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***We aim to SPARKLE!***

**Dear Parents /Carers 4th December 2020**

***COVID TESTING***

**If anyone in your household is being tested you MUST NOT send your child to school until you have received the negative test results back.**

**If test results come back positive then your child must isolate at home for 14 days before they can return back to school. School has a number of tests on site for anyone who cannot get to a test centre.**

**Thankyou for your support with this.**

***Christmas Fun 2020!***

**Christmas Films** from the week beginning 7th December

As a treat for Y1-Y4 we are offering a FREE Christmas Film club to each class in their bubbles. We will be providing a drink and a treat and a Christmas movie chosen by the teacher.

Mon 7th Dec – Christmas Movie and Treats Reception and Y1 - 3pm- 4.30pm in their classroom

Tues 8th Dec – Christmas Movie and Treats Y2 - 3- 4.30pm

Wed 9th Dec – Christmas Movie and Treats Y3 - 3- 4.30pm

Thurs 10th Dec- Christmas Movie and Treats Y4 - 3- 4.30pm

**Please collect your child from their usual gate at 4.40pm Thankyou**

**Costumes**

**Your child’s class teacher will be in touch soon with you via Class Dojo about which day your child needs to be in their costume. Please check your messages on Class Dojo**

**The National School Games Santa Dash**

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Description automatically generatedFriday 11th December 2020 - #santasmiles #yourschoolgames

On Friday 11th December we will be joining thousands of other young people across the country, who will be pulling on their Santa hats for the National School Games Santa Dash!

A timetable will be set in school during the day so we can all take part.

**Christmas cards** may be sent in this year from the 1st December every Mon or Tues in your child’s bubble then they will be quarantined for 72 hours before we give them out to friends in our bubbles every Friday.

***Dates for the diary:***

* **Mon 7th onwards- Christmas Movies after school all week, Pantomime online,**
* **Fri 11th – Remotely Christmas – events online in school. Santa Dash**
* **Mon 14th Dec- Christmas Events in bubbles in school all week. Friends of GV Raffle drawn + Acorn Party in the morning. Oak Party in the afternoon please come to school in party clothes**
* **Tues 15th- Elm Party in the morning and Beech Party in the afternoon please come to school in party clothes**
* **Wed 16th- Chestnut Party in the morning and Willow Party in the afternoon please come to school in party clothes**
* **Thurs 17th – Christmas Jumper and Lunch day**
* **Friday 18th Dec- School closes at 1.15pm onwards for Christmas see staggered pick up times below.**
* **Tuesday 5th Jan- School reopens.**
* **Thurs 28th Jan- KS1 – Visiting artist in school**

**Last day for term**- School will close early but will be staggered just as it is at the moment:

Oak- 1.15pm- Bungalow gate

Elm- 1.15pm- Main path gate

Beech- 1.30pm- Main path gate

Chestnut- 1.30pm- Cycle path gate

Willow-1.15pm-Grange Court Gate



**Christmas Raffle**

Raffle books have been sent home with your child - £1 per ticket.

Prizes include:

🎉3 hampers including beauty and children’s things donated by a parent

🎉Co-op donation

🎉Chip shop voucher

🎉Cakes by Malcolm

🎉Northumbria cakes donation

🎉Ladhar voucher

🎉A reading cushion hamper from ‘oh sew cherished’

🎉Various bottles of spirits and wine

🎉Beer

🎉Selection boxes

Please return any unsold tickets to school by Monday 7th December. All stubs and money need to be back in by the 9th December. If anyone has any other prizes or donations please get in touch. Thank You.

**WE NEED YOU!!!!**

**Do you have a child AGE 3 or under?**

We need you to let us know ASAP for our limited Nursery places.

We are also investigating if we can offer 2 year old provision from Sept 2021 if we have enough families wanting a place.

Just give the office a call and we can help complete an application over the phone. THANKYOU



***If you have a child or know a family where a child is turning 3 before December 31st please get an application for a place in our Nursery as spaces are limited from January 2021.***

***Any parents who are not entitled to the free extra 15 hours childcare can now pay for extra regular sessions per week. The charge is £12 per afternoon session. Please call the office if you would like to use this provision***

**ABSENCES**

Please can everyone ensure they call Mrs Brown in the office to report an absence of any kind as she does not have access to class Dojo. Thankyou.

**Co-op**

We are over the moon we have been chosen for fundraising with our local Co-op. The Co-op Local Community Fund supports projects across the UK that their members care about.

Every time you buy selected Co-op branded products and services, you raise funds for our school. They also give all money raised from shopping bag sales to our cause, to help even more. WE LOVE THE CO-OP!!!!!!

**Packed lunches**

We are encouraging all packed lunches to have a least 3 healthy items in their boxes/bags .This could include brown bread, cheese, fruit, veg, yogurts and no sugar drinks etc. The children love getting a sticker if they can show us how healthy their lunch boxes are.

**Class DOJO**

THANKYOU to all our families who use class DOJO but please remember this is not a 24/7 answering service as the staff teach during the day and may not see your message until after school. I do not expect staff to answer any messages after 5pm as they go home to their families.

But please do check for messages that the staff schedule to send after school, thankyou.

**WE STILL NEED YOUR HELP - Parent Questionnaires**

Only 6 parents have completed an online questionnaire and we would love your support as always! Please support us further by getting in touch with myself or your child’s class teacher if we can help any of our families any further or if you have any suggestions that we can consider. Or even better complete the parent questionnaire online: <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/> THANKYOU

**Remote learning plans**

Every class is ready for any further lockdown or isolation periods that may happen in the future; we really hope that this is not the case. Every child will receive a learning pack and will also be set tasks on Class Dojo and through Mathletics.

**Reception 2021 applications now open**

Please use the following link to apply for your child’s place at their next school - <https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Education/Schools/School-admissions-places-appeals-1/Reception-entry-applications.aspx#receptionentryapplications>

**Jewellery**

Please ensure all earrings are removed or taped up as staff cannot remove or cover them for any child. If this does not happen your child may miss their PE lesson.

**PE- clothing**

On your child’s PE day we ask you send them in school PE T-shirt with school sweatshirt and any dark sports bottoms with trainers. This supports with no changing during the day.

PE Days:

Oak- Thursday pm

Elm- Tuesday and Friday pm

Beech- Friday pm

Chestnut- Monday and Wed pm

Willow- Monday and Wed pm

On a normal day please send your child in school uniform with all black shoes or trainers as the new guidance states - Uniforms do not need to be cleaned any more often than usual, nor do they need to be cleaned using methods which are different from normal.

**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.**

We will be continuing to monitor our classes’ attendance every week and individual class percentages will be published here each week. It is vital that children attend school every day possible to ensure that they are able to start catching up on learning that they may have missed during the school closure and holidays.

Children should not attend school if they are showing any Covid symptoms or if they are required to self-isolate as a result of being in contact with anyone who is showing symptoms.

**Can my child go to school if they have a cold?** The NHS advises that if a child has mild cold-like symptoms they should continue to go to school. Sore throats and blocked or runny noses are not symptoms of Coronavirus. We have routines in place should a child in school show symptoms of Coronavirus and will isolate the child and contact parents to collect them immediately, self -isolate and book a test.

**This week’s attendance:**

Well done to Elm Class who won with 98.1%

Acorn – 93.5% Oak – 81.2% Elm – 98.1% Beech – 88.1%

Chestnut – 93% Willow – 90.5%

TOTAL FOR THE WEEK - 90.4%

Which is well below our new school target which is now 97%

**W/C 30.11.2020**



**Stars of the Week:**

**Beech**

Merit – Bailey & Korey

Sparkle – Jesse

**Chestnut**

Merit – Elliott & Heidi

Sparkle – Amelia

**Willow**

Merit – Leah & Grace

Sparkle – Logan

**Acorn**

Merit – Jacob & Faith

Sparkle – Ella

**Oak**

Merit – Thea & Harry

Sparkle – Charlie B-H

**Elm**

Merit – Daisy & Alfie

Sparkle – Amie

**NO HOLIDAYS will be authorised in term time.** Please remember your child has missed months of schooling this year and the staff are working hard to get every child up to speed.

We have Education Welfare Officer working with us this year who will be monitoring attendance very closely; especially any families who take holidays in term-time.

**Hands, Face, Space campaign**

The ‘Hands, Face, Space’ campaign is urging the public to continue to wash their hands, cover their face and make space to control infection rates and avoid a second peak. Consistent adoption of these behaviours is particularly important in places outside of educational settings which do not implement the wider protective measures in the system of controls set out in our detailed guidance.

Coronavirus (COVID-19) is an easy virus to kill when it is on skin. It is essential that everyone washes their hands more often, using soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Schools and other education settings must ensure that staff and pupils clean their hands regularly, including when they arrive, when they return from breaks, when they change rooms and before and after eating.

Responding to those with coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms

It is vital that educational settings only ask children or staff to self-isolate and recommend they get a test if they develop symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19). Those sent home to self-isolate, having been in close contact with someone who has tested positive, should only get tested if they develop symptoms themselves. The symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are a high temperature, a new, continuous cough, or a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste. The capacity of the NHS Test and Trace system must be protected for those with symptoms of the virus. Booking is essential for drive in and walk in test sites, and under 18’s must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

**NEW Risk Assessment - (a copy of which is on the school website)**

**SIMS Online payments – COIVID SAFE CASH FREE SYSTEM**

Our new online payment system for any services in school is now active. Thank you to all of those who have already signed up and began using it. You should have received an activation code via email. 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.\*\*\*\*\*

Thank you once again for your support and patience during this different way of school life.

**We continue to follow the government message: BY STAYING ALERT – AND FOLLOWING THE RULES- WE CAN CONTROL THE VIRUS**

Louise 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.

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. 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 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**