



### Grange View C.E. First School

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***We aim to SPARKLE!***

Dear Parents/Carers

10.11.2023

### **Let your light shine – Matthew 5:16**

#### **Widdy Welcomes / Warm Hub**

Widdy Welcomes every Thursday 10.00am - 12.30pm holds a coffee morning. A warm, friendly and welcoming place to go for a cuppa and some home-made cakes and biscuits, which Mrs Palmer in school continues to donate towards.

The Warm Hub Fridays 4pm until 6pm at Widdy Welcomes, Adults £2.00 and Pensioners and Children £1.50 if you would like to book a space please get in touch with Gareth Tate on [garehytate@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:garehytate@yahoo.co.uk) or on Facebook: Gareth Tate. All welcome.

#### **Children in Need**



The School Council have met and decided that on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November they would like to come to school in non-uniform. This could be pyjamas, a costume, non-uniform clothes (sensible please) or even dressed as Pudsey himself! We ask that children each bring in £1 donation towards Children in Need please. During the day they will take part in Pudsey colouring competitions, play Pudsey games and we will be having a cake and biscuit stall on the yard after school, all donations for this would be

very welcomed! Thank you for supporting. If you could send in any 1p and 2p coins on the day we would love to fill a giant picture of Pudsey with change

#### **Reception Admissions Reminder**

It is now time to apply for your child to start school, reception class in September 2024.

Children born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2019 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020 should apply. The portal opened on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2023 and will close on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

Here is the link to the portal where you can apply. First time users will need to register an account.

[http://schadm.northumberland.gov.uk/CitizenPortal\\_LIVE/en](http://schadm.northumberland.gov.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE/en) If you require any help or need advice please call the team on 01670 624889.

#### **Dental Health**

Nursery to Year 3 have all been sent home this week with a free toothbrush and toothpaste following dental health training in school with the staff. We want to encourage good dental health hygiene. Please have a look at the email that was sent out last night (Thursday 9<sup>th</sup>) with lots of recommendations for healthy packed lunches/snacks and meals etc.

#### **Remembrance Sunday**

This week in school we have been remembering all those who gave their lives in the wars. Poppies have been on sale all week in school. Every class has taken time to learn about the sacrifices made. A service this year will be at Holy Trinity at 10:30am. There will also be a 2min silence outside the Co-op, all are welcome.



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### After School Clubs

Clubs this half term are as follows:

- Monday – NUFC games club
- Tuesday – **NEW** Boccia with Mrs Cessford
- Wednesday – Trident Soccer
- Thursday – Arts & Clarts with Mrs Henderson

There will be no After School Clubs Weeks commencing 11<sup>th</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup> December due to performances etc. but Wraparound (Hangout Club) will still be available.

**We have been approached regarding offering a Stretch and Flex/Yoga after school class in the Spring term. This would cost £3 per child per week. Can you please contact the office if you would be interested, so we know if we can offer it, thank you.**

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

### Nut Allergy reminder/Packed lunches

We have a 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. Nut allergies are very serious and even so much as someone in the same room opening a product containing nuts can be enough to trigger a serious reaction. Thank you for your support with this.

### Emergency Contacts/Up to Date Information

For safeguarding purposes, we should have 2 emergency contact telephone numbers for all pupils in school. We also need current contact emails/addresses for all parents in school. Please make sure your information is up to date with the office if anything has changed recently, thank you.

### REMINDER - SCHOOL MONEY – MUST BE PREBOOKED/PAID IN ADVANCE

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.

### Office Closure Times

A reminder that the office closes at 3:00pm on Tuesdays and Fridays.

### Santa Visit



We have managed to secure the *REAL* Santa again this year to visit school week commencing 4<sup>th</sup> December. He also does home visits, check out his Facebook page and website on the links below:

<https://www.facebook.com/santavisitsNE>

<https://www.happysanta.co.uk/>

### **\*\*\*NEW name for Wraparound Childcare – HANGOUT CLUB (Gracie's suggestion)\*\*\* - 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.

## **Family Hub – PARENTING**

As a school this half term we are aware that a number of families are struggling with their child's behaviour/emotions at home. We have access to lots of support, advice and courses for everyone through the family hub, please contact them on 01670 624500 or have a look on their Facebook page which is [www.facebook.com/northfamilyhubs](http://www.facebook.com/northfamilyhubs)

## **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.

## **School Website**

Please remember all topic letters/newsletters/long term curriculum plans/school lunch menu and lots of other information is available on the school website <http://www.grangeview.northumberland.sch.uk>

## **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](http://www.qwell.io)

## **PE Kits/Jewellery**

Please ensure your child comes to school in their school PE kit on their PE days and everything must be labelled. We ask that they are plain black/grey bottoms nothing branded. 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.

## **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.

## **CURRICULUM TOPIC REVIEWS**

### **Early Years Topic Review – All About Me**

Early Years have settled in to school very well. We have spent lots of time building friendships and settling into our routines. Our topic has been 'All About Me'. We have looked at a variety of stories, talked about our body parts and features, discussed our hobbies, interests, families and emotions. We used mirrors to help us paint self-portraits. They helped us look at where our features go on our faces and what colours we needed.

We enjoyed learning about the Autumn season, including harvest. We particularly loved singing our harvest festival song, 'Big Red Combine Harvester' as well as performing the actions. We have talked about what Harvest means to us and our community, and how we can help others if we have enough ourselves. We have been getting a bit sticky when exploring our cut pumpkins but enjoyed thinking of special words to describe how they felt.

Both Acorns and Oak have enjoyed having Little Movers for our PE lessons. We love learning new dances and playing games. Oak children and those that stay for 30 hours have also had NUFC dance lessons this half term in which they all tried hard and joined in well.

Oak class have started learning their Read Write Inc sounds and are trying really hard with their blending and segmenting. Acorns have started Phase 1 phonics which includes tuning in to sounds including environmental, instrumental, body percussion etc. They are having fun and trying hard too.

We have enjoyed spending lots of time in our outdoor areas and in the forest looking for signs of autumn and creating pictures with what we found. We have had a fabulous half term!



## Key Stage 1 Topic Review – Fantastic Farming

Our Farming topic was an absolute blast!

We started our topic off learning about the weather. The children named the different types and looked at what activities worked best in certain weathers. We did science investigations about the rain that the children loved. The children learned about where food comes from and how it gets from farm to fork. They found about different animals found on a farm with a particular focus on cows. After learning about cows the children found about the difference between beef cattle and dairy cows. A particular highlight of the trip was visiting Morwick Farm, where we learned more about cows and what happens to the milk we get from cows.

We also thought about farming in the past, now and what it might look like in the future. We loved learning about the machines and seeing a seed drill on our visit.

We finished off our topic by making vegetable soup and bread which were both delicious and enjoyed by all.

## Key Stage 2 Topic Review – Savage Stone Age

What a brilliant start to the year we have had in KS2, from day one it has been action packed getting emerged in our visit to the prehistoric Stone Age. We thoroughly loved the English hook texts Stone Age Boy and Ug, creating great diaries, wonderful dialogue writing and forming a foundation of knowledge for our topic learning.

The children learnt lots of fascinating and interesting facts, building upon their knowledge of fossils from KS1 as well as how Neolithic people survived. In addition to learning lots of historical facts, the children had lots of creative opportunities: making their own edible fossils, developing observational drawing skills for fossils and using charcoal as an art resource - best of all, towards the end of the term, transforming the classroom

into a stone age cave to use their fingers and natural paints to recreate iconic cave animal art. We are looking forward to our visit to the Hancock Museum to consolidate all our learning net term.

### **\*\*\*\*\*NEW Diary Dates\*\*\*\*\***

16<sup>th</sup> Nov – Year 3 and 4 visit to Great North Museum

17<sup>th</sup> Nov – Children in Need

7<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas Fair

12<sup>th</sup> Dec – Early Years Christmas Performance 10:30am

13<sup>th</sup> Dec – KS1/2 Christmas Performances 2:00pm and 5:00pm

14<sup>th</sup> Dec – KS1/2 Pantomime at Whitley Bay

18<sup>th</sup> Dec – Early Years Pantomime in school

19<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas Lunch/Christmas Jumper Day – **Change of Date (was 20<sup>th</sup>)**

20<sup>th</sup> Dec – Early Years Christmas Party AM – **Change of Date (Was 19<sup>th</sup>)**

21<sup>st</sup> Dec – KS1/2 Christmas Party AM

21<sup>st</sup> Dec – Break Up for Christmas Holidays (Teacher Training Day 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec School Closed)

8<sup>th</sup> Jan – Teacher Training Day - School Closed

9<sup>th</sup> Jan – Back to School

### **\*\*\*\*\*NEW Friends of Grange View Diary Dates\*\*\*\*\***

14<sup>th</sup> Nov – Mr Guy's Bingo night – doors open 6:30pm - £1 per ticket or 6 for £5

24<sup>th</sup> Nov – Pop up stall after school on the yard – hot chocolate and biscuits

30<sup>th</sup> Nov – Film Club night 3:15-5:15pm Reception – Year 4 welcome, £2 per ticket includes popcorn/drink - **Change of Date (Was 1<sup>st</sup> Dec)**

1<sup>st</sup> Dec – Non-uniform day for chocolate donations

4<sup>th</sup> Dec – Santa is visiting this week!

**4<sup>th</sup> Dec – NEW DATE - Family Bingo - 4.30pm (doors open 4:00pm) - £1 per ticket or 6 for £5**

5<sup>th</sup> Dec - Mr Guy's Bingo night – doors open 6:30pm - £1 per ticket or 6 for £5

7<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas Fair

## 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.

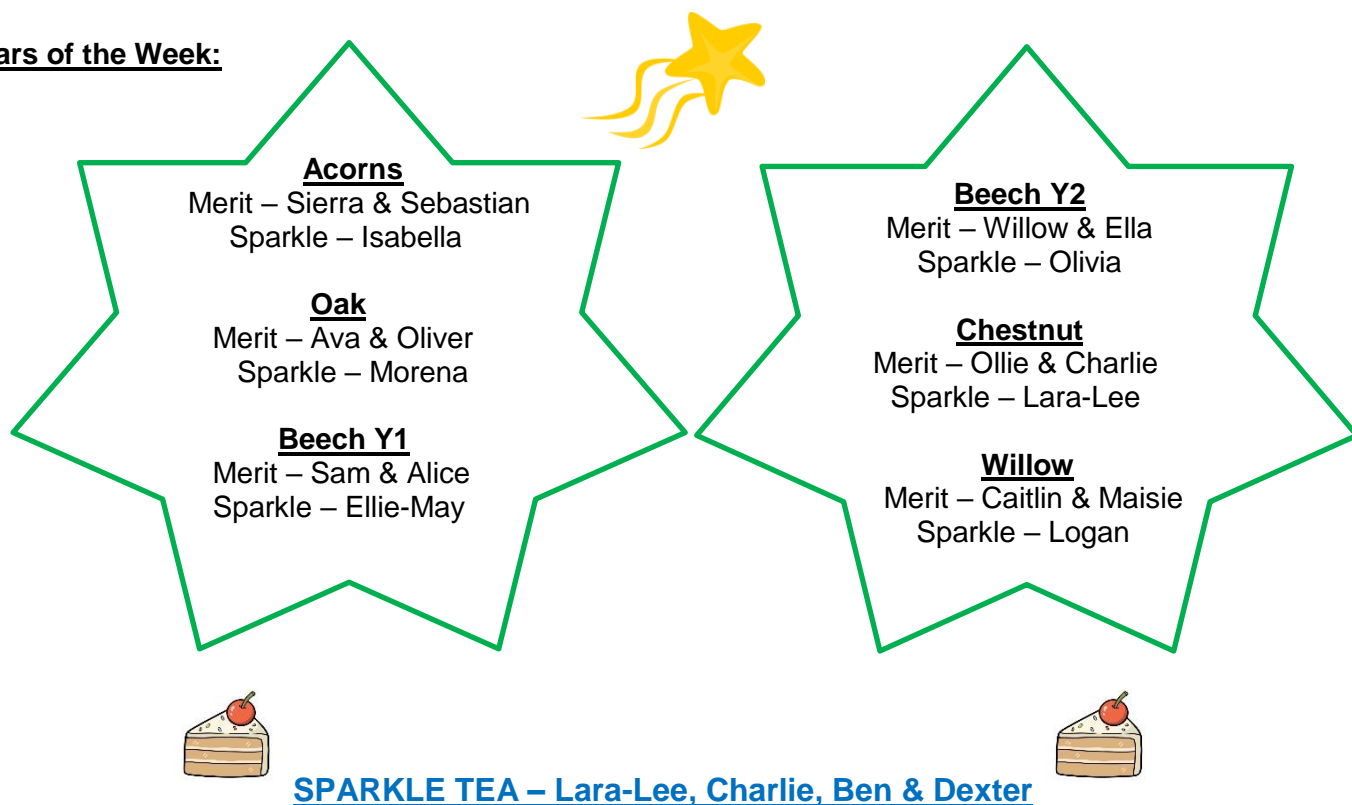


## E-safety

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>

## Stars of the Week:



**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: 27.10.2023



Well done to Willow Class who won with 100%

Acorns – 98.7%  
Oak – 92.4%  
Beech – 97.3%  
Chestnut – 95.3%  
Willow – 100%

Our school target continues at 97%. Whole school was 96.8%

## 100% Attendance Draw

As an extra incentive to promote good attendance this year, we have introduced half termly 100% attendance draws with the lucky winner taking away a £50 supermarket voucher.

The winner today for last half term was **Neve King**! Well done Neve! And remember, everyone has the opportunity to try for 100% every half term. Good Luck!

Kind Regards,

Louise Laskey - Head Teacher



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# PLAY OUR SUPERDRAW



## WIN A HARRY POTTER BUNDLE

- Win Tickets to Harry Potter and the Cursed Child
- AND a family pass to the Warner Bros Studio Tour!
- Tickets from just £1 a week
- Play now and support our school!

BUY TICKETS:

Go to: [YourSchoolLottery.co.uk](https://YourSchoolLottery.co.uk)

And search for: Grange View C.E



Draw date Saturday 28th October. See website for terms and conditions

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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**