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

Dear Parents

16th September 2019

Packed Lunches
Please ensure your child has a healthy packed lunch. Savoury items, fruit or veg, yogurts and one sweet treat. Nothing with any nuts please.
Watch out on Facebook for our photos of fantastic food in lunch boxes!

NEW Friday Football lunchtime club- WE NEED YOU !
Our new Trident Soccer provider is now also offering a lunchtime club every Friday 12.30pm -1pm for those pupils who attend after school club on a Tuesday. Please book a place with the office for this Friday and remember your kit. Thankyou

ALDI- Kit for Schools
Please start collecting GB stickers at your local ALDI when you spend over £30 and bring them into school to add to our school poster. We need to collect 300 stickers to get a chance of winning £20000 for our school. Thank you.

NUT ALLERGIES
We have a child in school with nut allergies therefore for the safety of the child we are now banning any nut based biscuits, bars , spreads etc in our school. 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.

Wrap around childcare
Up to now we have had a very small uptake on this provision. We would really like to continue this for the rest of this year but to make this viable we must have a minimum of 10 children using this provision. Please contact the school office to book and pay for places now for our wrap around care to ensure you get a space. 3.15-5.30pm (Mon-Thurs) and 3.15pm-5.15pm (Friday) - £3.50 for one hour or £6 for 2 hours and 15mins. Thank you.

Online Portal Opening September 2019 - Middle, High and Secondary
The Online Portal for Admissions to Middle, High and Secondary Schools will Open in September 2019 for children transferring from First to Middle (current Year 4) – Middle to High (current Year 8) and Primary to Secondary (current Year 6). Further information can be found on the County Council School Admissions page.
PLEASE NOTE THAT IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO APPLY FOR A PLACE AT MIDDLE SCHOOL.

Breakfast Club
Places must be booked at the office on a MONDAY and the cost is £1 per session, 8.00- 8.55am and payment must be made when booking. No places will be available without prior payment please. Doors will open at 8.00am and close at 8.30am when a member of staff will be on duty.

Uniform

Please ensure all uniform including wellies/shoes/PE kits are labelled with your child's name. School cannot be responsible for unnamed items.

Please remember our school uniform policy is all black shoes or all black trainers NOT Nike, Vans , sandals or any other high fashion footwear. But where a child has worn them out or out grown them we completely understand that replacements will appear as soon as possible.

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. Children who arrive after 9am receive an unauthorised mark.

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.

Let's help every child thrive

HEALTH & WELLBEING AUDIT

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ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND

We're working towards Artsmark Awarded by Arts Council England

The Daily Mile fit for life

SCHOOL GAMES GOLD 2018/19

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

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 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

morning

Attendance week ending 6/9/19



Well done to Acorn, Oak and Beech Classes who all had 100 %
Elm – 98.3%
Chestnut – 94.9% Willow – 89.5%
TOTAL FOR THE WEEK 96.8%
Just below our new school target which is now 97 %



Oak
Merit – Isaac, Alfie, Logan, Louis
Sparkle – Olivia
Writing – Jessica
Elm
Merit – Liam, Bailey
Sparkle – Georgie
Writing –Jayce

Caught Sparkling
Jaxon
Evan
Jayden S
Izzie

Beech
Merit – Jacob, Zack
Sparkle – Roseann
Writing – Emma
Chestnut
Merit – Hannah, Riley
Sparkle – Amelia
Writing – Jack
Willow
Merit – Katie, Jaya
Sparkle – Aaron
Writing –Rhys

Stars out of school – sharing other news!



Well done Lydia in Elm class for completing the Junior Great North Run, Poppy in Beech class for her swimming award, Bailey for his Martial Arts belt and Alice for her dancing award this week. You stars!

Making a difference at Grange View

Easy Fundraising www.easyfundraising.org.uk. Please register and keep Shopping online on this website for school funds. Every penny you spend helps school, thank you.

When shopping at the coop - Supporting our local rainbows, brownies and guides with the points you earn – you all did a great job for Grange View last year ☺

Mobile Phone Numbers

Please keep the school office up-to-date with any changes so we can contact you in case of emergency, thank you.

Dates for diaries

- **Mon 16th Sept – Messy Monday**
- **Fri 20th Sept - No Family Worship due staff training**
- **Mon 23rd Sept- Bigfoot PSHE Workshop for all Early Years**
- **Fri 27th Sept – MacMillan Coffee Morning in school from 2pm (Worship as usual at 9am)**
- **Tues 1st Oct – Friends Autumn Bingo 7pm start**
- **Fri 11th Oct- 9am Harvest Family Worship**
- **Fri 11th Oct – final date for Scholastic Book Club orders to be in school**
- **Mon 14th Oct – parents evening week**
- **Thurs 17th Oct – Flu immunisation – whole school except Nursery**
- **Tues 22nd Oct – School photographer in school (siblings can come for 8.30am)**
- **Fri 25th Oct – School closes for half term at 3.15pm**
- **Mon 4th Nov – school closed due to TTD**
- **Tues 5th Nov – school opens**
- **Fri 6th Dec – Friends Christmas Fair**
- **Tues 10th Dec – Friends Christmas Bingo, 7pm start**
- **Tuesday 17th Dec- Christmas performances- 10am Acorns and Oak; 2pm KS1 & 6pm KS2**
- **Wed 18th Dec- Christmas Films day**
- **Thurs 19th Dec- Christmas lunch and jumper day**
- **Fri 20th – Christmas disco/party morning. School closes at 1.30pm**
- **Mon 6th Jan 2020 – school closed due to TTD**
- **Tues 7th Jan 2020 – school opens for the Spring Term**

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