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**Dear Parents/Carers 2nd May 2017**

**\*A Parent Questionnaire is with this newsletter, please return to school by Monday 8th May and online to be entered for Prize Draw!**

**Swimming**

From September 2017 Year 3 and Year 4 will continue to go swimming, as it is a statutory requirement for Key Stage 2 pupils to swim as part of their PE curriculum. We will continue to swim weekly at Morpeth Leisure Centre but we hope to confirm that it will change to a Wednesday afternoon which will mean the children will return to school for home time slightly later. We will confirm this when we have further information but wanted to give parents plenty notice.

**Site Security**

Over this Bank Holiday Weekend, we have had trespassers on school site who have caused damage to the school building. This will be reported to the police! As the nights grow warmer and lighter we want to ensure our site stays secure and free from any damage so school gates are locked every night. Anyone seen or caught on site - the police will be called immediately. Any reported names of any pupils or ex-pupils on site will also be given to the police, as this is also classed as trespassing. Please report to the school office any incidents that you know of.

**Gates**

The Educational Welfare Officer was on site this morning carrying out a “late gate” check to encourage all families to be on time at 8.50am when the bell rings for the start of the school day. She will be returning unannounced this term to monitor attendance.

All gates apart from the entrance next to the school bungalow will be locked at 9am daily to avoid any late comers in school. All pupils should be in line for 8.50am for the bell ringing.

**Nursery and Reception Places**

If you have a baby in the family or know someone who lives in the village who has a baby please can a Nursery application form be completed. We are asked by the Local Authority to predict our Nursery pupil numbers as far ahead as 2020/21. This helps the Local Authority allocate funding and helps us calculate if we can offer an afternoon Nursery and places to ‘Rising 3’s’.

We now have been informed by the local authority who has a place for Reception for Sept 2017, you should have all received confirmation of this if you applied for Grange View.

**\*\*\*\*Willow Class Dinner Money\*\*\*\***

REMINDER - This must be paid by a Tuesday at the VERY latest. Any problems please see me or the school office, thank you. School cannot subsidise any school lunches for non-payment.

**Packed Lunches**

Please can all families ensure they give the office& kitchen at least a week’s notice if their child wishes to change to a packed lunch. Food is ordered in advance for all school lunches. Thank you.

**Scholastic Book Club orders**

Deadline for these in school is next Monday, 8th May. Please pay by cash or cheque (payable to Grange View CE First School) only as we have trouble with debit/credit card payments on-line, thank you.

**Sainsbury’s Vouchers** – this is the last week for these so please hand any in for our collection please, and thank you for all that have come in so far! Check your bags, purses, etc for any that you may have missed, thanks.

# Dates for diaries– Please check these weekly as they are all subject to change or additional dates being added.

* Thurs 4th May- NO SWIMMING for Y3’s due to Fun Maths morning! Years 2+4 only.
* Thurs 4th May – Visual Screening for Oak Class
* Wed 10th May – Messy Wednesday at 3.15pm
* Thurs 11th May – Willow Class visit to Centre of Life (all payments to be up-to-date)
* Fri 19th May- Willow Class - Ford Castle Day (all payments to be up-to-date)
* Thurs 25thMay - Y4s to JCSC for the day
* Fri 26th May- Half term, school closes at 3.15pm
* Mon 5th June- school re-opens for Summer Term 2 at 8.50am
* Wed 7th June – last Messy Wednesday for this term at 3.15pm
* Tues 20th June - Big Gig Music Event for Willow class at JCSC, further details to follow
* Wed 21st June - Y4 Leavers service with staff at St. Nicholas cathedral in Newcastle
* Fri 23rd June - Summer Fair at 3pm
* Year 4 Leavers Tea and end of year evening - dates to be confirmed
* Fri 21st July - School closes at 1.30pm for the summer
* Mon 5th Sept – TTD, school closed to pupils
* Tues 6th Sept – school opens at 8.50am for the Autumn Term

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

To promote and reward good attendance across the school the governors have agreed to provide an AMAZING incentive!

The class with the greatest attendance at the end of the year will win a MINI IPAD and a family with 100% attendance will be entered to a prize draw to win £30 shopping voucher.

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 Beech Class who won with 96.7%**

Acorn – 93.5% Oak – 85.2%

Elm – 88.3% Beech – 96.7% Willow – 93.9%

TOTAL FOR THE LAST WEEK – 91.9%

Under 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.

Stars of the week



***Beech***

Merit – Erin, Dylan

Sparkle – Lola

Writing – Rihannon

Presentation –Jack

***Willow***

Merit – Jessica, Myamii

Sparkle – Teagan

Writing – Maisie

Presentation – Lei

***Acorns***

Merit – Jean-Paul, Annalise

Sparkle – Ellie

Writing – Lucy

***Oak***

Merit – Amelia, Alfie

Sparkle – Taylor, Sophia

Writing – Lola

Presentation – Sean-Lucas

***Elm***

Merit – Sophie, Alfie

Sparkle – Ashpreet

Writing – Lennon

Presentation – Riley B

**DON’T Forget- 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 – Headteacher

**Parent questionnaire Summer 2017**

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| **Questions** | **Strongly agree** | **Agree** | **Disagree** | **Strongly disagree** | **Don’t know** |
| [**1. My child is happy at this school**](https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/parent-view-results/survey/result/22979/current) |  |  |  |  |  |
| [**2. My child feels safe at this school**](https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/parent-view-results/survey/result/22979/current) |  |  |  |  |  |
| [**3. My child makes good progress at this school**](https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/parent-view-results/survey/result/22979/current) |  |  |  |  |  |
| [**4. My child is well looked after at this school**](https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/parent-view-results/survey/result/22979/current) |  |  |  |  |  |
| [**5. My child is taught well at this school**](https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/parent-view-results/survey/result/22979/current) |  |  |  |  |  |
| [**6. My child receives appropriate homework for their age**](https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/parent-view-results/survey/result/22979/current) |  |  |  |  |  |
| [**7. This school makes sure its pupils are well behaved**](https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/parent-view-results/survey/result/22979/current) |  |  |  |  |  |
| [**8. This school deals effectively with bullying**](https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/parent-view-results/survey/result/22979/current) |  |  |  |  |  |
| [**9. This school is well led and managed**](https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/parent-view-results/survey/result/22979/current) |  |  |  |  |  |
| [**10. This school responds well to any concerns I raise**](https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/parent-view-results/survey/result/22979/current) |  |  |  |  |  |
| [**11. I receive valuable information from the school about my child’s progress**](https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/parent-view-results/survey/result/22979/current) |  |  |  |  |  |
| [**12. Would you recommend this school to another parent?**](https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/parent-view-results/survey/result/22979/current) |  |  |  |  |  |

**Please complete the questionnaire online by using this link - (https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/parent-view-results )**

**and tick the box and complete your details to be entered in to the prize draw.** [**Search for a different school**](https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/parent-view-results)

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| **Tick here** | **Your name**  **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** | **Child’s name**  **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** |

**Please return to the school office by Monday, 8th May, thank you.**