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**23rd April 2018**

**Dear Parent/Carers**

**Congratulations**

Massive congratulations to Miss Charlton who got engaged during the Easter break, we are all very happy about her good news!

But with good news we also have some sad news as Miss Charlton as also decided to resign from her role as KS 1 Class Teacher as of 31st August as she is off to start a new life with her fiancé in September. We wish them both the best of luck. As a school we currently are advertising for a new Key Stage One teacher to join our fantastic team.

**Maths afternoon – Friday 2pm in your child’s class (Oak/Elm/Beech/Chestnut/Willow)**

Please come and join us for some maths fun across the school in your child class. You will play maths games with your child and find out how they solve maths problems. Please come along to learn about the exciting maths we deliver. (see flyer at the end of this newsletter)

**Warm weather alert!!**

**Please keep an eye on the weather forecast as this week we are expecting sunnier days so 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.**

**Movie Night**

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Don’t forget the Friends have organised movie night on Tues 1st May 3.15-5pm in the school hall for Y1- Y4 for £2. This includes a drink and a snack.

**See Mr Guy to book a place from tomorrow morning**.

(football club is cancelled that day)

**Uniform**

Please can we remind all parents to ensure their child is wearing appropriate school uniform on a daily basis. This includes all black shoes or trainers which are appropriate for school. Thank you.

**Residential Hoodies**

The School and Friends of Grange View are funding a “residential hoodie” for every child who is attending Hawkhirst Residential next month. Please see Mrs Chapman with your child’s size if you wish to order one, thank you.

**Big Pedal**

Please encourage your child to come to school on his/her bike or scooter in the next 2 weeks as we are taking part in The Big Pedal.

**Nursery and Reception Places**

If you have a baby in the family or know someone who lives in the village who has a baby please can a Nursery application form be completed? We are asked by the Local Authority to predict our Nursery pupil numbers as far ahead as 2020/21. This helps the Local Authority allocate funding and helps us calculate if we can offer Nursery places.

We now have been informed by the local authority who has a place for Reception for Sept 2018, you should have all received confirmation of this if you applied for Grange View.

**The school day – Cloakroom Doors**

Please remember that Nursery doors open at 8.45am and stay open until 8.55am. BUT Oak/Elm/Beech/ Chestnut and Willow doors close at 8.50am as soon as the children are in the building. The school day begins when the bell rings. Please use the Nursery entrance for your child to keep routines familiar for them.

Please be aware that if your child has to come in via the main entrance, he/she will receive a late mark in the register and these marks are monitored by the Education Welfare Officer.

**Pupil Premium (**FREE SCHOOL MEALS)

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. If you need any help with this please see the school office.

PLEASE APPLY TO BENEFIT YOU, YOUR CHILD, AND YOUR CHILD’S SCHOOL, 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 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

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 week ending 29th March 2019**

**Well done Chestnut Class who won with 97.7%**

Acorn – 95.7% Oak – 91.8% Elm – 94.7%

Beech – 97.5% Chestnut – 97.7% Willow – 96.7%

TOTAL FOR THE WEEK – 95.6%

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.

Stars of the week

***Beech***

Merit – Rhys, Leon

Sparkle – Riley B

Writing – Riley C

***Chestnut***

Merit – Jake, Rihannon

Sparkle – Emily B

Writing – Conall

***Willow***

Merit – Reagan, Riley C

Sparkle – Riley R

Writing – James

***Acorns***

Merit – Niamh, Kasie

Sparkle – Harry

Writing - Harleigh

***Oak***

Merit –Alana, Poppy O

Sparkle – Angelo

Writing – Amelie

***Elm***

Merit – Alexis, Riley

Sparkle – Hollie

Writing – Taylor

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# Dates for diaries

**Football Tournament Winners**

James N, Jaden F, Aaron H, Lennon A, Robyne McM, Rhys McA

Huge well done to our KS1 winners

and to our coaches Mr Guy & Mr Derbyshire

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# Diary Dates:

* Monday 23rd April- 4th May – Big Pedal
* Friday 27th April – visual screening for Reception Class
* Friday, 27th April Maths Open afternoon 2pm for Oak/Elm/Beech/Chestnut and Willow
* Tuesday 1st May- No football - Film Club- Paddington Bear 2
* Wednesday, 2nd May – KS2 football tournament (re-arranged from 17th April)
* Friday 4th May- all weekend- Owl Festival in Ulgham
* Monday 7th May Bank Holiday – school closed
* Tuesday, 15th May – Friends Spring Bingo Evening
* Thursday, 17th May – KS2 Tag Rugby tournament, Ashington
* Monday 21st May –25th May – Walk To School Week – more information to follow
* Monday 21st May - Messy Monday with the lovely team!
* Monday 21st- 23rd May Y3/4 Residential to Hawkhirst
* Friday 25th May – school closes for half term
* Monday 4th June – school re-opens at 8.50am
* Saturday 9th June- possible Friends Car boot sale 9-12pm
* Monday 11th June – Y4 Quad kids, Amble
* Friday, 15th June – Year 3 Tag Rugby Festival, Alnwick
* Friday 22nd June – Summer Fair afternoon
* Wednesday 27th June - Y4 Leavers service at Newcastle Cathedral
* Thursday 5th July Y4 transitions to Middle schools
* Friday 13th July- Family Fun afternoon
* Monday 16th July- Leavers tea 5pm Lollo Rosso, Morpeth

**Kind Regards**

Louise Laskey -Mrs L Laskey -Head Teacher