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We aim to SPARKLE!

Dear Parents / Carers

21st Jan 2022

SCHOOL CLOSED

FRI 21st Jan- apologies for any inconvenience today. We have had to close the school today due to **NO heating**, luckily our facilities manager lives in the village so we were able to sort an engineer to come out asap. We will keep you updated. Thankyou

COVID OUT BREAK UPDATE

We still have over 10% of the school with positive cases but as their isolation periods end and attendance improves then we hope to lift our restrictions as advised by NCC

Until then staff are still wearing masks around school and we continue to encourage mask wearing by all visitors including parents on school site. We remain in bubbles with no year groups mixing throughout the day

No clubs apart from Breakfast club continues on separate tables

We still request 2 negative lateral flow test results for your child to return to school before the end of any isolation period.

With 4 weeks left until half term we hope that we will resume normal service by then and thankyou for helping us reduce the transmission.

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

An update for all education and childcare settings following the Prime Minister's announcement of the end of Plan B. The Prime Minister announced that all Plan B measures will be removed in England, with a full return to Plan A by Thursday 27 January.

In education and childcare settings, this means:

From Thursday 20 January, face coverings are no longer recommended in classrooms and teaching spaces for staff, and pupils and students **in year 7 and above**. They were introduced in classrooms at the start of the spring term as a temporary measure.

From Thursday 27 January, face coverings are no longer recommended in communal areas for staff, and pupils and students **in year 7 and above**.

This decision comes in response to national infection data showing the prevalence of COVID-19 to be on a downward trajectory. Whilst there are some groups where cases are likely to continue rising, it is likely that the Omicron wave has now peaked nationally. There remains significant pressure on the NHS but hospital admissions have stabilised, and the number of patients in Intensive Care Units (ICU) remain low and are falling.

This means it is right we remove the most stringent restrictions around wearing face coverings from education, but the virus is still with us, and continuing with proportionate protective measures remains vital to protect education.

Local directors of public health are able to recommend the use of face coverings in communal areas, across their area only, where DfE and public health experts judge the measure to be proportionate due to specific health concerns. This is a temporary measure. Directors of public health will continue to advise individual settings experiencing outbreaks. Any local introduction of face coverings will be subject to routine review and removed at the earliest opportunity.

We have updated the guidance for schools, further education settings, special schools and out-of-school settings to reflect these changes.



The Department for Education COVID-19 helpline and the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) advice service are available to answer any questions you have about COVID-19 relating to education and childcare settings and children's social care.

Updates

- All Year groups in separate bubbles until Covid numbers reduce
- All After School Clubs cancelled until week beginning 31st 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

School Lottery

Check out the prize details at the end of this letter. Win a STAYCATION!!!!

BREAKFAST CLUB

We would love to find out who would want to access Breakfast Club earlier in the morning from possibly 7.30am for working parents. There would need to be an increase in charges but we need to gain further information from our families first. Please complete the Google Questionnaire on its way to you all . Thankyou.

Multi-skills

Y4 did extremely well last Friday competing in the final of the Northumberland MultiSkills Competition. They were super confident and all did their best taking part . They all will receive a certificate for taking part

Bikeability

4th Feb Y4 will be taking part in a Bikeability session with The Cycle Partnership. They all need to bring their bikes and a helmet to school that day along with wearing appropriate clothing

Trampolining Success

Well done to Matilda in Y3 who was in the regional schools trampolining competition last Sunday! Matilda in Year 3 did amazingly representing Grange View 🤩. It was her first time competing a more advanced routine which she has only been practicing a few weeks. The group is very wide with all it's northeast competitors years 1-6. We are all super proud of her 👍

BAGS TO SCHOOL

Thankyou for all the donations we will let you know how much has been raised asap.

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.

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-

4th Feb- NSPCC Number Day- Info to follow soon and Bikeability day for Y4.

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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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>

Incllement 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

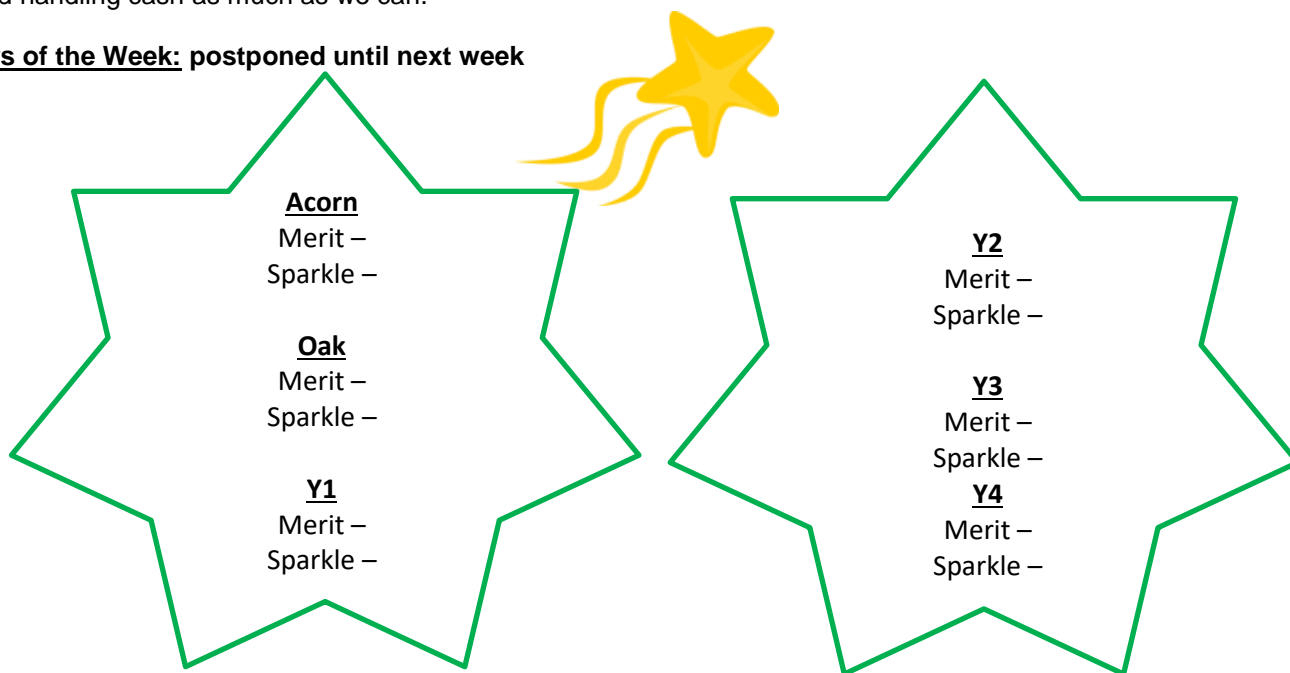
Thank you to all of those who have already signed up and are using it. We cannot accept cash and the SIMS system is what should be used. You should have received an activation code via email and it is very quick and easy to set up. Please follow the online instructions to set this up to make any future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

Stars of the Week: postponed until next 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: 21.1.2022



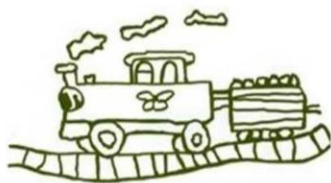
Well done to Willow Class who won again this week with 99.2 %
Our school target continues at 97% although COVID absences is still causing huge attendance issues.

Kind Regards, Louise Laskey- Head Teacher



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Play Today Win A Getaway



Support Our Lottery This Term
WIN a Forest Staycation!

- Help give our fundraising a much needed boost
- Tickets cost just £1 a week
- Guaranteed cash prize winner every week
- Jackpot of £25,000!

Play Now! Go to:

YourSchoolLottery.co.uk/play

and search for: Grange View C.E



Supporters must be 16 years of age or older. See website for T&Cs. Closing dates: 26th February 2022



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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