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Dear Parents

24<sup>th</sup> June 2019

**SUMMER FAIR**

This Friday 2pm is the Friends of Grange View Summer Fair. Please collect your child from their classrooms at 2pm. There is lots of exciting events this year including face painting, cake stall, jar tombola, Feed the pig, the Pegswood Fire Engine, Penalty shoot-out, Flippy the Frog, bottle stall and many more. Please come along and support the school. We hope the sun will shine too.

All cake donations - please bring in on the Friday morning. Anything you can donate would be much appreciated including: cookies, crisps, traybakes and cupcakes. We need lots of support with this stall please.

**OPERATION ENCOMPASS FOR PARENTS**

On Tuesday after school there will be an Operation Encompass Drop in session led by our Safeguarding Officer Karen Kirkbride in school 3-4pm

**YEAR 1 PHONICS TESTING**

Last week our Year 1 children have finally completed their phonics screening checks which involve them reading 40 real and 'alien' words to test their phonic knowledge. We have been very impressed with how the children have performed in these checks showing us how well they have remembered what they have been learning in Read Write Inc. Great work from the children and from the teachers

**Parental Permission for 2019**

We have had an excellent response to signed forms being returned but if yours is still outstanding please return it to school ASAP so this is in place ready for September, thank you.

**Swimming for Sept 2019**

From Sept 2019 all of KS 2 (Year 3 & 4) will continue to go swimming on a Wednesday afternoon during school time so will be back in time for the usual 3.15pm pick-up. The first session will be Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> September 2019. Please remember to send in your swimming money which is £5 per week (£2.25 on FSM) which is excellent value for an instructed lesson plus transport to Morpeth and back.

Children need a one-piece bathing costume, swim cap and towel. Children in Year 3 will receive their first swim cap free from school. Any queries please see Mrs Cessford, thank you.

**Uniform for September**

We have a number of items in stock for parents to buy from the school office in readiness for September – don't leave it until the last minute, thank you.

SHOES: 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.

**Milk**

Don't forget to return your milk order for September along with money by 8<sup>th</sup> July, thank you.

### **GOOD NEWS- After School childcare**

We have had a good response to this offer. As a trial to see if it can be sustainable we will be starting this childcare from Sept 2019. Initially it will be facilitated in the Early years unit so that our staff and children can access the outdoor equipment and other resources. The after school child care will run from 3.15pm until 5.30pm every day at cost of £3.50 per hour or £6 from 3.15 until 5.30pm.

To ensure we can fund this provision all costs must be paid up front when booking places the week before. Therefore we will be asking parents to book the first week and pay for it at the end of this term. Thankyou.

### **Transition day- Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July**

All children across the school will move to the new classes on the 4<sup>th</sup> July for the morning. New Nursery will join us in the morning.

Current nursery children (Acorn Class) due to start Reception in September will stay for their lunch that day and then collect your child at 12.30pm. Lunches must be ordered and paid for (£2.20) at the school office by Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> June to allow notice for our catering staff, thank you.

Classes will be as follows:

Ms Conroy/Mrs Skinner- Acorn Class - Nursery

Mrs Herron – Oak Class - Reception

Miss Darlow- Elm Class – Year 1

Mrs Chapman - Beech Class- Year 2

Mrs Miller/Mrs Metcalfe- Chestnut Class – Year 3

Mrs Timmins - Willow Class- Year 4

### **Riding bikes/scooters around the school yard**

Can you please supervise your children with bikes and scooters at the start and end of the school day to discourage them from riding around the school yard for health and safety reasons. They should be walked into the grounds and parked in the cycle bay. Last week we noticed a number of boys in particular riding around the school yard on bikes. Your co-operation is greatly appreciated, thank you.

### **\*\*\*Warm weather alert!!\*\*\***

Please keep an eye on the weather forecast as when we have warm sunny days please apply sun-cream as necessary, and a sun hat/cap.

We also encourage each child to have a water bottle in school for drinking throughout the day. We have a supply that can be purchased from the office for £1.00, thank you

### **Leave of Absence**

If your child is going to be absent for any reason, please remember you must inform the school office so this can be recorded in our attendance data base. All holiday requests must be applied for using the school's application form available from the school office, thank you.

### **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 supporting their child with this and it impacts on their learning and progress. Please help us with your child's learning by hearing them read, 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/>

### **HOMEWORK REMINDER**

Please can we remind all parents with pupils in Year 1-4 that MATHLETICS is part of your children's weekly homework which supports their learning from the teachers in school. We appreciate your support in completely this every week please.

KS2 Timestable Rockstars – keep up the fantastic work with this we need to keep improving our times tables and fluency 😊

### **JEWELLERY**

Please remember that jewellery is not allowed to be worn in school for any physical activity which also includes Little Movers; please remove all items on the day of PE, swimming, etc. thank you.

### **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**

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 92%, an

application to the Local Authority for a penalty notice will be made. Our overall school attendance target is 96%.

### 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 w/e 7/6/2019**



Well done to Oak Class who won with 99.5%  
Acorn – 88.7% Oak – 99.5% Elm- 91.1%  
Beech – 97.9% Chestnut – 93.8% Willow – 97.9%  
TOTAL FOR THE WEEK 95%  
Below our school target of 96 %



Making a difference at Grange View

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

**When shopping at the Coop** - Supporting our local rainbows, brownies and guides with the points you earn – you all did a great job for Grange View last year 😊

### Stars out of school – sharing other news!

Amelia in Y2 won 5 Golds:- Song & Dance- Gold; Modern – Gold; Character – Gold; National – Gold; Troupe – Gold & 3 Silvers:- Ballet – Silver; Tap – Silver; Duet – Silver and an overall section trophy at the weekend in her dance competition. Congratulations and well done Amelia.

### Dates for diaries

- ☐ Wed 26<sup>th</sup> June – Nursery visit to Whitehouse Farm
- ☐ Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> June- Reception Dance Festival at Morpeth Leisure Centre with Little Movers
- ☐ Fri 28<sup>th</sup> June - Summer Fair 2pm including all our usual stalls and Northumberland Fire and Rescue
- ☐ \*\*\* **New Date\*\*\*- Mon 1<sup>st</sup> July Residential meeting 3.15pm for all current Y2 and Y3 parents**
- ☐ Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> July- Y2 Watersports at Druridge Bay – letter coming home from Miss Darlow
- ☐ Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> July – transition day across the school
- ☐ Mon 8<sup>th</sup> July – Art week across the school
- ☐ Mon 8<sup>th</sup> July- 2pm Water safety assembly by Northumberland Fire and Rescue 2pm for Y1-4.
- ☐ Mon 15<sup>th</sup> July- Y4 Leavers Tea out 4.30pm-6pm Lollo Rosso
- ☐ Tues 16<sup>th</sup> July- Y4 Leavers Movie Event- 5.30pm in school hall
- ☐ Fri 19<sup>th</sup> July- Final Family Worship of 2019 and school Closes 1.30pm for the Summer
- ☐ Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> September – Teacher Training Day
- ☐ Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> September – Teacher Training Day
- ☐ Wed 4<sup>th</sup> September -School re-opens as usual for the Autumn Term

Kind regards,

Mrs L 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



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