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**We aim to SPARKLE!**

Dear Parents / Carers

8<sup>th</sup> April 2022

**Parents Questionnaire – FREE PRIZE DRAW – Winner –** To be announced after the Easter Holidays. Still time to take part. Please use this link <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/parent-view-results/survey/result/22979/12>



**Easter Egg or Garden Competition – Winners:**

**THANKYOU FOR ALL YOUR ENTRIES - REV JULIAN HAD A DIFFICULT JOB!**

- ACORNS- 1st Olivia R 2nd Mia 3rd Ellie M 4th Alice
- OAK-1st Ella 2nd Millie B 3rd Lucas 4th Neve
- ELM-1st Marcie 2nd Amie 3rd Louis 4th Harry
- BEECH- 1st Alice 2nd Logan 3rd Leo 4th Niamh
- WILLOW- 1st Emma 2nd Lucie B 3rd Jacob 4th Roseann

We hope you all have a peaceful and restful Easter Break with family and friends. School reopens Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April same time and same place. See you all then!

**GOOD NEWS!!!**

All being well Family Worship will resume Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April at 9.00am. We hope to see you there.

**Topic Reviews**

**EYFS- Spring 2 People Who Help Us**

This half term we have learnt lots about the emergency services and people who help us. Our highlight was having Mr Tait in to visit. He talked about his job as a paramedic, we got to try on the uniform and check our heart rates. We even got to go inside the ambulance. We know why emergency vehicles have sirens and lights. We also learnt how to keep our teeth clean and why it is important. We learnt all about fire-fighters and their job in the past compared to the present. We then created a fire engine for our role play area and acted out the things we have learnt. We continued having Little Movers as our PE lessons. We love learning new dances and playing games. All of the children have loved our dough disco and wiggle squiggle sessions to strengthen our fine motor skills. We have enjoyed learning the true meaning behind Easter and creating our own Easter cards. We have had a wonderful half term!



## Elm and Beech Class Summary – Land Ahoy

We have had a great term of learning increasing our knowledge of science and geography without our thematic learning. The children started by learning about the difference between living, dead and never alive and did lots of practical sorting as well as linking back to their previous learning of what things need to survive and be alive. In Geography they widened their knowledge of just the United Kingdom from last term and learnt the name of the seven continents and five oceans. They researched and recorded facts about them and how they are different, thought about where they would like to visit and plotted routes across the oceans with the help of google maps and understand the influence of the Equator on the world's climate. Following this back in Science they considered living things that you find in the ocean, how rubbish and pollution has an impact on their habitat. They made fab jelly fish aquariums in bottles and considered the variety of living things in oceans and at the beach. Finally they started to think about food chains and how this links back to the MRS GREN aspect of nutrition.

Elsewhere in the curriculum they listened to the story 'Somebody Swallowed Stanley' and innovated the story in their English. Year 2 also studied and wrote their own postcards using a model text, which Year 1 will be doing after Easter. In RE the children started by considering the importance of Shrove Tuesday to Christians and learnt about the events of Holy week such as Palm Sunday, the last Supper and Good Friday. It was brilliant to conclude our term singing all our songs to parents in the hall again.

## Willow Class- Wonderful Water World

We have been fully immersed into the water world in Willow class. During our topic based lessons we have: learnt about the water cycle, discovered the journey and stages of a river and found out about water wheels and created our own!

The highlight of our half term was our brilliant Key Stage 2 river trip, where we followed the River Aln from its source to its mouth. We got to see all of the features we had been learning about in class, such as meanders, tributaries and erosion/deposition. On our visit we completed two different investigations on erosion/deposition and about side of the river is the speediest.

During our English lessons, we have been learning about explanation texts and their features. We finished off our unit of work by writing about the three stages of a river, the upper course, middle course and lower course. Our trip really helped us visualise our writing.

In science we have been learning about bones and muscles in animals and humans. The children did a fantastic piece of writing based on their learning about the human skeleton and could name many of the bones in our body. We also found out why humans and animals need to get nutrition from food.

## EASTER HOLIDAY CAMP

Leading Link are supporting Amble Youth Project to deliver an Easter Camp based at James Calvert Spence College in Amble over the Easter Holidays.

The camp is running over 6 days – Tuesday 12th, Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th April in week 1 and Tuesday 19th, Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st in the second week of the holidays.

There are loads of different activities including arts & crafts, physical activities as well as Liz Million, Children's author and illustrator, and Timestep Activity Centre with a range of outdoor activities. A separate letter has been emailed home last week which has all the information on it to go out to families whose children would benefit from attending. On the letter is a link to complete the form online – which is the preferred option, if possible, it just makes things so easier.



## EASTER HOLIDAY CLUB- 2 and 3 year olds at Hadston.

**Easter Holiday Club  
at Coquet Children's Centre  
Hadston**

Easter holidays are coming soon!  
We are excited to be able to offer fun and active  
holiday-care for children aged 2-3years

Dates available:  
**11th, 12th and 13th April 2022**  
**19th, 20th and 21st April 2022**  
from 9:15am - 12:15pm

Cost is just £15 per session (payable when booking)  
A light, freshly prepared snack will be provided  
Places allocated on a strictly first come, first served basis  
Book your child's place by contacting us via  
email:  
northchildrenscentres@northumberland.gov.uk  
or call us on: 01670 624500

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Northumberland County Council  
Ofsted Good Provider

### Swimming – Y3/4

Please can we remind all parents/carers that the school receives no additional funding for swimming. We need your weekly donations to support the cost of weekly transport and lessons. The school subsidise £1000 shortfall is costs for the year. But we have a huge amount of missed payments, please can we remind all payments to be made vis SIMS pay asap to enable these valuable swimming lessons to continue.

### School Lottery

**Check out the prize details at the end of this letter. Win a £500 BIKE!!!!**



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## 2 Year Old Provision Information for parents:

# Free education and childcare for 2-year-olds

Your 2-year-old can get free childcare if you live in England and get one of the following benefits:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA)
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
- Universal Credit, and your household income is £15,400 a year or less after tax, not including benefit payments
- child tax credits, and your household income is £16,190 a year or less before tax
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- the Working Tax Credit 4-week run on (the payment you get when you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)

2-year-olds can also get free childcare if they:

- are looked after by a local authority
- have a statement of [special education needs \(SEN\)](#) or an education, health and care (EHC) plan
- get [Disability Living Allowance](#)
- have left care under an adoption order, special guardianship order or a child arrangements order

You may have to pay for extra costs like meals, nappies or trips.

Contact your childcare provider or [local council](#) to find out more.

**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>

### **NEW Diary Dates-**

- Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April – school reopens after Easter break.
- Wed 4<sup>th</sup> May- Y1/2 Boulmer Beech visit
- Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> May- Y3 Druridge Watersport afternoon
- Fri 13<sup>th</sup> May- Y4 Druridge Watersport afternoon
- Wed 25<sup>th</sup> May- Y4 Residential x 3 days
- Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May- half term

\*\*\*\* **MONDAY 6<sup>th</sup> JUNE\_ JUBILEE CELEBRATION AFTERNOON- more info to follow\*\*\*\*\***

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> JULY Extra school day holiday for the Queens 70<sup>th</sup> Year Jubilee – As agreed by partnership schools

**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>



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## **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](mailto: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. \*\*\*\*

**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.

**Sparkling Afternoon Tea – Bailey R, Archie H, George P, Zack P well done for Sparkling all week!**

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Week ending: 01.04.2022



Well done to Beech Class who won with 98.1 %

Acorns – 95.4%

Oak – 96.1%

Elm – 96.7%

Willow – 97.7%

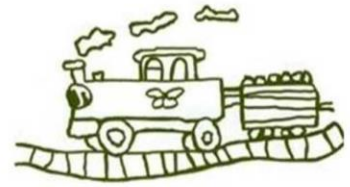
Our school target continues at 97%. Whole school was 97% last week! Yeyyy!

Kind Regards,

Louise Laskey - Head Teacher



**YOUR  
SCHOOL  
LOTTERY**



**WIN**

**A WHEELIE AWESOME PRIZE!**



**WIN A  
£500  
BIKE  
VOUCHER**

- Help give our fundraising a much needed boost
- Tickets cost £1 each
- Cash prize every week
- Win up to £25,000

To support your school, go to:  
**[YourSchoolLottery.co.uk/play](https://YourSchoolLottery.co.uk/play)**  
and search for: Grange View C.E



Players must be 16 years of age or older. Offer ends 23rd Apr 2022. T&Cs apply (see website for details).



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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**