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**Dear Parent/Carers 5th Feb 2018**

**Bingo Night**

Don’t forget the Friends have organised a BINGO night tomorrow night - Tues 6th Feb 7pm in the school hall. Doors open at 6.30pm, eyes down at 7pm.

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

We would like to thank all the children and families who bought a hot chocolate and biscuit on Friday after school. You raised £85. Well done! We will be doing something similar soon.

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 We also had a great night last Tuesday at the Film Club so a big thank you t to everyone for supporting this event.

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**DON’T FORGET IT’S NON UNIFORM DAY THIS FRIDAY FOR BOTTLE DONATIONS PLEASE FOR THE EASTER FAIR. THANKYOU.**

**\*\*\*\*STAFF CAR PARK\*\*\*\***

**Please can we remind all parents that the school car park, for health and safety reasons, must not be used to drop off any children. It is only for staff, visitors and disabled pupils. Thank you.**

**Grange View Spring 1**

Well that was a quick and really busy half term. All the children and staff have worked really hard and learned lots of new skills. We will be sending a flier home on Friday to help all or families with homework and support out of school.

**Safer Internet Day**

This is tomorrow, so please talk to your children about how they can stay staff when using their pcs/laptops/tablets. This is very important!!

**SATS Meeting**

Year 2 parents are invited to a SATs meeting at 3.15pm in Beech Class on Wednesday, 28th February.

**After School Clubs – W/C Monday, 19th February (after half-term)**

These will continue as usual when we return on 19th February so if your child still wants a place for the following:- Drama – 6 weeks; Singing – 5 weeks;;Karate – 5 weeks (£2 per session)

please pay at the office as soon as you can thank you.

**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.

**Presentation award and star table**

We are continuing our class presentation award and star table every week in school. All winners are posted on the school Facebook page and named on the weekly newsletter. Keep a look out for your child.

**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.

**Mathletics**

Keep it up at home; we are confident that it will have a positive impact on the children mastery maths learning.

**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.

**PE Kit and Wellies**

These should be in school at all times to allow full access to PE lessons and outdoor learning, thank you.

**NO Jewellery**

**We cannot allow any earrings or jewellery in school for PE or in the Early Years Unit.** Your child’s earrings need to be removed or taped up. Please ensure this happens or your child may miss out on valuable activities across the day. This is for health and safety reasons.

# 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.

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 Willow Class who won with 98.3%**

Acorn – 79.9% Oak – 96.1% Elm – 91.9%

Beech – 97% Chestnut – 97.3% Willow – 98.3%

TOTAL FOR THE LAST WEEK – 94.2% ☹

Well 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 – Imogen, Rhys

Sparkle – Lennon

Writing – Jaden

Presentation – Heaven’lee

***Chestnut***

Merit – James, Ashton

Sparkle – Rihannon

Writing – Joshua

Presentation – Dylan G

***Willow***

Merit – Ethan, Annabelle

Sparkle – Erin

Writing – Lillie

Presentation - Leigh

Stars of the week

***Acorns***

Merit – Lydia, Noah

Sparkle – Frankie

Writing – Harry

***Oak***

Merit – Mason, Lucie

Sparkle – Jacob

Writing – Henry

Presentation - Angelo

***Elm***

Merit – Joshua, Katie

Sparkle – Alexis

Writing – Hollie

Presentation - Robyne

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# Dates for diaries

# 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

**Diary Dates:**

* Tuesday 6th February – Internet Safety Day
* Tuesday, 6th February – Friends Spring Bingo, eyes down at 7pm (doors open at 6.30pm)
* Friday, 9th February – Non-uniform for bottle donations
* Friday 9th February – School closes at 3.15pm for HALF TERM week (Karate as usual)
* Wednesday, 13th February – Ash Wednesday, beginning of Lent
* PARENTS EVENINGS after half term
* Monday, 19th February – school re-opens at 8.50am
* Wednesday, 28th February – Year 2 parents SATs meeting at 3.15pm
* Tuesday, 6th March – KS2 River Trip – further information from Mrs Chapman to follow
* Friday, 9th March – Non-uniform for chocolate donations
* Friday, 23rd March – Friends Easter Fair at 2pm
* Thursday, 29th March – deadline for final balance for KS2 residential trip
* Thursday, 29th March – School closes 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

**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.

**Parent questionnaires/Ofsted website-** please complete our online parent questionnaire on Parent view when you and if you can. Please complete the slip at the end of this letter if you have completed the online questionnaire and you will be entered into a Prize draw for a shopping voucher. Thank you. <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk>

**Kind Regards**

Louise Laskey

Mrs L Laskey

Head Teacher

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I have completed the Ofsted questionnaire online.

Please enter me \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for the Prize Draw

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