



Grange View C.E. First School
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We aim to SPARKLE!

Dear Parents / Carers

7th Jan 2022

Happy New Year to all our amazing and fabulous families. Thankyou again for all your kind messages to staff and Christmas treats and gifts, much appreciated!

Staffing Changes

Miss Boyce will be temporarily covering Mrs Tait who has to work from home for next 2 weeks until maternity leave starts due to COVID restrictions for pregnant workers.
 Mrs Timmins has good news too that she is expecting her second baby but it is not due until the summer and we still have Miss McQuade who continues to teach and support in KS1 and 2. She will be Mrs Timmins replacement for her maternity leave. We will keep you posted as we need to keep her and the baby safe during this new COVID variant outbreak

UPDATE COVID –

It is vital that we all still follow the rules and guidelines set down by the Government:
Do not send your child to school unless they have a negative lateral flow if someone in your household is positive.
Isolation period 7 days with negative lateral flow tests on 6th and 7th Day and sent to admin@grangeview.northumberland.sch.uk, otherwise must stay at home for 10 days if still testing positive.
MASKS must be recommended to be worn by all families on school site
Masks continue to be worn by staff around all areas of school
Lunches- as normal unless cook absent then as emergency short term until other arrangements made Packed lunches must be sent in.
Follow the new isolation guidelines please

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

Updates

- Swimming on as normal
- Breakfast club open
- Clubs on this week- Rugby, Craft, Lego, Multi-skills, Football and Little movers- please let office know you require a place.
- Office hours 8.30-5pm Mon, Wed/Thurs- 8.30-4.30pm and 8.15-2.45pm Tues/Fri for Mrs Burt

NEW AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS for Spring Term

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS Spring 2022 - All clubs £2 per session - Please collect all your children from the main gate at 4.15pm. Must be paid up front please a week in advance on SIMS

These are the clubs we are offering for the Spring Term:
 Mondays - Fun and games outdoors - Newcastle Thunder - R-Y4
 Tuesdays – clubs with staff – Early Years – Craft Club, Y1 and 2- Games Club, Y3 and 4 Lego Club
 Wednesdays - Football Club - with Trident football and coaches R-Y4
 Thursdays - Little Movers – Reception, Y1 and Y2 with Fiona

Please contact the office if you wish to book a place and pay £2 on SIMS for each club. Thankyou.



BREAKFAST CLUB

We are currently running this childcare facility with extremely low numbers meaning that it is not sustainable. As a gesture of goodwill siblings of Nursery children have been able to access the childcare from 8.30am free of charge but unfortunately, we cannot afford to pay staff and continue to do this.

Therefore, in January any parents wishing to drop any older sibling off at Breakfast club when they drop off for Nursery will need to pay £1 (half price) to use this childcare provision. Please pay on SIMS and book places with the office if you need to use this childcare provision.

At present we will be keeping Nursery hours 8.30-11.30am Thank you.

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. Thank you.

NEW CO2 monitors

The DFE have provided each class with a monitor to check each classroom is well ventilated to support keeping the children and staff safe from COVID. Although these are working well please can we remind parents that windows do stay open no matter how cold it is outside. The heating is on but please can we also encourage your child to wear layers under their uniform. Thank you

PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION

Are you a professional? Do you work for the NHS or a local business? Do you have HR or finance experience? If so we are looking for a new parent governor to join our team. Rebecca Griffin who is our chair is happy to chat to anyone who may be interested in the role to support our school. A separate letter was emailed home to all families. Please give it a go!

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.

After Christmas we will be moving to online ordering direct with MAPAC who is our supplier. More information to follow in the new year.

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-

Wed 5th Jan – School reopens

11th Jan- Willow Film Club

25th Beech Film Club-Moana or Luca or Sonic or Abominable- children to vote !

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!

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



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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.



THE THRIVE APPROACH- Mrs Tait is our recently qualified Thrive trained member of staff. The Thrive approach is to support the well-being of all pupils and we have been using it for a number of years. A leaflet for parents has been emailed home to explain what it is all about.

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. Thank you 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.*****

Bags 2 School:

Your child should come home tonight with a Bag 2 School. Please help us if you can by returning them to school next week. We would love to raise as much as we can 😊

Stars of the Week:

Acorn

Merit – Ben & Arlo
Sparkle – Ivy

Oak

Merit – Navneet & Neve
Sparkle – Ella

Elm

Merit – Jessica & Nicole Ba
Sparkle –Thea



Beech
Merit – Harleigh & Lydia
Sparkle – Bailey H

Willow
Merit –Eva & George
Sparkle –Skye

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: 7.1.2022



Well done to.....Willow Class who won again this week with 100%
Technical issues in SIMS means we are unable to produce % for all classes
this week 😞
Our school target is 97%



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 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