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29th April 2019

Dear Parents

**We welcome our brand new member of staff Miss J Clapperton as our new Sports Activity Leader Apprentice to our team at Grange View . Miss Clapperton will be working across the whole school developing physical activities inside and outside. She comes with a fanastic sports background and will keep us all fit!**

**HEALTH AND SAFETY ADVICE**

Follow the death of a pupil in a school carpark recently and receiving advice plus risk assessments from Northumberland County Council parents and pupils MUST NOT USE the school carpark. Please do not cut across the carpark with your child and use it as pathways to school. Always use the gates and pathways at the side of the carpark next to the bungalow and follow the pathway past the kitchen to the main entrance. Thankyou

**\*\*\*\*\*KS2 Ford Castle Trip – 13th May\*\*\*\*\***

This is fast approaching so please check your balance with the office and have payment completed by THIS FRIDAY, 3rd May, 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, 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/**

**Warm weather alert!!**

Please keep an eye on the weather forecast as we are expecting sunnier days so please apply sun-cream as necessary, and a sun hat/cap. We also encourage each child to have a water bottle in school for drinking throughout the day.

**JEWELLERY**

Please remember that jewellery is not allowed to be worn in school for any physical activity which also includes Little Movers; please remove all items on the day of PE, swimming, etc. thank you.

**School Uniform/PE Kit**

Please remember black school shoes or all black trainers ONLY for school and PE kit must be in school at all times, thank you. PE t-shirts are available at the office.

**HOMEWORK REMINDER**

Please can we remind all parents with pupils in Year 1-4 that MATHLETICS is part of your children’s weekly homework which supports their learning from the teachers in school. We appreciate your support in completely this every week please.

KS2 Timestable Rockstars – keep up the fantastic work with this we need to keep improving our times tables and fluency ☺

# 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**.

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**

**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 93%, an application to the Local Authority for a penalty notice will be made. Our overall school attendance target is 96%**

# 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 w/e 05/04/19**

**Well done to Chestnut Class who won with 98.1%**

Acorn – 94.2% Oak – 91.1% Elm – 96%

Beech – 95% Chestnut – 98.1% Willow – 97.2%

TOTAL FOR THE WEEK – 95.5

Just 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.

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**Making a difference at Grange View**

1. **Easy Fund Raising**[www.easyfundraising.org.uk.](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/) Please register and keep Shopping online on this website for school funds. Every penny you spend helps school, thank yo
2. **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 ☺

# Dates for diaries

* Tues 30th April- KS2 Warburton’s Workshop am
* Mon 6th May- SCHOOL CLOSED- BANK HOLIDAY
* Fri 10th May - Y3 Personal Best and Y4 Watersports (more details to follow)
* Fri 10th May – NO FAMILY WORSHIP
* Mon 13th May – KS2 trip to Ford Castle
* Mon 20th May – Messy Monday
* Tues 21st May – Spring Bingo
* Thurs 23rd May- Y3 Tag Rugby pm
* Thurs 23rd May- FAMILY FITNESS with Little Movers Fiona 2.15pm- 3.15pm Nursery and Reception families
* Fri 24th May – school closes at 3.15pm for half term (Karate as usual)
* Mon 3rd June – school re-opens - KS2 Centre for Life Visit (more details to follow)
* Wed 5th June- Y4 Quad kids am
* Thurs 6th June- Y4s Wooler Countryside Day all day
* Mon 17th June – Messy Monday
* Thurs 20th June- Y4 Leavers Service at Newcastle Cathedral then Angel of the North
* Fri 21st Sports Day- 1.30pm Reception to Y4.
* Mon 24th June – Y3 to Brinkburn Priory
* Tues 25th June – Summer Bingo
* Thurs 27th June- Reception Dance Festival with Little Movers- More info to follow from Mrs Herron
* Fri 28th June- Summer Fair 2pm
* Mon 15th July- Y4 Leavers Dinner out 4.30pm-6pm Lollo Rosso
* Tues 16th July- Y4 Leavers Movie Event- 5.30pm
* Fri 19th July- Final Family Worship of 2019. School Closes 1.30pm for the Summer
* Mon 2nd September – Teacher Training Day
* Tues 3rd September – Teacher Training Day
* Wed 4th September -School re-opens

Kind regards,

Mrs L 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 Safegurding governor, Mrs Laskey, Mrs Herron and Mrs Chapman are our Designated Safeguarding lead staff.

**Operation Endeavour.**

I am writing to inform you about 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

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