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Dear Parents 3rd June 2019

Welcome back to the final half term of this year (only 7 weeks left in this academic year). We will all be very busy this term so please ensure you read every newsletter as new dates and changes may be added each week. We will say a massive farewell to our current Year 4’s on their journey to their new schools wherever they are going and we will miss them all!

**Topic Reviews- Summer term 1**

**Acorns/Nursery – Space**

The children have thoroughly enjoyed our topic this half term and have been very enthusiastic. Here are some of the fun activities we have done;

• Making rockets with the junk-modelling

• Making jam sandwiches for our picnic on the moon

• Learning all about astronauts and then dressing up as an astronaut

• Learning some names of the planets

• Making some planets through marble painting

• Learning the story ‘Aliens love underpants’ and painting patterns on underpants

• Learning the story ‘Whatever Next’ through ‘talk for writing’ actions.

• Learning numbers 0-5 – recognising the numbers, writing the numbers and counting to the numbers.

**Oak Class/Reception- Space**

This term has been a short half term but we have packed lots into it. We have continued to do yoga through stories with Debbie; we really enjoy putting yoga moves to the stories and then relaxing with our teddies at the end.

Little Movers, with Fiona, is still very exciting. We particularly enjoyed the session with our grown-ups, we think we might have tired them out! Then we had our healthy snacks together. Can we just say a big thank you to all those who came to join us for Little Movers.

We used ‘Whatever Next!’ as our talk for writing story and we made our story map and did the actions to tell the story. After that we talked about our journey to space. We thought about what we might see, how it would feel and best of all what we would take in our picnic to have on the moon. Then we made some yummy jam sandwiches to put in our picnic.

We have done lots of work on number this term, recognising patterns without always counting the dots. Then we went outside to see if we could find lots of numbers in our environment!! It was great we ran around and found loads of different numbers all over the garden.

Once again can I remind you to read your child’s reading book with them regularly. It is really important that we develop good reading habits early. The children need to read regularly with you and then you need to sign their reading record. It is also important that the children have their reading folders, with reading books in them, in school every day so that it becomes a normal routine.

**KS1**

During the summer term we have been using space as inspiration for lots of our literacy and topic work.

We used space imagery and vocabulary to help create poems learning about rhymes and creating Acrostic style class poetry.

Using the T4W model we created story maps of a space adventure and designed our own aliens. Elm class used puppets and role play to learn the story and both class became the planets of the solar system moving around together in the outside.

Elm class designed their own space rockets to take us into space we then used lots of recycled material to make them remembering all the parts that would be needed.

Beech class created their own planets using paper maché and painting them indifferent colours very different from the world we live on.

 In Elm class we began to look at timelines using the space race to help us look at why it is only recently that humans have gone into space. Both Beech and Elm continued this historical enquiry by focusing on the importance of the moon landing and the important people involved. We looked at the life of Neil Armstrong and how he became an astronaut taking the first step on the moon.

Materials was the KS1 science focus this term and we began by talking about and naming different materials and both classes went on a material hunt around the school and outside. In Elm class we posed the question what would happen if every material was soft? We will continue to look at this in the new term.

**KS2**

Despite being a short term, it has been busy and action packed. The children have learnt during our space topic – studying the formation of shadows (thank you once again for the torches) as well as how they change position and length depending on the time of the day, Through drama, they learnt about the sun, Earth and moon and their orbits as well as lots of interesting facts associated with the planets in our solar system.

The topic certainly came to life when we went on our trip, the Centre for Life was brilliant for illustrating clearly the different solar constellations and planets’ appearance in the planetarium as well as finding out about being an astronaut including the capacity of their space nappy! The 4D motion ride was a great hit and the curiosity zone ensured the children were busy from start to finish.

In Literacy and Numeracy, the progress the children have made this term has been phenomenal. Due to their continued effort, hard work and concentrating, They are brilliant at fractions, money and statistics as well as consistently include openers, expanded nouns and similes in their writing ....their transmission home from space writing was brilliant – we were all very impressed!

It has been a great term, with some fabulous work, treasure memories and a super end to the term with an exhausting Activity Day at Ford Castle!

**After School childcare**

We would like to try and introduce after school child care until 5.30pm every day at cost of £3.50 per hour or £6 from 3.15 until 5.30pm. To make this possible we need a minimum of 10 pupils to attend each day every half term to cover staffing costs and resources. We would like to find out if we have enough interest for this to be possible. Therefore if you would be definitely interested please letoffice know asap as we have had a good response. Thank you.

**IMPORTANT SUMMER TERM IN SCHOOL**

Y1 phonics screening starts 10th June.

**Transition day- Thursday 4th July**

All children across the school will move to the new classes on the 4th 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, 24th 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 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

**Sports Day**

Weather dependant our Sports day will be FRIDAY 21st June. NO Family Worship in the morning. Nursery Sports in the morning at 10.45am for all Nursery please. Main school starts at 1.15pm on the school field. Bring a picnic rug to sit on, there will be refreshments available to purchase from the Friends of Grange View. Once races are completed and all over parents are welcome to take the child home from their classroom.

Please make sure your child has his/her full PE kit in school at all times to access their PE lessons both indoors and outdoors and sports day! Thank you.

**After School Clubs**

Clubs are always on and only cancelled if the coaches are ill or something else is happening in school. The office will always send a text out with plenty of warning to let you know of any changes, so no need to ring school!

**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.

**Coquet Shorebase Trust**

For all pupils aged 8yrs and over, Druridge Bay Coquet Shorebase Trust offer FREE kayak sessions every Saturday morning 10-12pm for children living in Widdrington. To book a course/session or make an enquiry or get further information call 01665710367. Their office is open from 9am to 1pm Monday to Friday during the summer and Monday to Thursday during the winter months.

**Leave of Absence**

If your child is going 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.

**Stars out of School**

Please help us celebrate all the children’s achievements outside of school by sharing your special news with us. It can be anything from swimming, football, sporting awards or a special occasion such as a baptism. We will share all your success stories on the newsletter or school Facebook page.

This week Olivia in Elm class shared her amazing news with us. She successfully achieved her 20m swimming badge. This is fantastic for a little girl who is only in Year 1. Well done Olivia.

**Bike to School Week**

Monday 8th June Bike to school week begins.

**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 support 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.

**School Uniform/PE Kit**

Please remember black school shoes or all black trainers ONLY for school and PE kit must be in school at all times, thank you. PE t-shirts and other uniform items are available at the office.

**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 17/5/19**

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Well done to Chestnut Class who won with 95.4%

Acorn –81.8% Oak – 95.3% Elm – 89.2%

Beech – 93% Chestnut – 95.4% Willow – 91.6%

TOTAL FOR THE WEEK – 91.5%

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.

**Tag Rugby**

Daniel

Rihannon

Alana

Michal

Evan

Annabelle

Kenzie

Liillie

Nikola

Jaiden

Beech

Merit – Katie, Jaxon

Sparkle – Jayden

Writing – Hannah

Chestnut

Merit – Lucy, Sophie

Sparkle – Lennon

Writing - Rihannon

Willow

Merit – James, Leah

Sparkle – Riley R

Writing –Erin

**Caught Sparkling**

Jesse, Jayden B, Jack App,

Aaron, James E

Acorns

Merit - Taylor-Jayce, Domenica

Sparkle - Charlotte

Writing - Daisy

Oak

Merit – Matilda, Frankie

Sparkle – Jayden B

Writing – Liam

Big thank you for a fabulous fitness afternoon with Little Movers

Elm

Merit – Karl + whole class for

fantastic writing

Sparkle - Heidi

Writing - Thomas

**Football Award**



Jack Appleby

Ethan, Noah, Bailey, Jayce, Harleigh, Korey

**Making a difference at Grange View**

1. **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, thank yo
2. **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 ☺

**Dates for diaries**

* **Mon 3rd June – school re-opens - KS2 Centre for Life visit all day, packed lunch required (Not TTD)**
* Wed 5th June- Y4 Quad kids all day, packed lunch required
* Thurs 6th June- Y4 Wooler Countryside Day all day, packed lunch required
* Mon 10th June – Fri 13th June Bike to School Week
* Fri 14th June - NON UNIFORM FOR SUMMER FAIR £1 donation
* Mon 17th June – Messy Monday 3.15pm in the hall
* Thurs 20th June- Y4 Leavers Service at Newcastle Cathedral then Angel of the North, packed lunch reqd
* Fri 21st June Sports Day- 1.30pm Reception to Y4. Nursery 10.45am
* Mon 24th June – Y3 to Brinkburn Priory all day, packed lunch required
* Thurs 27th June- Reception Dance Festival with Little Movers -more info to follow from Mrs Herron
* Fri 28th June - Summer Fair 2pm
* Tues 2nd July- Y2 Watersports afternoon at Druridge bay
* Mon 8th July – Art week across the school, more info to follow
* Mon 15th July- Y4 Leavers Dinner out 4.30pm-6pm Lollo Rosso
* Tues 16th July- Y4 Leavers Movie Event- 5.30pm in school hall
* Fri 19th July- Final Family Worship of 2019. School Closes 1.30pm for the Summer
* Mon 2nd September – Teacher Training Day
* Tues 3rd September – Teacher Training Day
* Wed 4th 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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