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We aim to SPARKLE!

Dear Parents / Carers

14th Jan 2022

Well that was a busy week and wow COVID has certainly hit us hard !
 Please be aware if you or your child has symptoms it is much faster getting a PCR appointment and results at a test centre than any postal service. Our Chair of Governors got at test at 2pm one day and had the results by 6am the next day . This will help children get back to school quickly and help stop the transmission in our school.

Hopefully you have already seen the Government update but please note the following from Monday 17 January:-

Covid self-isolation period to reduce if after 5 full days there is a negative test with a lateral flow device (LFD) test on both day 5 and day 6; (as before the days run from the day after the positive test or symptoms); and they do not have a temperature.

“For example, if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to their education or childcare setting immediately on day 6.” Thankyou for your support with this.

NEW Risk Assessment and Outbreak Plan- (a copy of which is on the school website)

Updates

- All Year groups in separate bubbles until Covid numbers reduce over next 2 weeks hopefully.
- All After School Clubs cancelled until week beginning 24th Jan- all depends on number of COVID cases.
- Swimming on as normal
- Breakfast club open as normal
- Office hours 8.30-5pm Mon, Wed/Thurs- 8.30-4.30pm and 8.15-2.45pm Tues/Fri for Mrs Burt

BAGS TO SCHOOL

Please drop off by 17th Jan at The School Bungalow Carport . Thankyou

Class Dojo

To make communication effective and more efficient in school please can we ask parents only to use class Dojo with questions to teachers about learning and their child’s class.
 All queries about school lunches, attendance, lateness, illness, SIMs, medical appointments, uniform, pick ups etc should come to Mrs Burt in the office please.
 The teachers are teaching between 8.30 to 3.30 and often do not have a chance to read your messages and pass on information to the office. Thankyou.

NEW PARENT GOVERNOR

We are so happy to announce that we have a New parent governor. Mrs A Kent (Alex and Lukes mum) will be working with us soon .

SCHOOL UNIFORM

We have mountains of second hand good quality uniform FREE to anyone who needs a couple of extra sweatshirts . Please let the office know if you need anything.

Nursery places

We are filling up fast for future years and need to know which families need a place as we do not want to turn anyone away. Instead we would hope to employ additional staff to allow every child a place in the next 3 years.
 Please share this information with anyone who has a child coming up to the age of 3. All information is on the school website or call the office and we are happy to help. Thankyou.



PE Uniform

Please can all parents ensure your child has the correct school PE kit, we have plenty in stock and spares for children to use if needed. NOT your child's favourite tracksuit no matter how much they moan at you! Thankyou

FREE SCHOOL MEALS -Please apply for Free school meals if you think you meet the criteria as this would entitle your child to a free school lunch, free milk and many more other benefits in school.

The link to apply is: <https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Education/Schools/Meals.aspx>

Diary Dates-

25th Beech Film Club-Moana or Luca or Sonic or Abominable- children to vote – POSTPONED DUE TO COVID

20th Jan BAGS to school collected please drop off by 17th Jan

4th Feb- NSPCC Number Day

8th Feb- Elm Film Club- Sonic or Lady & Tramp or Luca or The Good Dinosaur – children to vote!- POSTPONED DUE TO COVID

18th Feb- Break up normal time for half term.

Tues 1st March – School reopens

Training Day 2022- 28th February

NEW DATE- To Be Confirmed in Spring Term - 1st JULY Extra school day holiday for the Queens 70th Year Jubilee – As agreed by partnership schools

Applying for your RECEPTION CLASS School place: DEADLINE is 15th January!

It's that time of year again where the admissions portal is open for the 2022 admissions round.

The Reception application Portal will open on 1st November and closes on 15th January 2022.

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>

Inclement weather

During these cold and rainy mornings the school drop off and pick up times remain the same. So we encourage you to arrive on time.

If you arrive early you may get wet and cold! Children will be escorted into school as usual by the class teacher, so please don't try to come into school early. Doors will only open at 8.45am in severe weather.

In the case of school closure due to severe weather please always check school website, Face Book page, Northumberland County Council Website and listen to Radio Newcastle. The school will also use the Text2Parents Messaging Service.

Shopping Link to support Grange View CE First School

<https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1049905-0>

This is the link to The Friends of Grange View Fundraising. It takes you to Amazon for any purchasing. Everything you buy raises funds for the school and generates extra funding to the PTA who in turn spends it on resources for your child and the school. Thankyou for supporting us with this as every penny counts.

SIMS Online payments – COVID SAFE CASH FREE SYSTEM

Thank you to all of those who have already signed up and are using it. We cannot accept cash and the SIMS system is what should be used. You should have received an activation code via email and it is very quick and easy to set up. Please follow the online instructions to set this up to make any future payments. Any issues please email or call the office. Thank you.

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns at

admin@grangeview.northumberland.sch.uk

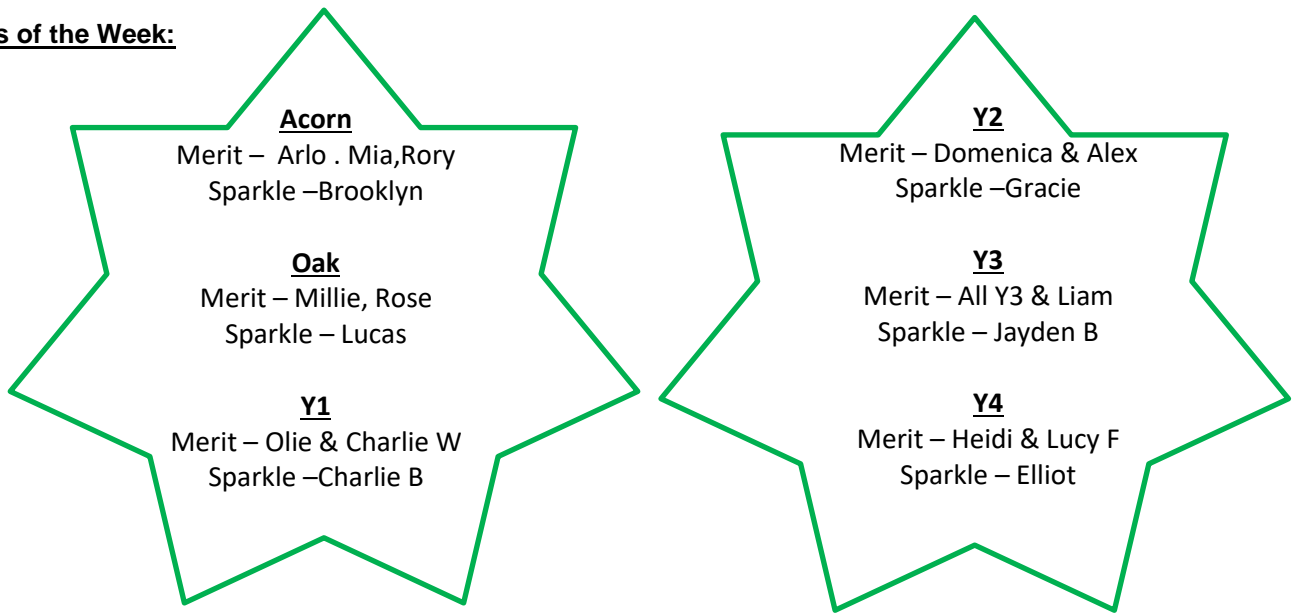
****Please note – no cash is to be brought into school unless we ask specifically (often for the Friends of Grange View events) All payments for school lunch, milk, uniform, trips etc. should all be made online. Due to Covid, we need to avoid handling cash as much as we can.*****



We're working towards Artmark Awarded by Arts Council England



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. Obviously COVID is having an impact on attendance and the data.

Week ending: 14.1.2022



Well done to Beech Class who won again this week with 99.1%

Our school target continues at 97% although COVID absences is causing massive concerns!

Kind Regards , Louise Laskey- Head Teacher

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 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