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We aim to SPARKLE!

Dear Parents/Carers

21.07.2023

Let your light shine – Matthew 5:16

ANOTHER YEAR OVER!

Well what a year! It has flown over as always with everyone being busy, busy, busy! Lots has happened across each year group in the curriculum. We have had lots of visits out, visitors in school, our SIAMS inspection and most of all lots of fun! Each and every day at Grange View we laugh, listen, learn and share a smile with each other making our little school such a happy place to be.

We would like to say a huge thank you for all your support this year and for all your kind words, comments and thoughtful gifts. We hope you all have an amazing summer with your family and friends.

We look forward to seeing you all back rested and ready for another exciting year ahead at Grange View. Thank you from Mrs Laskey and all the team!

FRIENDS OF GRANGE VIEW FUNDRAISING



A huge thank you to the Friends of Grange View who have raised a humungous £13,246.04 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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REMINDER - New Payment System

We are currently in the process of switching payment systems from Pay360 to Schoolmoney. The new system will go live as soon as we come back in September. **Please make sure that NO payments are made in Pay360 after 21st July 2023 as the system will no longer exist.** All parents will be sent an invitation to download the new Schoolmoney app in the summer holidays. All breakfast club and after school club places need to be booked in and paid for in advance on Schoolmoney.

School Lunches

As you know the cost of living for all of us is having an impact on everyone's wellbeing. As a school, lunch costs of £2.20 have remained the same for several years. Unfortunately, our food costs have also increased and we are unable to subsidise this any further. Therefore, from September we have been encouraged to increase the costs to £2.70. I have met with the governors who have agreed to set our cost at £2.50 for the Autumn Term and then review this at Christmas. Apologies for this but we have held them as low as possible for as long as we could. Thank you for your support.

Pearl of Africa

We have the Pearl of Africa choir visiting us from Uganda on Friday 15th September. They will be in school in the afternoon, selling goods and crafts to raise funds for them after school, and then putting on a concert in the evening at 6:00pm. Tickets will be £2.00 each for adults and £1.00 for children. Tickets will go on sale in September, this will be an amazing cultural experience which your child may never encounter again. Please come along and support them if you can, thank you.

Things to note for September:

- **IMPORTANT - NUT ALLERGY** – We are a **NUT FREE SCHOOL** as we have a child joining us from September with a severe nut allergy. Therefore, please ensure that you do not send any products containing nuts into school for snack/packed lunches. This includes chocolate spread for sandwiches, chocolate filled waffles etc. Thank you for your co-operation.
- **SHOELACES** – if you choose school shoes with laces for your child, can you please make sure they know how to fasten them themselves. Please take some time to teach them in the summer holidays, thank you.
- **AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS:**
Clubs from September will be as follows:
 - Monday – NUFC games club
 - Tuesday – Staff led club with Mrs Cessford TBC
 - Wednesday – Trident Soccer
 - Thursday – Staff led clubs TBC

Summer Reading Challenge

Northumberland Libraries are very excited to announce the theme for this year's Summer Reading Challenge...

'Ready, Set, Read!'

This year's Challenge is focused on reading, sport and play and aims to keep children's minds and bodies active over the summer break, empowering young people to forge new connections with others and unleash the power of play, sport and physical activity through reading.

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.

Northumberland Libraries will have lots of brilliant events, competitions and prizes to be won.

Full details will appear on our library website www.mylibrary.co.uk and social media pages.

'Ready, Set, Read!' launched on Saturday 8th July and runs for the whole of the summer holidays. It is totally free, and children can join in the fun at any of our libraries.

Thank you for your continued support of our Summer Reading Challenge – let's keep children reading over the long summer holidays!



*****NEW Wraparound Childcare*****

From September we will be trialling Wraparound Childcare again for all our families.

Breakfast clubs will start earlier at 7:30am-8:50am for £2 or £1 from 8:00-8:50am every morning, and after school will run 3.15-5.15pm for £4 per hour including a snack/drink. These will be 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. Please inform the office if you wish to reserve spaces or find out more.

CURRICULUM TOPIC REVIEWS

Early Years Topic Review – Traditional Tales

This half term the children have enjoyed the topic of Traditional Tales. Through this we were able to plant beans, find out about crops, mill corn, make bread, make jam sandwiches and of course enjoy eating them. We were able to look at how things change e.g. a small seed, to a crop, to flour, to bread and to a snack. We looked at how they changed states too e.g. ground into a powder and then a dough etc. As well as looking at the change in objects, we briefly looked at the change in ourselves and focused on the transition to the next class.

Throughout this topic we have spent a lot of time building: from houses and dens to keep the 3 Little Pigs safe, to Heritage week where we enjoyed using the many boxes to help us to try to replicate some of Widdrington. We were surprised to find out how many houses have been built in the last 60 years!! We had had fun with it all but especially the enjoyment of exploring the boxes. There was many a smiling face and happy giggles as they used their imagination with their friends! We've loved it!!

KS1 Topic Review – This is Me

Our topic this half term in Beech class has been 'This is me'. The children have spent a lot of time learning about being healthy and the human body. They learned lots of new words and created some fab bits of writing using them. They have done lots of art work this half term based on portraits and different art techniques. They loved exploring colour and have produced some fantastic art work.

They also thought carefully about where they live. Each child looked at where they live (street, village, county, country and continent) which tied in really nicely with our heritage week. The children looked at different types of houses and spotted different features of the homes found within Widdrington Station.

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

What a wonderful way to end the year, we thoroughly enjoyed our Romans topic, finding out about what they wore, how they invaded and where they conquered. The children were great at recreating all things Roman; their Roman Mosaics were fabulous at the start of the term using collage techniques. Their understanding of Roman numerals has been revisited and consolidated and their catapult designing was certainly unusual.

As we expected, the highlight of the term was designing and making their Roman shields, which they used to march like Romans, getting into tortoise formation and protecting themselves from attack. It was also excellent to see how well they engaged with the Battle Cry Literacy unit, they used fantastic language and expression when performing.

In the penultimate week, we embraced Geography week for the first time. The children used archive evidence, oral history and census information to learn about what life was like being a miner in Widdrington. They also used the story 'Window' and a series of old maps and aerial photos to investigate how the village has changed over time.

For Year 4, the summer term ended with our Apprentice week. The products they created were great as always, however it was their pitches, digital adverts and in particular their team raps that were in a different league to previous years. A fabulous end to a fabulous year!

September uniform

Following our school uniform policy your child will be expected to wear the following:

- A school sweatshirt/cardigan in the correct colour
- Yellow polo shirt
- Grey trousers/skirt/pinafore or yellow gingham dress
- All black school shoes with no logos
- A school PE t-shirt with black shorts or joggers.

We have lots of clean good second hand for anyone who needs it and we will keep spares for any child who turns up for school in the wrong uniform.

These supermarkets and shops store correct colours: Asda/Sainsbury's/Matalan/Marks and Spencer and many others. Our branded school uniform can be ordered here:

<https://www.mapac.com/education/parents/uniform/grangeviewfirstne615lz>

Hadston Family Hub

Please see below days/times of some baby and toddler groups currently on offer at the Hadston Family Hub. There are also some courses starting in June. For more information please see the leaflets emailed out to parents/carers earlier in the term or contact Hadston Family Hub directly.

- Brilliant Babies (around 4 months and up) – Mondays at 1:00pm
- Tiny Talkers – Tuesdays at 10:00am
- LLTP AND (Learning Together Through Play for children with additional needs or disability) – Wednesdays at 10:00am
- LLTP – Fridays at 10:00am – to include infant feeding support.

LLTP sessions also run in Widdrington Community Centre Tuesdays at 1:30pm term time only and at Amble Links First School Thursdays at 1:30pm term time only.

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

4th Sept – Teacher Training Day

5th Sept – Back to School

15th Sept – Pearl of Africa

25th Sept – Bike to School week

24th Oct - Flu Immunisations

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: 14.07.2023



Well done to this week's joint winners Chestnut & Willow Class who won with 100% and our **Winning class of the year which was Chestnut!**

Acorns – 99%
Oak – 98.1%
Beech – 97.8%
Chestnut – 100%
Willow – 100%

Our school target continues at 97%. Whole school was 98.9%

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.

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