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**Dear Parent/Carers 26th November 2018**

**Last week’s emergency closure**

Thank you to everyone for your support with our emergency closure last Thursday and Friday. This was due to toilet blockages and the collapse of one of the main waste drains which has now been replaced.

To help prevent toilet blockages in future, staff will be talking to the children about what can and cannot be flushed down toilets, and perhaps we can ask for your support in talking to your children about good practice where toilets are concerned. Below is a useful link on the website!

https://www.nwl.co.uk/your-home/learn-about-water/Dwaine-Pipe.aspx

**Good news- Co-op Funding**

We were so pleased to have our school represented by Mr Guy with our Year 4 pupils at the Co-op on Sat 24th Nov. They received a cheque for £4,373.65 which will be supporting us to make continued improvements to the school for the whole community to access and use. Thanks for your continued amazing support as always. Keep spending at the local Co-op please!

Every time our members shop at the Co-op, 1% of what they spend on Co-op branded products and services helps fund community projects. Members can shop at any Co-op Group stores across the UK to raise money for your cause.

Members can choose which causes to support by signing into their membership account or by calling the membership helpline on 0800 023 4708. Your cause will be available for members to select until November 2019.

**The Early years outdoor area**

We need parents help with suggestions how we can enhance what we already have. We would like to reflect the indoors to outside to be able to give better provision for all our families in Widdrington station. This includes the Tuesday toddler group, Rainbows and brownies and other organisations.

Please help us by posting any sensible ideas on our Facebook page.

**Advent Calendars**

Rev Joanna and the parish have kindly donated a special Fair Trade chocolate Advent Calendar per class depicting the story of Christmas. We know the children will enjoy opening the doors everyday up until the end of term.

**Christingle Candles**

The Children’s society Christingle candles will be coming home this week ahead of our service on the 4th December. Please try and fill them up with whatever you can, 1ps, 2ps, 5ps, 10ps 20ps, etc . As you know every penny helps to support children less fortunate than ours. Thank you.

**Christmas Music Evening at St Johns in Ulgham- see separate flier at the end of this letter.**

**NSPCC – this Friday**

We are having a representative from the NSPCC at our Family Worship on Friday, 30th November to talk about this charity and to collect in any sponsor money, so if your child has taken part in this challenge could we request all money to be in school by this Thursday at the latest please. Many thanks.

**Friends Christmas Fair**

Any donations would be gratefully received for the Fair on Friday, 7th December either for raffle prizes or tombola stalls.

**Friends Christmas Film Night**

This has been organised for Tuesday, 11th December from 3.15pm-5pm for children in

Oak, Elm, Beech, Chestnut & Willow Classes and costs £2 per child to include a drink and snack. Places to be booked by seeing Mr Guy/Mrs Borley or by sending in the money in an envelope, thank you.

**\*\*\*School communication\*\*\***

We would like to thank all our parents who keep up to date with everything we send out. The school prides itself as being good with communication with the weekly Newsletter, Class Dojo, Facebook and Text2parents.

The staff will respond to messages up until 7pm on class dojo and Facebook if they can, otherwise it is best to phone school in the morning if you need to ask any questions.

Please ensure you read everything we send out as sometimes dates and times do change in school for some events. Thank you.

**Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day – Thursday 20th December**

We are having our Christmas Dinner on Thursday 20th December. All the children are invited to come wearing their usual uniform but instead of a school jumper they can wear a Christmas one. For any children in Chestnut & Willow Classes on packed lunch wanting to order a Christmas Dinner – Friday 30th Nov is the deadline for ordering and paying (£2.20) at the school office, thank you.

**Online portal for Reception Class – open now!**

The online portal for Reception school places in First and Primary for September 2019 is open and parents must complete an application for a place in a Reception class even if your child attends the school nursery or pre-school setting.

**NO Jewellery**

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

# 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.

Ofsted hold school accountable for the spending of this funding and we have to show that we are supporting every child/family who is able to apply for Free School Meals (pupil premium). We hope all our families who are eligible apply for this funding as it makes a massive difference to our budget and our currently staffing levels.

If you are entitled to applying please pop to the office and we can help.

**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 93%, 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 16/11/18**

**Well done Beech & Chestnut Classes who both won with 100%**

Acorn – 90.5% Oak – 87% Elm – 94.6%

Beech – 100% Chestnut – 100% Willow – 99.6%

TOTAL FOR THE WEEK – 96.2%

Just above 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.

**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.

Milk for next term

# Letters will be coming home this week to order milk for January, thank you.

# Dates for diaries

* Tues 27th Nov – Friends Christmas Bingo, 7pm start
* Fri 30th Nov - Non uniform for Chocolate donations NSPCC assembly 9am
* Tues 4th Dec – Christingle Service in school (2pm - tbc)
* Thurs 6th Dec – deadline for Scholastic Book Club orders
* Fri 7th Dec – KS2 out to Glass centre, Sunderland – money to be paid ASAP, thank you
* Fri 7th Dec – Friends Christmas Fair at 3pm
* Mon 10th Dec- Flu immunisation day
* Mon 10th Dec - Christmas Messy 3.15pm in school hall
* Tues 11th Dec \*\*\*\* New Christmas Film club £2 included drink and snack 3.15pm – 5pm
* Fri 14th Dec – visiting School Panto for all pupils am and pm
* Tues 18th Dec- Christmas performances- 10am Acorns and Oak; 2pm KS1 & 6pm KS2 – letter and tickets out this week so please look out for them
* Thurs 20th Dec- Christmas jumper and lunch day
* Fri 21st Dec- Christmas Party day , **school closes at 1.30pm**
* Mon 7th Jan – school closed TT day
* Tues 8th Jan – School opens for Spring term at 8am for breakfast club

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 Safegurding governor, Mrs Laskey, Mrs Herron and Mrs Chapman are our Designated Safeguarding lead staff.

**Operation Endeavour.**

I am writing to inform you about 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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