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We aim to SPARKLE!



Dear Parents

20th January 2020

NSPCC Number day

We are supporting the NSPCC on Friday 7th Feb across the school. All parents welcome in the afternoon to join their child to play maths games and see their books. Nursery parents welcome at 11am in the unit.

Australia

Thank you so much for supporting this disaster in Australia, you raised £257.80.



Dog Poo

The problem of dog poo being all around the footpaths in the village has been raised by a vigilant parent. The school has already reported this to the local authority and asked for Grange Road to be cleaned. If you have a dog or know someone who owns a dog, can we all please encourage owners to pick up any mess and dispose of it appropriately. The school has experienced no issues inside the building with dog poo on children's shoes at present but we want all parents to be vigilant with this issue. Thank you.

BIG GARDEN BIRDWATCH

This January we will be taking part in the big schools' birdwatch - why don't you spend an hour to take part on this coming weekend 25th - 27th January

All children will come home with an age appropriate data collection sheet and we would love them to return the completed sheets into school next week. All you have to do is get your beedy bird eyes out and make a note of which birds you see in your garden over an hour.

Also sending pictures on dojo of them twitching would be great 😊

Friends of Grange View

A meeting has been arranged for this Wednesday at 9am to plan Easter fundraising. Please come along if you would like to help, thank you.

ALL BLACK School Shoes

Now we have returned for the Spring Term we expect to see all our pupils wearing all black school shoes/trainers please as it is part of our school uniform. Not pink, yellow, Nike or Vans. All black trainers re acceptable Thank you.

Cold weather

Please remember to stay on the gritted pathways around school on all cold icy mornings to avoid any slipping and sliding. Our Caretaker Mr Guy is on site early making sure each pathway on the Gritting plan has been salted.

Class DOJO/Facebook

Please note that Staff are happy to answer any queries up until 5pm on Dojo and only Mrs Laskey or Mrs Chapman up until 8pm on Facebook.

The Sun Newspaper -Free Books

We have signed up with The sun newspaper to get as many Free books for Grange View. The Newspaper have teamed up with HarperCollins to give away up to £12million worth of brilliant books to primary schools absolutely FREE. These include authors such as Julia Donaldson.

All we need all our families and friends need to do is collect the tokens everyday in the Sun. Tell everyone you know to start collecting.

SCHOOL WEBSITE- ONLINE CLASS NEWSLETTERS

Please check out our online newsletter that tells parents what the children will be learning about during that half term that can be used to support the children's learning. Please take the time to read this newsletter with your child. Any help from home is much appreciated and makes a huge difference.

PE Kit

Children are missing out on valuable PE lessons due to not having the correct kit in school – kit does not include football kit. PE kit is school PE top, black shorts and sandshoes. There is no spare PE kit in school so please make sure your child has his/her kit in at all times.

Please make sure your child has pierced ears covered for all PE lessons or have ear-rings removed.

Inclement weather

During these cold and rainy mornings the school doors will open at 8.45am at the earliest, so we encourage you to arrive on the yard just before 8.50am for the bell which rings at 8.50am. If you arrive early you may get wet and cold! Children will be escorted into school as usual by the class teacher, so please don't try to come into school early as your child will not be supervised.

In the case of school closure due to severe weather please always check school website, Face Book page, Northumberland County Council Website and listen to Radio Newcastle. The school will also use the Text2Parents Messaging Service.

NUT ALLERGIES IN PACKED LUNCHES

We have still have a child in school with nut allergies therefore for the safety of the child but this week some parents are who are not checking . Mrs Laskey has found Kinder bars, hazelnut croissants, nutella sandwiches etc.

All nut based biscuits, bars , spreads etc in our school are banned . 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.

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. 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.

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

PLEASE NOTE THE INCREASE TO 94% attendance for any child taken out of school for a holiday in term time.

This is the minimum they must have if parents do not want to be issued a penalty notice unless there are exceptional circumstances.

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 whole 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.

Attendance for the first week of term ending 10/01/2020

Well done to Elm and Willow Classes who both had 100 %
Acorn – 98.3%; Oak – 92.5%; Elm – 100%; Beech – 98.3%
Chestnut – 98.1%; Willow – 100%
TOTAL FOR THE WEEK – 97.8%
Just above our new school target which is now 97 %



Acorn

Merit – Thomas, Lucas

Writing – Molly

Sparkle – Ella

Oak

Merit – Zak, Jessica

Writing – Niamh

Sparkle – Nylah

Elm

Merit – Georgie, Jesse

Writing – Korey

Sparkle – Matilda

Stars of the Week

Beech

Merit – Skye, Elliott

Writing – Izzie

Sparkle – Jacob

Chestnut

Merit – Logan, Evie, Teegan

Writing – Alexis

Sparkle – Tyler

Willow

Merit – Ashpreet, Lucy

Writing – Aidan

Sparkle – Jaya

Dates for diaries

- ☐ Mon 20th Jan – 3.15pm Messy Monday in the hall – all welcome
- ☐ Thurs 30th Jan- KS1 Beamish visit
- ☐ Friday 7th Feb- NUMBERS DAY
- ☐ Mon 10th Feb- 3.15pm Messy Monday in the hall – all welcome
- ☐ Thurs 13th Feb - Y4 gymnastics tournament at Bothal Primary
- ☐ Fri 14th Feb – Wear Red for Valentine's Day and bring in a drinkable bottle donation for the Easter Fair please
- ☐ Fri 14th Feb - School closes 3.15pm for half term
- ☐ Mon 24th Feb – school re-opens as usual
- ☐ Mon 16th March – 3.15pm Messy Monday in the hall – all welcome
- ☐ Tues 17th March – Y4 trigolf tournament at Bothal Primary
- ☐ Fri 20th March – non uniform for Easter Egg donation for the Easter Fair
- ☐ Thurs 26th March – Y4 football tournament at Ashington Academy
- ☐ Fri 27th March – EASTER FAIR AT 2.15pm IN THE HALL
- ☐ Tues 31st March – KS1 Boulmer visit
- ☐ Fri 3rd April – END OF TERM
- ☐ Mon 20th April – Summer Term begins, school open at 8.50am

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.

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

Widdrington Baby Play

Every Thursday from 23rd January 2020
at Grange View First School
1.30pm - 3.00pm
Term time only



Baby Play is suitable for babies from
birth to actively mobile

Play is essential to your baby's development, helping them to learn & grow in understanding

Come along to enjoy social play with your baby & to share your experience with other parents

An Early Years practitioner will deliver the session and is able to offer guidance around your child's speech and language development, additional needs, safety advice, eating and sensory development



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