



Grange View C.E. First School

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We aim to SPARKLE!

Dear Parents/Carers

22.09.2023

Let your light shine – Matthew 5:16

Pearl of Africa

Last Friday we hosted the Pearl of Africa Children's Choir in school, and they put on an amazing concert in the evening. We are sure everyone who attended will agree it was fabulous! Thank you to all the families who donated, bought their child's African art, everyone who purchased the choirs crafts, and attended in the evening and bought refreshments. Thanks to you all we raised a huge grand total of £1446.20.

REMINDER - New Payment System – SCHOOL MONEY

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

Nut Allergy reminder/Packed lunches

We have a new 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. Thank you for your support with this.

After School Clubs

Clubs this half term will be as follows:

- Monday – NUFC games club
- Tuesday – Cycling with Mrs Cessford – **MUST bring your own bike and helmet.**
- Wednesday – Trident Soccer
- Thursday – Arts & Clarts with Mrs Henderson

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

*****NEW Wraparound Childcare*** - 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.

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.



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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

PE Kits/Jewellery

Please ensure your child comes to school in their PE kit on their PE days and everything must be labelled. 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.

Friends of Grange View – PTA

As our Year 4 children have now moved on to middle school, we have also lost a few of their parents as members of our PTA. We are looking for some new members to join please. If you have some time to spare to help out with things such as setting up for school fairs, running stalls, bingo, fundraising, or just giving a little bit of your time to share your creative ideas please get in touch. Our first meeting is Tuesday 26th September at 5.00pm in school.

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*****

25th Sept - Bike to school week

25th Sept – Reception parents phonics meeting 3:15pm in Oak classroom

26th Sept – European Day of Languages – see separate letter which was emailed home on 19.09.23

12th Oct – School Photos

13th Oct - Harvest service – TBC

16th /18th Oct - Parents consultations

24th Oct - Flu immunisations for Reception to Year 4

27th Oct - Half term

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.

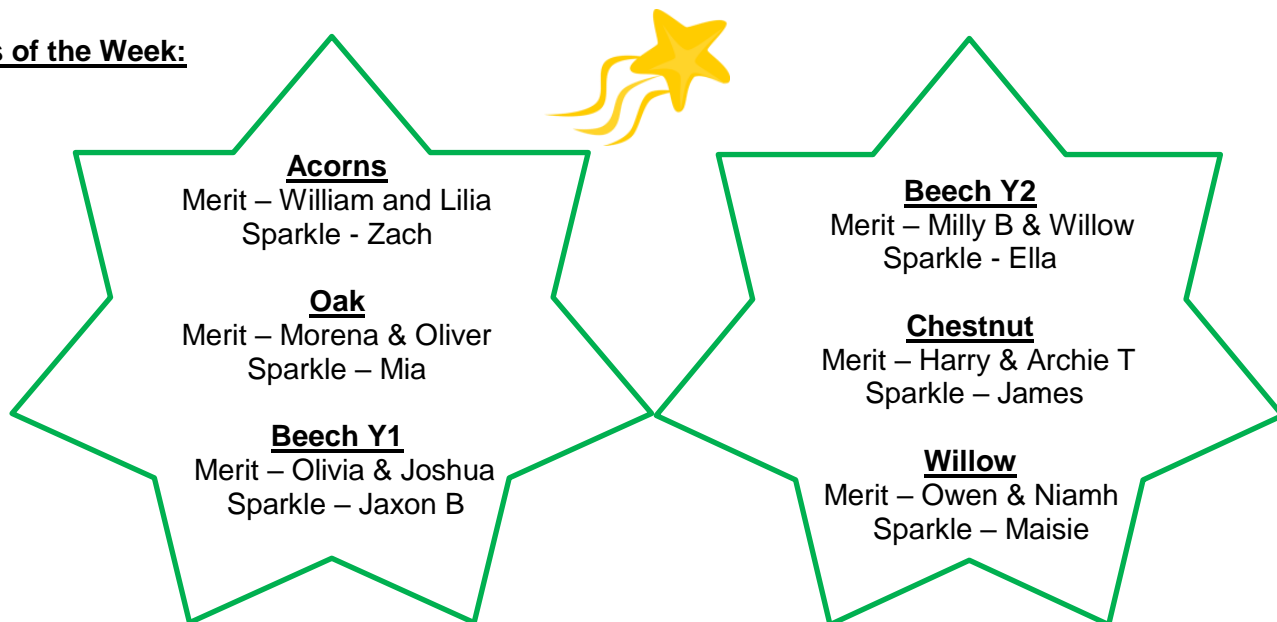
<http://www.grangeview.northumberland.sch.uk/website/esafety/102589>



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Stars of the Week:



SPARKLE TEA – James W, Alex, Louis & Joshua



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: 15.09.2023



Well done to Beech Class who won with 98.3%

Acorns – 95.9%
Oak – 93.8%
Beech – 98.3%
Chestnut – 93.5%
Willow – 90%

Our school target continues at 97%. Whole school was 94.8%

Kind Regards,

Louise Laskey - Head Teacher



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LOTTERY



WELCOME BACK!
SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL
PLAY OUR LOTTERY



- Join the lottery to support our school
- Win weekly cash prizes up to £25,000
- Free entry into the bonus Super Draw

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And search for: Grange View C.E



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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