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**16th Jan 2017**

**Dear Parents/Carers**

**The school day**

Please remember morning Nursery doors open at 8.45am and remains open for 5/10 mins and then closes promptly.

**Inclement weather**

During these cold and rainy mornings the main school doors will open at 8.50am, so we encourage you to arrive on the yard just before 8.50am for the bell which rings at 8.50am. 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 as your child will not be supervised.

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.

**\*\*\*We really need every child in school on time so they do not miss any valuable learning but**

**If your child is going to be late for any reason – please ring school as it is important that we know where he/she is, thank you.\*\*\***

**Parking**

I would like to draw your attention to the following re parking:

* The community centre discourages parents/grandparents of children at our school from using their car park for dropping off and collecting children, and we cannot be responsible for any vehicles parked there
* Our school car park is also for staff only and any visitors. Thank you for your co-operation in the interests of keeping everyone safe.

**Family Worship**

Please can we remind all parents/carers to turn off mobile phones. If anyone needs to leave early for work or appointments then please sit near the door. We encourage all families to stay for the full service to celebrate all our children’s successes and achievements that week.

**Friends of Grange View – WE NEED YOU !!!!!**

Mr Guy, as ofChair of the Friends of Grange View, would like to ask all of our parents if you can spare some time to help support the school. Even if it’s an hour wrapping up prizes, labelling prizes or baking a cake or two. Please let the office or him know asap. Thankyou.

# Dates for diaries

* **Mon 16th Jan – Elm Class to JSCS for Year 1 Hula Hooping**
* **Wed 18th Jan – Messy Wednesday 3.15pm school hall – NO DANCE CLUB**
* **Tues 24th Jan – after school Football Tournament JCSC**
* **Tues 7th Feb – Y3 Skipping at JSCS, letter to follow**
* **Fri 17th Feb – NON UNIFORM for Bottle donations for Easter fair. Valentine Disco for R/Y1/2/3/4 2-3.15pm. Half term – school closes at 3.15pm**
* **Mon 27th Feb – School reopens at 8.50am**
* **Fri 3rd March- World Book day- Bedtime stories- wear your PJ’s/Onsies for school and bring in your favourite book.**
* **Mon 13th March- Y2 Gymnastics at JCSC, letter to follow**
* **Fri 17th March- NON UNIFORM for Easter Egg donations for Easter Fair**
* **Fri 24th March – Comic Relief**
* **Tues 28th March – Friend’s Easter Bingo 7-9pm**
* **Fri 31st March – Easter Fair 3pm**
* **Easter Service- Time and venue to be confirmed**
* **Fri 7th April – Break up for Easter 3.15pm**

**Attendance – Does it matter? YES IT DOES!!**

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.

Last week’s attendance:

**Well done Acorn Class who won with 100%**

Acorn – 100% Oak – 94.2%

Elm – 98.6% Beech – 98.4% Willow – 99.5%

TOTAL FOR THE LAST WEEK – 98.2%

Our overall school target is now 96% attendance.

PLEASE TRY to get your child to school on time every day and help us achieve our target EVERY week, thank you.

***Acorns***

Merit – Izzie, Zavier

Sparkle – Poppy A

Writing – Emma

***Oak***

Merit – Taylor, Harry

Sparkle – Grace Y

Writing – Katie

Presentation – Grace B

***Elm***

Merit – Skye, James N

Sparkle – Lennon

Writing – Leon

Presentation – Katie

Stars of the week

***Beech***

Merit – Maddison, Emily

Sparkle – Annabelle

Writing – Jake

Presentation – James B

***Willow***

Merit – Macey, Caleb

Sparkle – Peter

Writing – Logan

Presentation – Mia



**Kind Regards**

Louise Laskey

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Headteacher