



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

Dear Parents/Carers

15.12.2023

Let your light shine – Matthew 5:16

Staff Absences

As a school we rarely have any staff absent for any circumstances. Unfortunately, due to an immediate family bereavement Mrs Chapman will be on compassionate leave until after Christmas. We are all thinking about her and sending all our love. On the odd occasion staff do need to attend medical appointments during the school day which cannot be changed for emergency purposes or for ongoing personal conditions. The classes will always be covered by an existing member of staff or an experienced supply teacher to ensure that learning continues as normal.

Safety around School Site

Please be aware that parents should not be parking in the staff car park and please ensure all school gates are closed/locked behind you for safeguarding purposes.

Phones on School Site

Please could we ask parents and carers to pop their phones in their pockets when children come out of school. They are excited to see you and this is an ideal time to ask them about their day. Please make sure the first thing your child sees is your face, and not your phone. Thank you for your co-operation.

Reception Admissions Reminder

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

Children born between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020 should apply. The portal opened on 1st November 2023 and will close on 15th 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 If you require any help or need advice please call the team on 01670 624889.

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

All breakfast club and after school club places, as well as Wraparound Care (Hangout Club) need to be booked in and paid for in advance on Schoolmoney. ***You need to book your child into the relevant club on the relevant day, just adding money to the account does not book your child in.*** Payments for swimming can also be made through School Money. Thank you.

100% Attendance Incentive

We have introduced 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. For this half term the draw will take place the first week back after Christmas. Good luck everyone!



Free School Meals (Pupil Premium)

It's simple and easy to see if your child is entitled to free school meals. This is not the same as universal Free School Meals, which every child is entitled to from Reception to Year 2. You will be able to access subsidised educational visits, free milk, subsidised clubs including Breakfast Club, as well as the school receiving £1500 per pupil which supports resources and staff for your child.

The number to apply is 0345 600 6400 and they can check using your national insurance number to see if you are eligible. Please help yourself and the school by giving them a ring, thank you!

NEW After School Clubs

New clubs for the Spring Term will be as follows:

- Monday – NUFC games club
- Tuesday – Club with Mrs Cessford - TBC
- Wednesday – Trident Soccer
- Thursday – Club with Mrs Timmins or Miss Darlow - TBC

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

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.

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 garethtate@yahoo.co.uk or on Facebook: Gareth Tate. All welcome.

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.

Office Closure Times

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

*****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



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

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.

*****NEW Diary Dates*****

18th Dec – Early Years Pantomime in school

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

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

21st Dec – KS1/2 Christmas Party AM

21st Dec – Break Up for Christmas Holidays **at 2:00pm** (Teacher Training Day 22nd Dec - School Closed)

8th Jan – Teacher Training Day - School Closed

9th Jan – Back to School

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

16th Jan - Mr Guy's Bingo night – doors open 6:30pm - £1 per ticket or 6 for £5

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:

Acorns

Merit – Whole Class
Sparkle – William & Esmerelda

Oak

Merit – Whole Class
Sparkle – Bobby & Ella-Rae

Beech Y1

Merit – Whole Class
Sparkle – Jackson P & Luke

Beech Y2

Merit – Whole Class
Sparkle – Neve, Lucas & Thomas

Chestnut

Merit – Whole Class
Sparkle – Lara-Lee & Charlotte

Willow

Merit – Whole Class
Sparkle – Logan & Leo



SPARKLE TEA – Gracie, Jessica, Thomas & Jacob



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: 08.12.2023



Well done to Chestnut Class who won with 97.6%

Acorns – 79.3%
Oak – 83.5%
Beech – 87.7%
Chestnut – 97.6%
Willow – 95.6%

Our school target continues at 97%. Whole school was 88.7%

Kind Regards,

Louise Laskey - Head Teacher

Enter our **Super Draw**

WIN A £3,000 CHRISTMAS CASH BONUS



- Tickets cost just £1 a week
- Chance to win up to £25,000
- Play weekly, or just play the Super Draw!
- Win a huge festive cash bonus!



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www.yourschoollottery.co.uk
AND SEARCH FOR **Grange View C.E**



Supporters must be 18 years of age or older. Enter by 23/12/2023.

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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