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We aim to SPARKLE!



Dear Parents

4th November 2019

NON UNIFORM DAY

A big thankyou from The Friends of Grange View for all your kind bottle donations for Christmas fair. Looks like lots of Fizz to win on Thurs 5th Dec at 2pm.

PUMPKIN COMPETITION WINNERS

Acorns- Taylor-Jace
Oak- Jessica
Elm - Lydia
Beech- Rosanne
Chestnut- Sophia
Willow- Riley B
Overall winner- Poppy O for her amazing cupcake!



Family worship is on this Friday as normal.

Inclement weather

During these cold and rainy mornings the school doors will open at 8.45am at the earliest, so we encourage you to arrive on the yard just before 8.50am for the bell which rings at 8.50am. 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 as your child will not be supervised.

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.

IF YOUR CHILD IS GOING TO BE LATE FOR ANY REASON – PLEASE RING SCHOOL AS IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE KNOW WHERE HE/SHE IS, THANK YOU.

School Lunches – KS2

As the winter months arrive, please remember we provide a daily hot school lunch at a cost of £2.20 per day (£11 per week). We would encourage you to look at the menus on the school website and inform the office the Friday prior if you want your child to have school lunches.

Friends Bingo – There is no Bingo on Tuesday, 12th November, thank you. Next one is Tuesday, 10th December.

Parents Questionnaires

Each year we ask for parents to complete a simple questionnaire about our school. This helps the staff and governors to continue to plan for improvement and make Grange View an even better place for your children to learn

Its that time again when Mrs Laskey needs your help to complete on-line parent questionnaires to support us with Ofsted. This can be accessed at www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk

Please support us with all comments and complete the reply slip at the end of this letter to be entered for a prize draw to win a £10 voucher.

If you can complete this online before Fri 29th Nov and we will draw the winner in family worship .

Staff Car Park

There is no access to parents or grandparents to the staff only carpark at ANY POINT during the school day, this includes breakfast club arrivals. This is for health and safety reasons to avoid conflict with deliveries, staff arriving and leaving and disabled access. We do not want any accidents happening in this area which is designated for vehicular access only.

ALDI- Kit for Schools

We are still collecting GB stickers from your local ALDI. When you spend over £30 please 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. We are half way there. Thank you.

PE Kit

School has no spare PE kit in school so please make sure your child has his/her kit in at all times. Please make sure your child has pierced ears covered for all PE lessons or have ear-rings removed.

Water Bottles

ONLY WATER in bottles in school please. As a healthy school no juice or flavoured water are allowed . The school office has water bottles available for £1 and we have a cold water dispenser in our school hall. Thankyou for your support with this.

NUT ALLERGIES IN PACKED LUNCHES

We have still have a child in school with nut allergies therefore for the safety of the child but this week some parents are who are not checking . Mrs Laskey has found Kinder bars, hazelnut croissants, nutella sandwiches etc.

All nut based biscuits, bars , spreads etc in our school are banned . 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.

Healthy packed lunches - Do you need Packed lunch help ?

We are a Healthy School and have a child with nut allergies in school. We need to ensure that all packed lunches are balanced and healthy.

A sandwich, one savoury item, fruit/veg and yogurts are a good option. Please ensure your child does not bring any fizzy drinks and sweets/chocolate in their lunchboxes and bags.

We encourage savoury sandwiches, fruit, yogurts, healthy savoury snacks and **1 treat (biscuit/cake)**. Chocolate bars/sweets will be sent back home in their lunchboxes.

For those parents/carers who would like some interesting and exciting ideas to liven up and make their child's packed lunches healthier please use the website links below:

<http://www.childrensfoodtrust.org.uk/resources/packed-lunch-menus-and-recipes>

<http://www.nhs.uk/Change4Life/Pages/healthy-lunchbox-picnic.aspx>



Operation Christmas Child



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.

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 18/10/19



Well done to Willow Class who won with 100%
 Acorn – 90.8 %; Oak – 89.5%; Elm – 93.7 %; Beech – 95.7%
 Chestnut – 93.8%; Willow – 100% %
 TOTAL FOR THE WEEK – 94.1 %
 Below our new school target which is now 97 %



Stars of the Week

Acorn

Merit – Molly, May-Jayne

Sparkle – Harry

Writing – Lara-Le

Oak

Merit – Olivia, Zak

Sparkle – Maisie

Writing – Logan

Elm

Merit – Lydia, Lim

Sparkle – Harley

Writing – Bailey

Caught Sparkling

Alex (Oak)

Alfie (Oak)

Maisie (Oak)

Evie (Chestnut)

Beech

Merit – Mason, Thomas

Sparkle – Annaliese

Writing – Alarna

Chestnut

Merit – Sean, Sophia

Sparkle – Grace

Writing – Harry

Willow

Merit – Isaac, Sophie

Sparkle – Lucy

Writing – Grace

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; towels; sheets. The bin will be emptied every week.

Topic Reviews

Acorns class topic review – Autumn term 1 – Myself and my family/Harvest time

The children have settled really well into Nursery and are learning the boundaries and routines well. They are all forming some lovely friendships which is very nice to see. Here are some of the fun activities that we have done this half term;

- Self-portraits – We looked at ourselves in the mirror and identified the colour of our eyes and hair and then painted ourselves. These are now displayed in the unit for everyone to see.
 - Looking at photos of our family and drawing who is in our family. These are looking great in our home-corner area and leads to lots of conversations about our families.
 - Talking about how to be a good friend – we made some magic friendship potions.
 - We have enjoyed learning all about Autumn and made some Autumn trees with our hands and fingers.
- We enjoyed learning all about Harvest time and taking part in the Harvest festival.

Oak Class –topic review- Autumn 1- Myself and my family/Harvest time

What tired children we had at the end of the half term. They have all worked extremely hard full time in school. They have all started our Read Write Inc Phonics scheme and Mrs Timmins and Miss Darlow will be holding a meeting with parents very soon this term to share Reading and phonics information.

We have talked about our families and learnt about being a good friend.

Fiona from Little Movers has help with PE and coordination .

We loved performing our harvest songs for all our families .

Miss Adams has got to know the class and will be teaching us this half term.

KS1 Elm and Beech Classes Summary – Fantastic Farming

What a wonderful term it has been in KS1, the children seem to have thoroughly enjoyed their farming topic with both classes developing a deeper understanding of how farming has changed over time, the benefit developments in machinery have had on the industry and how we can have a greater appreciation now for our Harvest understanding where it comes from.

Following our great visit to Low Steads farm the children were much more confident naming things you would find on a farm and what each thing's purpose was. They have a greater awareness of where our food comes from and how some can be natural and others man made from natural produce often originating from a farm.

In Literacy they started by looking at a simple story of the Lion in the Meadow which challenged their understanding of animals and where their setting could be. They then imitated, innovated and then invented their own version of the little red hen knowing about how bread is made. Meanwhile after making soup in class they learnt the features of instructions and have written their own for other commands such as growing cress heads of making a pizza. This was concluded brilliantly with Elm classes Warburtons workshop, knowing the ingredients for a healthy sandwich – Beech will be getting their chance in December too!

In other aspects of their learning, the children have become more confident in their place value and both addition and subtraction of numbers, they are starting to become speedier at logging on to their chromebooks to access online learning and have been using Art Hub for kids to develop their Artistic techniques when they are not doing Yoga with Debbie. It has been an action packed term and we are already super excited to start the next term with them!

Chestnut Class topic review – autumn term 1 – The Stone Age

We began the term engaging fully with our historical topic of the Stone Age. The children got themselves into tribes and immersed themselves in the prehistoric lifestyle learning about the different tools that were used and what they were used for drawing and sketching these into their art books. They got creative making their very own cave paintings using their hand prints. We used a large time line to help us think about time as linear and the different periods of time to see where and when the prehistoric Stone Age period was.

In science we observed and studied a variety of rocks making detailed drawings and describing their properties. We learnt about the process of fossilisation through an investigation using shells and sand as the sediment. As part of our Forest school adventures we became hunter gathers making spears and gathering foods around the fire pit. We also took on the role of historians and palaeontologists making rubbings of a variety of things as a way of recording what we found. In music the children have begun to learn the ukulele singing a variety of songs and learning the chords.

To finish our terms topic we had a visit from a Stone Age lady who brought with her many tools and objects for us to handle and discuss, including a popular rug made from a cow. As part of the day we got dressed in traditional costume and made our very own pre-historic clay pot using bones, stones and shells to help shape and make patterns with.

Willow Class Topic review: Savage Stone Age – Autumn 1

What a brilliant start to the year we have had in Willow Class, from day one it has been action packed when learning about the Savage Stone Age. We thoroughly loved the Literacy texts Stone Age Boy and Ug, creating great drama, wonderful descriptive writing and forming a solid foundation for our topic learning. Our most exciting day has to be when we had a Stone Age visitor and got to create our own Stone Age pots, as well as handling Stone Age artefacts. Additionally this term, the children have started their Ukulele lessons; we can now hold a Ukulele, play two chords and sing along with our tutor. We also looked at Spain for European Day of Languages; we learnt some basic phrases in Spanish, read Goldilocks and the Three Bears in Spanish, found out about their customs, learnt some facts and dance moves as well as sampling some yummy Spanish food.

Stars out of School

News about Amelia in Chestnut Class:

“Amelia in competed in the South East Northumberland Dance Festival during the holidays, she received a Trophy for the highest marks in classical dance. The adjudicator also chose her favourite 12 dances from hundreds of dances during the festival and Amelia was chosen as one of these, all 12 danced again & Amelia came runner up and was given a bursary towards her dance fees. She also came away with 8 golds, 4 silver and 3 bronze medals.

She also starts her new dance school in Scotland on Sunday where she will be dancing with children who are 10+ in age.”

What a fantastic achievement and Grange View is so proud of her dancing talents.

Dates for diaries

- ☐ **Mon 11th Nov – deadline for shoeboxes to be returned to school**
- ☐ **Tues 12th Nov – Family Christmas Photo Shoot 3.45pm – 7pm**
- ☐ **Fri 16th Nov – Children in Need – info to follow from school council**
- ☐ **Mon 18th Nov – Messy Monday, 3.15pm in the school hall**
- ☐ **Fri 22nd Nov- Nursery visit to Kidz Town, Blyth**
- ☐ **Tues 26th Nov – KS2 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**
- ☐ **Fri 13th Dec – Christmas Film Night/Late Night Shopping for Parents**
£3 per place to be booked at the school office
- ☐ **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**
- ☐ **Fri 20th - School closes at 1.30pm**
- ☐ **Mon 6th Jan 2020 – school closed due to TTD**
- ☐ **Tues 7th Jan 2020 – school opens for the Spring Term**
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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.

Telephone- 01670 536400



I have completed the online parent view questionnaire and would like to enter the prize draw.

Name _____