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**Dear Parent/Carers 26th Feb 2018**

We are looking forward to seeing you all this week at your Parent Consultations with your child’s class teacher. However, due to the forecast of bad weather this week, please bear in mind that we may need to re-arrange appointments to next week on the grounds of health and safety for parents and staff. You will be kept informed via text messages, school website and face book page. Thank you for your co-operation.

We will also keep you up-to –date regarding any clubs etc. that may need to be cancelled due to the weather, thank you.

**Mobile Phone Numbers**

Please inform the school office if you have change your number so you are kept up-to-date with our text to parents messaging service, thank you.

**![C:\Users\louise.laskey\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\UX0F5LRW\Popcorn_clip_art[1].gif]()Movie Night**

The Friends of Grange View have organised another movie night on Tues 6th March 3.15-5pm in the school hall for Y1- Y4 for £2. This includes a drink and a snack. See Mr Guy to pay and book a place.

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**\*\*\*\* ☺ Winter Treat ☺ \*\*\*\***

Following the success of last term’s treat we are pleased to announce that Mr Guy and the Friends have organised another winter warmer treat after school this Friday 2nd March. Hot chocolate and a cookie/biscuit will be on sale outside on the yard for your children to enjoy on the way home for £1. (Don’t send money into school for this – pay on collection).

Thank you for your continued support with school’s fundraising activities.

**Friends of Grange View**

Please can Mr Guy remind all parents that we need your Help!!!!!

Without Mr Guy and support from parents there would be no fairs or fun to support the school. Please help if you can thank you.

**World Book Day – Thursday, 1st March**

Please refer to Mrs Chapman’s letter of 1st February with all the details of our WBD celebrations in school. Children are encouraged to come into school dressed as a character from Julia Donaldson books!

**Mother’s Day Invite**

Friday 9th March at 2.30pm we would like to invite a mother/grandmother or great grandmother to join their child for cake, a cuppa , juice and a biscuit in the school hall. The hall will be set up like a café and all the lovely ladies who attend will receive a treat from their child. Please complete the reply slip at the end of this letter to show your interest and enable us to provide the correct number of cakes, biscuits etc. We look forward to seeing you all there.

The school will be open for you to have a look around too.

**Invite to Easter Celebrations 2018**

* Y1/2/3/4 will be celebrating Easter Service on Tuesday, 27th March in the school hall at 2pm
* Nursery will be celebrating Easter at 11.15am on Thursday 29th March with some songs and an Easter egg hunt
* Reception will be celebrating Easter at 1.15pm on Thursday 29th March with some songs and an Easter egg hunt

Parents/grandparents are invited to these celebrations, thank you.

**EASTER FAIR**

**Don’t forget the Friends have organised The Easter Fair on 23rd March 2pm in the school hall with lots of chocolate and fun for all!**

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**EASTER BINGO!**

**TUESDAY 27TH MARCH**

**DOORS OPEN 6.30PM**

**ALL WELCOME!**



**Key Stage 2 Residential Trip in May**

Please have the balance of this trip paid by the end of the Spring Term (29th March) so we can pay the final amount owing. This can be paid either by instalments or one payment to the school office, thank you.

**Sending money into school**

Please remember if you are sending in any money to school for whatever reason, send it in an envelope or money bag indicating what the money is for, this includes when handing to members of staff. PLEASE DON’T HAND LOOSE CASH TO MEMBERS OF STAFF.

School handles money for lots of different activities and would appreciate your co-operation, thank you.

**PUNCTUALITY**

During last half term we recorded lots of occurrences of pupil lateness. 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, 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

Please remember your child’s attendance in school is extremely important. Awards will continue to be given to each class with the best attendance. **Letters and appointments to see Mrs Laskey and the Education Welfare officer to follow for persistent absentees.**

Can we remind parents about a section of the Education Act 1996:

“Central to raising standards in education and ensuring all pupils can fulfil their potential is an assumption so widely understood that it is insufficiently stated – pupils need to attend school regularly to benefit from their education. Missing out on lessons leaves children vulnerable to falling behind. Children with poor attendance tend to achieve less in both primary and secondary school”

**NO HOLIDAYS will be authorised in term time.**

We have a new 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 for last week**

**Well done Oak & Willow Classes who both won with 99.1%**

Acorn – 89.6% Oak – 99.1% Elm – 93.1%

Beech – 94.5% Chestnut –95.5% Willow – 99.1%

TOTAL FOR THE LAST WEEK – 95.5%

Just below our school target of 96%

PLEASE TRY to get your child to school on time every day

and help us achieve our target EVERY week, thank you.

***Beech***

Merit – Heaven’lee, Riley B

Sparkle –Jaya

Writing –James

Presentation – Imogen

***Chestnut***

Merit – Alana, Riley B-A

Sparkle – Tayler

Writing – Jaiden

Presentation – Lola

***Willow***

Merit – James, Ella

Sparkle – Tazia

Writing – Reagan

Presentation - Joshua

Stars of the week

***Acorns***

Merit – Nicole, Jayden

Sparkle – Maisie

Writing – Liam

***Oak***

Merit – Eliott, Libby-Ellen

Sparkle – Mason

Writing –Roseann

Presentation – Poppy O

***Elm***

Merit – Sophia, Riley

Sparkle – Hollie

Writing –Harry

Presentation - Hollie

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Football Award

Jaxon

Aaron

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**Diary Dates:**

* PARENTS EVENINGS THIS WEEK - please see your child’s class teacher for an appointment for this week
* Monday, 26th February – KS1 Sea Life Centre Trip
* Wednesday, 28th February – Year 2 parents SATs meeting at 3.15pm
* Thursday 1st March – WORLD BOOK DAY- see separate letter sent home
* Friday 2nd March – WINTER TREAT - HOT CHOCOLATE for £1 after school
* Tuesday, 6th March – KS2 River Trip (home approx. 4.30pm)
* Tuesday, 6th March - Film club 3.15-5pm; please see Mr Guy to pay and book a place
* Friday, 9th March – Non-uniform for chocolate donations towards Easter Fair
* Friday, 9 March - 2.30pm Mother’s Day Event in the hall
* Wednesday, 14th March – UV bike markings in school – see separate letter sent home
* Monday, 19th March – Messy Monday at 3.15pm
* Tuesday, 20th March – Dance Showcase at JSCS for KS2 – see separate letter sent home
* Friday, 23rd March – Friends Easter Fair at 2pm
* Tuesday, 27th March – Friends Easter Bingo at 7pm
* Thursday, 29th March – deadline for final balance for KS2 residential trip
* Thursday, 29th March – School closes a 2pm for Easter Holidays
* Friday, 30th March – Good Friday
* Monday, 2nd April – Easter Monday
* Monday, 16th April – School opens at 8.50am for the Summer Term
* Monday, 16th April – Messy Monday at 3.15pm

# 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 costs of residential and school visits.

Information leaflets are available in the Main Entrance and the FMS telephone number is

01670 623592

**Easy Fund Raising** [www.easyfundraising.org.uk.](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/) Please register and keep Shopping online on this website for school funds. Every penny you spend helps school.

**Kind Regards**

Louise Laskey

Mrs L Laskey

Head Teacher

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Please complete and return to school:

I would like \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_places for Mother’s Day event on Fri 9th March at 2.30pm

Child’s Name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Class\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_