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**Dear Parents/Carers 18th June 2018**



**Friends of Grange View**

Mr Guy is in desperate need of help as at the moment he appears to be the only active member who organises and arrange events in school. If you can spare any time he would be delighted to hear from you. Help with the fair would be appreciated, thank you.

**Friends Summer Fair**

This will be held on Friday at 3pm in the hall. Any cake donations on Friday morning will be most welcome. Please come along and give your fantastic support!!

**Riding bikes/scooters around the school yard**

Can you please supervise your children with bikes and scooters at the start and end of the school day to discourage them from riding around the school yard for health and safety reasons. They should be walked into the grounds and parked in the cycle bay. Last week we noticed a number of boys in particular riding around the school yard on bikes. Your co-operation is greatly appreciated and thank you to our parents who are actively encouraging this.

**Prayer Spaces - 9th July**

We will be exploring Prayer Spaces in school again on Monday 9th July.

Prayer Spaces in Schools enable children and young people, of all faiths and none, to explore life questions, spirituality and faith in a safe, creative and interactive way. Taking a broadly Christian perspective as a starting point, prayer spaces give children and young people an opportunity to develop skills of personal reflection and to explore prayer in an open, inclusive and safe environment.

A prayer space is a classroom sized area that has been transformed for a few days or a week with a range of creative activities that encourage personal reflection on issues such as forgiveness, injustice, thankfulness, big questions, identity and stillness.

With the support of Reverend Joanna, the Messy Monday team and our staff we will be transforming a room in the school bungalow to explore lots of different world issues and thoughts together. Parents will be invited during the week.

**Karate in September** - We would like to continue delivering our Karate club in September with Mr Ian Willis but need lots of new members for it to keep going. Please see the school office if you would like to book your child a place.

**New Year 3 Lunches in September**

From September 2018 our current Yr 2 children (Beech Class) who will be moving in to Year 3 will be required to pay for school dinners or bring a packed lunch. **If you know your child will be having dinners (£11.00 per week), would you please let the office know so we can give our Unit Manager Mrs Palmer an indication of numbers for September, thank you.**

**Packed Lunches**

Please can all families ensure they give the office & kitchen at least a week’s notice if their child wishes to change to a packed lunch. Food is ordered in advance for all school lunches.

Can we remind parents that we are a healthy school and we encourage this in your childs packed lunch. No fizzy drinks and sweets are allowed in school, we encourage only one treat in lunch boxes .Thank you.

**Transition day- 5th July**

All children across the school will move to the new classes on the 5th July for the morning.

\*\*\*\*Current nursery children (Acorn Class) due to start Reception in September will stay for their lunch and then collect your child at 1.30pm. Lunches must be ordered and paid for (£2.20) at the school office by 25th June - please to allow notice for our catering staff, thank you.\*\*\*\*

**Classes:**

Mrs Ruffles/Mrs Skinner- Acorn Class

Mrs Herron – Oak Class - Reception

Mrs Miller- Elm Class – Year 1

Miss Darlow - Beech Class- Year 2

Miss Belk - Chestnut Class – Year 3/4

Mrs Chapman- Willow Class- Year 3/4

**Swimming**

From Sept 2018 KS2 (Year 3 & Year 4) will continue to go swimming on a Wednesday afternoon but our session has changed to the earlier slot of 1pm. This means that all parents/carers will be able to collect their child at the normal time of **3.15pm**. Please remember to send in your swimming money £5 each week.

**School Uniform**

Please can all parents and pupils remember to follow our school uniform policy. This is yellow polo shirt, school colour sweatshirt or cardigan, grey trousers skirts or pinafores, all black shoes. Thank you. Uniform order forms are available from the school office and we do have a stock of most items, thank you.

**Sports Day**

Weather dependant our Sports day will be FRIDAY 29th June. NO Family Worship in the morning. Nursery Sports in the morning at 10.45am for all Nursery please. Main school starts at 1.15pm on the school field. Bring a picnic rug to sit on, there will be refreshments available to purchase from the Friends of Grange View. Once races are completed parents are welcome to take the child home from the classroom.

**Nursery and Reception Places**

If you have a baby in the family or know someone who lives in the village who has a baby please can a Nursery application form be completed? We are asked by the Local Authority to predict our Nursery pupil numbers as far ahead as 2020/21. This helps the Local Authority allocate funding and helps us calculate if we can offer Nursery places.

We now have been informed by the local authority who has a place for Reception for Sept 2018, you should have all received confirmation of this if you applied for Grange View.

**Pupil Premium (**FREE SCHOOL MEALS)

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 costs of residential and school visits.

Information leaflets are available in the Main Entrance and the FMS telephone number is

01670 623592. If you need any help with this please see the school office.

PLEASE APPLY TO BENEFIT YOU, YOUR CHILD, AND YOUR CHILD’S SCHOOL, THANK YOU.

**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**.

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.

# 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 week ending – 8/6/18

**Well done Beech who had 99.0%**

Acorn – 90.3% Oak – 87.8% Elm – 92.3%

Beech – 99.0% Chestnut – 96.4% Willow – 90.0%

TOTAL FOR THE WEEK – 92%%

Well below our school target of 96%

PLEASE TRY to get your child to school on time every day

and help us achieve our target EVERY week, thank you.

Stars of the week

***Beech***

Merit – Katie, Aidan

Sparkle – Rhys

Writing – Alfie

***Chestnut***

Merit – Riley B-A, Emily B

Sparkle – Logan

Writing – Lola

***Willow***

Merit – Evan, Maddison

Sparkle – Reagan

Writing – Kenzie

***Acorns***

Merit – Noah, Harleigh

Sparkle – Jayden

Writing - Alice

***Oak***

Merit –Lucie, Mason

Sparkle – Heidi

Writing – Jean-Paul

***Elm***

Merit – Grace B, Tyler

Sparkle – Porscha

Writing – Joshua

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**Other Special Awards**

**Year 4 Quad Kids Event last week in Amble**

3rd Place to Grange View (all Year 4s)

Sprinting event – 2nd place to Leigh

Skipping event – 2nd place to Myamii

**Football**

All of Mr Derbyshire’s group plus Kenzie

**Mathletics Award**

Gold Winner – Joshua from Chestnut Class

Diary Dates: (some may be weather dependent, thank you)

* Monday, 18th June – Messy Monday at 3.15 pm in the hall
* Friday, 22nd June – Friends Summer Fair afternoon at 3pm in the hall
* Wednesday, 27th June - Y4 Leavers service at Newcastle Cathedral (details to follow)
* Friday, 29th June – SPORTS DAY – NO FAMILY WORSHIP
* Thursday, 5th July Y4 transitions to Middle schools
* Monday 9th July- Prayer spaces week
* Friday, 13th July- Fun afternoon (more details to follow from Friends of GV)
* Monday, 16th July- Year 4 Leavers Tea 5pm Lollo Rosso, Morpeth
* Tuesday, 17th July- Y4 Leavers Movie Show- 5.30pm with refreshments for all
* Friday, 20th July – end of term, school closes at 1.30pm for summer holidays
* Monday, 3rd September – Teacher Training Day
* Tuesday, 4th September – new autumn term begins at 8.50am

**Safe to Learn section**

This is a new section on our newsletter where we will share and update any safeguarding information for all parents/carers to be aware of.

**GDPR(General Data Protection Regulations)**

**The 1998 Data Protection Act has been replaced by the General Data Protection**

**Regulations from the 25th May 2018.**

**Information on the schools' Privacy policy and a Privacy Notice indicating the**

**personal data the school processes, for staff, pupils, parents/carers and governors is now on the school website.**

**Onecall**

Onecall is the number for all adult social care, children’s services and community health enquires in Northumberland. Helping the most vunerable to keep safe and well 24-7. Telephone- 01670 536400.

**Lockdown**

At Grange View we take safeguarding and safety very seriously. It is important that we continue to review all our procedures, taking into account even those events that are very unlikely to occur. As part of this process, we have introduced a new procedure called “lockdown”.

I am writing to inform you that we will be practising this procedure this half term.

Prior to our drill, staff will take time to talk to pupils about lockdown procedures and explain why they are important. They will reassure pupils after the drill that they are safe, and will emphasise that practising procedures like this will make sure the school remains a safe place to learn.

I must stress again this is simply a practice, so that in the unlikely event of such a situation, our pupils and staff are fully prepared.

**Kind Regards**

Louise Laskey

Mrs L Laskey -Head Teacher