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We aim to SPARKLE!



Dear Parents

14th October 2019

Harvest Worship

Thank you to all our parents who joined us on Friday. The Water Aid collection buckets raised £56.43, thank you.

Parents Evenings

We look forward to seeing you all for your appointment with class teachers this week. This year parents will all be seen in the school hall with individual tables for each class teacher. Other families will wait in the hall on the benches and tables available. Thank you.

Messy Monday

Our next Messy Monday session is planned for a week today, Monday, 21st October. Please come along with your child for crafts and refreshments in the hall from 3.15pm-4.15pm.

PE Kit

School has no spare PE kit in school so please make sure your child has his/her kit in at all times.

Girls Hair

Please can parents ensure that girl's hair is tied back for PE and swimming? This will also help when there are cases of head lice, thank you.

Themed Writing Day

This Friday, 18th Oct is our whole school themed Writing Day. The theme on this occasion will be Super Heroes. From the results of our writing that day we will be also entering a writing competition.

The whole school can come dressed as their favourite Superhero on the day or SCHOOL UNIFORM AS USUAL, thank you.



PUMPKIN COMPETITION

We are holding a pumpkin completion this year on Thursday 24th Oct. £1 per entry and prizes for a winner from each class. Please enter with your child and be as creative as possible. All will be displayed outside in the side yard and prizes will be given out at Friday Family worship on 25th Oct.





Please check bags for the leaflet. New custom regulations this year - NO toothpaste or sweets allowed in boxes. Completed shoeboxes to be in school by no later than Monday, 11th November, thank you.

Walk To School Month

October this year is Walk To School Month. We will be concentrating on the first week to encourage everyone to walk to school with parents. A road safety assembly will be held during the month. This week is road safety sessions in the afternoon on Tuesday, 15th October.

School Photographs

Tempest Photography will be in school on Tuesday, 22nd October to take individual and sibling photographs. If you have a pre-school child and want his/her photo taken along with brother/sister in school, please come between 8.30am-8.45am and families will be taken on a first-come-first-served basis. Your school child will go back to class and will get his/her photo taken individually later.

ALDI- Kit for Schools

Please start collecting GB stickers at your local ALDI when you spend over £30 and bring them into school to add to our school poster. We need to collect 300 stickers to get a chance of winning £20000 for our school. Thank you.

NUT ALLERGIES

We have a child in school with nut allergies therefore for the safety of the child we are now banning any nut based biscuits, bars , spreads etc in our school. This includes chocolate spreads that are nut based and any other bakes and pastries eg. Pain au chocolate, crepes , nutty biscuits etc . So sorry for any inconvenience but this is essential for the well-being of all our children. Thank you.

Online Portal Opening September 2019 - Middle, High and Secondary

The Online Portal for Admissions to Middle, High and Secondary Schools will close on 31st October.
PLEASE NOTE THAT IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO APPLY FOR A PLACE AT MIDDLE SCHOOL.

Uniform

Please ensure all uniform including wellies/shoes/PE kits are labelled with your child's name. School cannot be responsible for unnamed items.

Please remember our school uniform policy is all black shoes or all black trainers NOT Nike, Vans , sandals or any other high fashion footwear. But where a child has worn them out or out grown them we completely understand that replacements will appear as soon as possible.

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 at least **3 TIMES PER WEEK**, 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/>

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

NEW INFORMATION – PLEASE NOTE THE INCREASE TO 94% attendance for any child taken out of school for a holiday in term time. This is the minimum they must have if parents do not want to be issued a penalty notice unless there are exceptional circumstances.

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 94%, an application to the Local Authority for a penalty notice may be made based on the circumstances. **Our overall NEW whole school attendance target is 97%.**

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 week ending 04/10/19



Well done to Chestnut Class who won with 100%
Acorn – 94.2% Oak – 92.4% Elm – 98% Beech – 98.7%
Chestnut – 100% Willow – 96.8%
TOTAL FOR THE WEEK 97%
On our new school target which is now 97 %



Making a difference at Grange View

Easy Fundraising www.easyfundraising.org.uk. Please register and keep Shopping online on this website for school funds. Every penny you spend helps school, thank you.

Supporting Charities

Pathfinder Dogs – we are supporting this charity in school and will have a collection bin in the main entrance; things they collect are plastic bottle tops; postage stamps; foreign currency; CDs & DVDs; books; crisp packets; unwanted gifts; bras; clothing; belts; bags; shoes; belts; towels; sheets. The bin will be emptied every week.

Dates for diaries

- ☐ **OCTOBER IS WALK TO SCHOOL MONTH**
- ☐ **Mon 14th / Tues 15th Oct – parents evening week**
- ☐ **Thurs 17th Oct – Flu immunisation – whole school except Nursery**
- ☐ **Mon 21st Oct – Messy Monday, 3.15pm in the school hall**
- ☐ **Tues 22nd Oct – School photographer in school (siblings can come for 8.30am)**
- ☐ **Thurs 24th Oct***** New date- PUMPKIN COMPETITION £1 per entry *******
- ☐ **Fri 25th Oct***New Date*** Non uniform day for bottle donations for Christmas Fair**
- ☐ **Fri 25th Oct – School closes for half term at 3.15pm**
- ☐ **Mon 4th Nov – school closed due to TTD**
- ☐ **Tues 5th Nov – school opens**
- ☐ **Mon 11th Nov – deadline for shoeboxes to be returned to school**
- ☐ **Mon 18th Nov – Messy Monday, 3.15pm in the school hall**
- ☐ **Tues 26th Nov – KS 2 trip to Hancock Museum/Ouseburn**
- ☐ **Thurs 28th Nov – Elm/Beech/Chestnut/Willow Classes trip to see The Snow Queen in Amble (AM)**
- ☐ **Thurs 5th Dec – Friends Christmas Fair 2pm**
- ☐ **Tues 10th Dec – Friends Christmas Bingo, 7pm start**
- ☐ **Tues 17th Dec - Christmas performances- 10am Acorns and Oak; 2pm KS1 & 6pm KS2**
- ☐ **Wed 18th Dec- Little Movers Christmas Party – Acorns and Oak Classes only**
- ☐ **Thurs 19th Dec- Christmas lunch and jumper day**
- ☐ **Fri 20th – Christmas disco/party morning. School closes at 1.30pm**
- ☐ **Mon 6th Jan 2020 – school closed due to TTD**
- ☐ **Tues 7th Jan 2020 – school opens for the Spring Term**

Kind regards,
Louise 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 Safeguarding governor, Mrs Laskey and Mrs Chapman are our Designated Safeguarding lead staff.

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. Our Safeguarding liaison officer Karen Kirkbride will be in school this term delivering these workshops.

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.

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