gadgeteers**' and it will celebrate the key role of the imagination in both reading and the sciences. The Challenge will show children that science is all around us every day and inspire them to unleash their curiosity and creativity! There will be lots of brilliant events, competitions and prizes to be won. Full details will appear on the library website www.mylibrary.co.uk and social media pages. A bookmark style invitation will be sent home with our children.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Our after-school clubs in September will be as follows:

Monday – Rugby

Tuesday – NUFC Foundation Multi Sports

Wednesday – Football

Thursday – Little Movers

As always payment is required on SIMS before the session. Please email the office to let us know which clubs your child would like to attend. Numbers are limited so will be on a first come first served basis.

SCHOOL GAMES GOLD AWARD

Once again, our school has been awarded Gold for our outstanding performance in all sports activities we take part in as a school



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CURRICULUM TOPIC REVIEWS

Early Years Topic Review – Beaches

Early Years have had a jam packed half term learning all about the Seaside. We have been reading our favourite summer stories such as Sharing a Shell, The Snail and the Whale, At The Seaside, The Troll and The Rainbow Fish. We have used our puppets to act out the stories. We looked at seaside towns in the past and compared them to what they are like now. We talked about our favourite activities at the beach. In Art we have created our own sea creatures from paper plates and made our own rainbow fish after reading the story. In the role play area we made a beach café and pretended we were at the beach. We loved using the pirates to act out some small world play too. We had an incredible visit to the Blue Reef Aquarium in Tynemouth. We looked all around the aquarium and spotted many different types of fish, turtles, eels, sting rays and even some sharks! We then watched the seal show, we loved their tricks. We also had a rockpool workshop and we got to handle the animals. It was such a fantastic day out. Our forest school area has been great for looking for signs of summer and comparing this to our winter walk.

KS1 Topic Review – Travellers' Tales

This has been a thoroughly enjoyable topic – the children started with a wonderful visit to Beamish, it was a fantastic trip and great opportunity for the children to embed their understanding of transport through time and make comparisons between different modes. They created some great writing as historians back in class as well as linking to their materials work earlier in the year when describing the changes and developments in transport. They did some great writing using the video stimulus Zahra as a story from another culture. Finally, they concluded by transforming a box into their chosen transport, practising lots of DT skills such as joining techniques, and adding wheels and axels.

KS2 Topic Review – Anglo-Saxons; Invaders or Settlers?

This half term has been very busy and jam-packed! Our topic has been very history based as we have learned all about who the Anglo-Saxon's were and where they came from. Children were very interested in this topic and have been inquisitive throughout with lots of questions and discussions. The learning has helped us to create some fantastic pieces of writing, including a newspaper report and a non-chronological report all about Anglo-Saxons. Children really enjoyed the art lessons within

this topic, particularly making an Anglo-Saxon brooch. In science, we have been focussing on plants and have learnt about what they need to survive. We have also learned about the different parts of a plant and their functions and the part that plants play in the process of pollination. We have used different investigations to explore these concepts. Year 4 have also squeezed in trips and have enjoyed days like Quad Kids and a Commonwealth Games day at Alnwick Gardens. We were very proud of how the children performed during these events and all showed great sportsmanship!

This term we have continued our learning about Judaism. We have explored different festivals celebrated by Jewish people and have looked at who Abraham was and why he is seen to be so important for many people.

LATENESS

The Governors are keen to improve attendance further as we end the summer term and look forward to a new academic year. From 27th June, for all those who are late (arriving after register closes at 9am) we have a signing in book we would like you to fill in explaining the reason for the lateness. This was recommended by the Education Welfare Officer (EWO) as good practise and something we hope to have embedded ready for September.

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

- **Wed 7th Sept – BACK TO SCHOOL – school starts at 8:45am for ALL students, including Nursery.**
- Tues 4th Oct – Year 3 & 4 Visit to Alnwick Castle.
- Thurs 20th Oct – Provisional Flu immunisations in school.
- Fri 21st Oct – Break up for October half term.

SUMMER HOLIDAYS

Summer holidays are just around the corner and the latest edition of **Raring2go! Northumberland** is out now! Its jam packed with local events, ideas, activities, competitions and much more! Please see attached link [Raring2go! Northumberland Summer Edition 2022](#)

Newcastle United Foundation Summer Holiday Camps

Newcastle United Foundation are running Summer Holiday camps in our area. Please click on the link to find out more and book a place. <https://www.nufoundation.org.uk/get-involved/holiday-coaching/page/1>

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>

SIMS Online payments – COVID SAFE CASH FREE SYSTEM

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 be made online.

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: 15.07.2022



Well done to Oak Class who won with 100%

Acorns – 96%
Oak – 100%
Elm – 99.3%
Beech – 93%
Willow – 98.3%

Our school target continues at 97%. Whole school was 97% WELL DONE!

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