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We aim to SPARKLE!

Dear Parents / Carers

11th March 2022

RED Nose Day - This year, the School Council have decided to focus on having fun to raise money. Children are invited to wear non uniform on the day for £1, with a blue and yellow theme to support the Ukraine. During the day there will be colouring competitions, red nose challenges, joke telling and other class based party style fun.

However, we would like all the money raised on the day to go to the Red Cross to help those in the Ukraine. So if you would like to donate more than the standard £1 that is fine!



EASTER

Non- uniform for Easter raffle donations Friday 11th March. Nursery/ Reception/Y1/Y2 –Egg donations please. Y3 and Y4 Bottle donations please. Tickets will be on sale in yard each Morning for £1 per strip from Monday 28th March. More information to follow about Easter treats and fun.

***** Family Bingo Night *****

The friends are very excited to be welcoming families back into school on 1st April for a Family Bingo evening. Letters have come home today to order your Bingo booklets. Older siblings getting off the bus are more than welcome to join in as long as you book them a place. Please have all cash and reply slips back in school by Friday 25th March.

Easter Fun:

Easter Egg or Garden Competition – we will be holding our annual Egg decoration and Easter Garden Competition this year on Monday 4th April. We would like you all to participate this year Easter Egg and Garden Competition this year Please choose one section to enter with your child and make and decorate your egg or garden at home then bring in on Monday 4th April There will be prize for every class and every family who enters.

The Easter Garden may be made as a 3D collage in a shallow tray or shoe box lid or as a living garden in something like an ice-cream tub. It should include: a cross, a cave, bright colours, other features of a garden (paths, lawn, flowers - these can be drawn, crafted or planted). The all entries should be labelled with the pupils' name and class. The winners will be informed in school by Friday 8th April after our Easter services

Easter FUN- more info to follow from the Friends of Grange View

Y4 RESIDENTAL UPDATE

Mrs Timmins will be leading a meeting on Monday 4th April all about what is needed and what we will be up to in May.

Please remember the deadline for all payments is 8th April. Mrs Burt is happy to take small weekly payments to spread out the cost of this visit.



Parent Consultations

We are holding consultations next week in the school hall on Wed 16th and Thursday 17th March for parents/carers.

These will be held in the hall with each class teacher on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons.

Miss Adams (EYFS) Wednesday 3.20-5.30 / Thursday 2.00 - 5.30

Miss Darlow (Year 1) Wednesday 3.20-5.00 / Thursday 3.20 - 5.30

Mrs Chapman (Year 2) Wednesday 3.20-5.00 / Thursday 3.20 - 5.30

Miss Conroy (Year 3) Wednesday 2.00 - 5.30

Mrs Timmins (Year 4) Wednesday 2.30 - 5.30

Each appointment will be a chance to discuss your child's progress in school and any concerns you may have, this will last 10 minutes. We ask you arrive no more than 5 minutes before your slot, entering school through Willow Class door and try to limit attendance to one parent. Ideally, if you could come alone without your children it would limit the number of people in the hall at one time. Thanks in advance and please get in touch on dojo to book a time that is convenient, we will endeavour to liaise together to get similar times for families with siblings and split families.

NORTHUMBERLAND SEND INSPECTION

Northumberland have been approached by Ofsted to pilot the new SEND Inspection framework. They have agreed to participate to support Ofsted and to support their own development. Inspectors will be on site from 21st to 25th March, 2022, it will focus on the impact education, social care and health leadership and services have on the experiences and outcomes for those with SEND aged 0-25 years old.

Key lines of enquiry will be generated from inspectors having conversations with a small number of children, young people and their families about their experiences and how services work together to support them. Ofsted have also provided surveys that will go out to children and young people, parents and carers and practitioners. The links to these surveys are here and they will be open from 7 March 2022 to 15 March 2022.

The survey links are:

For children and young people:

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/YourViewsCandYPNorthumberland/>

For parents and carers:

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/YourViewsPandCNorthumberland/>

For practitioners:

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/YourViewsPracNorthumberland/>

The links will be also shared on the Council's social media and the Parent Carer Forum's SEN Network.

Swimming – Y3/4

Please can we remind all parents/carers that the school receives no additional funding for swimming. We need your weekly donations to support the cost of weekly transport and lessons. The school subsidise £1000 shortfall is costs for the year. But we have a huge amount of missed payments, please can we remind all payments to be made vis SIMS pay asap to enable these valuable swimming lessons to continue.

Dogs on school site

A polite reminder that dogs are not allowed on school site unless parents/carers are able to carry and control them for safeguarding purposes



Big Walk and Wheel



We're working towards Artsmark
Awarded by Arts Council England



We would like to invite you to take part in Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel 2022 - the UK's largest inter-school walking, wheeling, scooting and cycling competition.

The challenge will run from Monday 21 March to Friday 1 April 2022

School Lottery

Check out the prize details at the end of this letter. Win a £500 BIKE!!!!

2 Year Old Provision

Miss Adams and Mrs Laskey are currently investigating the possibility of 2 Year Old provision in our unit. In order for it to be possible we need to know if we have enough children in the village to access it and provide the funding to employ additional staff.

Please let the office know ASAP if you would be interested or know anyone who wants a place as we have started a list!

Nursery places

Miss Adams will be in touch soon regarding visits for New Nursery starting after Easter.

ONLY 2 PLACES LEFT PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE IF YOU NEED A PLACE!

FREE SCHOOL MEALS - Please apply for Free school meals if you think you meet the criteria as this would entitle your child to a free school lunch, free milk and many more other benefits in school.

The link to apply is: <https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Education/Schools/Meals.aspx>

NEW Diary Dates-

- Week Beginning March 14th – Parent Consultations
- Tues 15th March- ZOOLAB in school
- Fri 18th March- Red Nose Day- more info to follow- *****Noses on sale from 7th March, more info from School council** already sent home**
- 21st March- Big Walk and Wheel week
- Fri 1st April – Friends Easter bingo after school
- Mon 4th April – Easter Egg/Garden Family Competition entries
- Fri 8th April – EASTER Worship in school with one parent each. Early Years 10.30am, Y1/2/3/4 pm
- Monday 25th April – school reopens after Easter break.
- Thurs 28th April – Beech class rearranged film night
- Thurs 28th April – 6.00pm – Friends meeting in school – ALL WELCOME
- Thurs 5th May – Elm class rearranged film night
- Thursday 30th June – SUMMER FAIR

****** MONDAY 6th JUNE_ JUBILEE CELEBRATION AFTERNOON- more info to follow*******

Friday 1st JULY Extra school day holiday for the Queens 70th Year Jubilee – As agreed by partnership schools

E-safety- Remember all you need is on our school website and Facebook page to support you at home with the internet and its use.

<http://www.grangeview.northumberland.sch.uk/website/esafety/102589>

Inclement weather

During these cold and rainy mornings the school drop off and pick up times remain the same. So we encourage you to arrive on time.

If you arrive early you may get wet and cold! Children will be escorted into school as usual by the class

teacher, so please don't try to come into school early. Doors will only open at 8.45am in severe weather. In the case of school closure due to severe weather please always check school website, Face Book page, Northumberland County Council Website and listen to Radio Newcastle.

The school will also use the Text2Parents Messaging Service.

SIMS Online payments – COVID SAFE CASH FREE SYSTEM

Thank you to all of those who have already signed up and are using it. We cannot accept cash and the SIMS system is what should be used. You should have received an activation code via email and it is very



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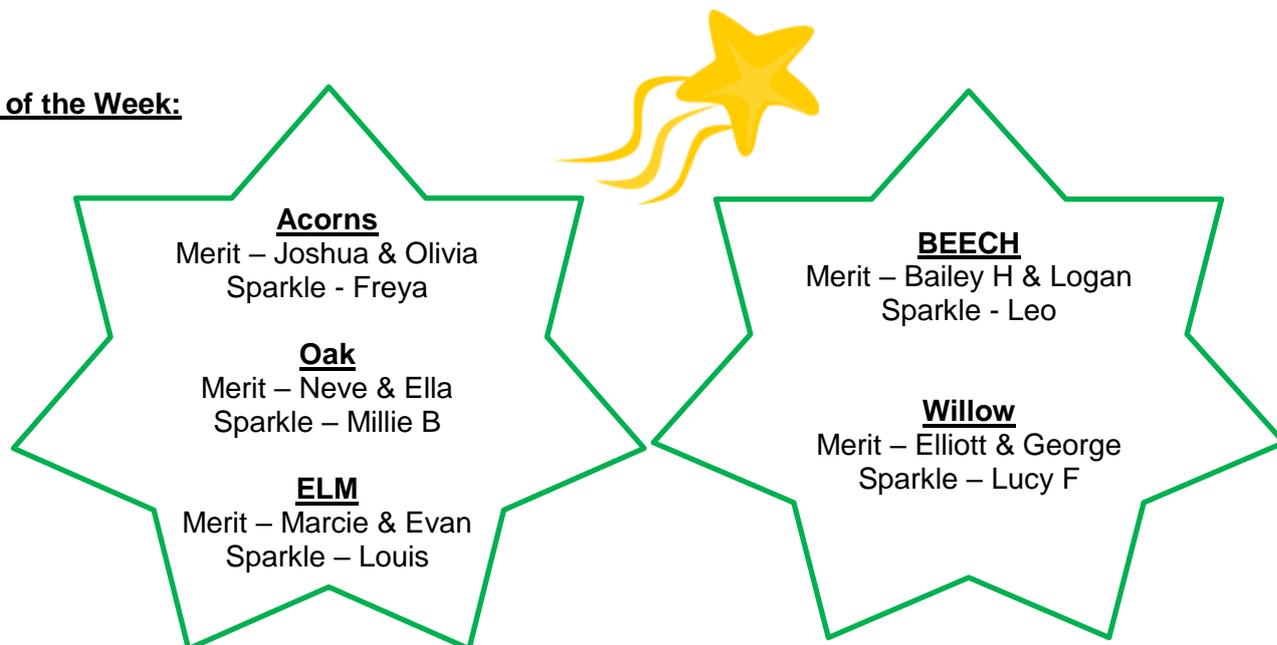
quick and easy to set up. Please follow the online instructions to set this up to make any future payments. Any issues please email or call the office. Thank you.

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns at

admin@grangeview.northumberland.sch.uk

****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. ****

Stars of the Week:



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.

Week ending: 4.3.2022

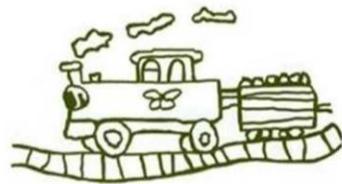


Well done to Oak Class who won with 98.1%
WHOOPEE Oak met our school target !!!
Acorns – 94.3%
Elm – 95.4%
Beech – 83.3%
Willow – 84.8%
Our school target continues at 97%. Whole school 90.5%

Kind Regards,
Louise Laskey- Head Teacher



**YOUR
SCHOOL
LOTTERY**



WIN

A WHEELIE AWESOME PRIZE!



**WIN A
£500
BIKE
VOUCHER**

- Help give our fundraising a much needed boost
- Tickets cost £1 each
- Cash prize every week
- Win up to £25,000

To support your school, go to:
YourSchoolLottery.co.uk/play
and search for: Grange View C.E



Players must be 16 years of age or older. Offer ends 23rd Apr 2022. T&Cs apply (see website for details).



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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.

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