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**Dear Parent/Carers 22nd January 2018**

**\*\*\*\* ☺ STAFF NEWS ☺ \*\*\*\***

We are pleased to announce that Miss Conroy is expecting a baby in the summer term. We will keep you all posted about any changes to Oak class nearer her due date.

We said a fond farewell to our cleaner Mrs Coombe who left on Friday, and give her our best wishes for the future.



**Presentation award**

We are continuing our class presentation award every week in school. All winners will be posted on the school Facebook page and named on the weekly newsletter.

**\*\*\*\*STAFF CAR PARK\*\*\*\***

Please can we remind all parents that school car park for health and safety reasons must not be used to drop off any children. It is only for staff, visitors and disabled pupils. Thank you

**Friends Meeting**

Please can Mr Guy remind all parents that it our meeting on Thursday morning at 9am to have a chat and a cuppa about upcoming funding raising events for the school. Everyone is welcome to attend if you can offer any support and help to the school.

**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, 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.

**Mathletics**

What a great firs week we have had with our new mathletics. Thanks to all parents who have supported their children at home and persevered with the technical issues that flash and different smart devices have had. It was lovely to celebrate so many bronze medal winners on our Friends’ Facebook page on Friday and hope that many more award winners can be celebrated in weeks to come. Again, a massive thank you to the Friends of Grange View for paying for our annual subscription, we are confident that it will have a positive impact on the children mastery maths learning.

**Birdwatch Weekend**

This January many school have been taking part in the big schools’ birdwatch – why don’t you spend an hour to take part in the **Big Garden Birdwatch on the forthcoming weekend of 27th – 29th January.** For more details please look at the website https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/

It would be great to see your tally charts, photos and bird spotting shared in school, dojo or tapestry. ☺

**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.

**PE Kit and Wellies**

These should be in school at all times to allow full access to PE lessons and outdoor learning, thank you.

**NO Jewellery**

**We cannot allow any earrings or jewellery in school for PE or in the Early Years Unit.** Your child’s earrings need to be removed or taped up. 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 costs of residential and school visits.

Information leaflets are available in the Main Entrance and the FMS telephone number is

01670 623592

# 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 last week**

**Well done Beech Class who won with 98.8%**

Acorn – 80% Oak – 97.8% Elm – 88.5%

Beech – 98.8% Chestnut – 96.6% Willow – 96.2%

TOTAL FOR THE LAST WEEK – 93.7%

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.

***Beech***

Merit – Katie, Sophie

Sparkle – Riley C

Writing – Riley B

Presentation - Lucy

***Chestnut***

Merit – Dylan G, Emily

Sparkle – Elsie

Writing – James

Presentation - Katie

***Willow***

Merit – Riley R, Peter

Sparkle – Riley C

Writing – Myamii

Presentation - Jessica

***Acorns***

Merit – Harleigh, Liam

Sparkle – Bailey

Writing - Ethan

***Oak***

Merit – Ruby, Emma

Sparkle – Reshay

Writing – Alarna

Presentation - Reshay

***Elm***

Merit – Evie, Robyne, Leah

Sparkle – Jack

Writing – Katie

Presentation - Taylor

Stars of the week

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# Dates for diaries

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* Thursday 25th Jan -Friends Meeting 9am in school
* Thursday 1st February – One Day Creative in to do drama workshops in KS1 and 2
* Tuesday 6th February – Internet Safety Day
* Tuesday, 6th February – Friends Spring Bingo, eyes down at 7pm
* Friday, 9th February – Non-uniform for bottle donations
* Friday 9th February – School closes at 3.15pm for HALF TERM week
* Wednesday, 13th February – Ash Wednesday, beginning of Lent
* PARENTS EVENINGS after half term
* Friday, 9th March – Non-uniform for chocolate donations
* Friday, 23rd March – Friends Easter Fair at 2pm
* Thursday, 29th March – School closes for Easter Holidays
* Friday, 30th March – Good Friday
* Monday, 2nd April – Easter Monday
* Monday, 16th April – School opens at 8.50am for the Summer Term

And finally, head lice has been reported in school so please check your children’s hair regularly and treat as necessary, 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.

**Kind Regards**

Louise Laskey

Mrs L Laskey

Head Teacher