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Grange View C.E. First School
We aim to SPARKLE!

Dear Parents

9th December 2019

The Friends of Grange View
CHRISTMAS FAIR
You raised £734 !!!!!!!
Thank you so much for your generosity.

Santa will be visiting the school, tomorrow, Tuesday 10th this year and will deliver a free gift for all the children!

Christmas Bingo
Tuesday 10th December- Please join Mr Guy at 6.30pm for doors opening and starts at 7pm for Christmas Bingo Fund raising.

Fri 13th Dec – Christmas Film Night/Late Night Shopping for Parents
£3 per place to be booked at the school office. A festive Film for all your children to enjoy

Widdy Welcomes- Angel Craft morning
Saturday 14th Dec 10-12 noon .Lots of Christmas Angel fun and refreshments too for all.

Christingle Making Service
Sat 21st Dec 3.30pm at St John's, Ulgham. Contact Hilary Brind on 01670 790169 to book a place.

*****Christmas Performances*****
If you haven't got your tickets for Elm/Beech/Chestnut/Willow performances, please get in touch with the school office, thank you.
Tickets ARE NOT required for Acorn/Oak performance.
We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at one of the performances .
A reminder of times:
Acorn/Oak – 10am
Elm/Beech – 2pm
Chestnut/Willow – 6pm ALL ON TUESDAY, 17th DECEMBER

MILK FOR THE SPRING TERM
If you haven't ordered milk yet for January, the deadline is Monday, 13th December – please pay at the school office, thank you.

The Sun Newspaper -Free Books

We have signed up with The sun newspaper to get as many Free books for Grange View. The Newspaper have teamed up with HarperCollins to give away up to £12million worth of brilliant books to primary schools absolutely FREE. These include authors such as Julia Donaldson.

All we need all our families and friends need to do is collect the tokens everyday in the Sun. Tell everyone you know to start collecting.

SCHOOL WEBSITE- ONLINE CLASS NEWSLETTERS

Please check out our online newsletter that tells parents what the children will be learning about during that half term that can be used to support the children's learning. Please take the time to read this newsletter with your child. Any help from home is much appreciated and makes a huge difference.

PE Kit

Children are missing out on valuable PE lessons due to not having the correct kit in school – kit does not include football kit. PE kit is school PE top, black shorts and sandshoes. There is no spare PE kit in school so please make sure your child has his/her kit in at all times.

Please make sure your child has pierced ears covered for all PE lessons or have ear-rings removed.

Class Dojo

If you have not joined this I would urge you to do so ASAP as parents receive invaluable information from class teachers and we don't want parents missing out, thank you,

Inclement weather

During these cold and rainy mornings the school doors will open at 8.45am at the earliest, 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.

NUT ALLERGIES IN PACKED LUNCHES

We have still have a child in school with nut allergies therefore for the safety of the child but this week some parents are who are not checking . Mrs Laskey has found Kinder bars, hazelnut croissants, nutella sandwiches etc.

All nut based biscuits, bars , spreads etc in our school are banned . This includes chocolate spreads that are nut based and any other bakes and pastries eg. Pain au chocolate, crepes , nutty biscuits etc . So sorry for any inconvenience but this is essential for the well-being of all our children. Thank you.

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 at least **3 TIMES PER WEEK,** 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/

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. 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

NEW INFORMATION – PLEASE NOTE THE INCREASE TO 94% attendance for any child taken out of school for a holiday in term time. This is the minimum they must have if parents do not want to be issued a penalty notice unless there are exceptional circumstances.

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 94%, an application to the Local Authority for a penalty notice may be made based on the circumstances. **Our overall NEW whole school attendance target is 97%**.

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 we 29/11/19



Well done to Elm Class who won with 92.6%
Acorn – 81.5%; Oak – 88.5%; Elm – 92.6 %; Beech – 90.0%
Chestnut – 90.9%; Willow – 88.4%
TOTAL FOR THE WEEK – 89.3%
Well below our new school target which is now 97 %
We have had lots of poorly children this week ☹



Stars of the Week

Acorn
Merit – Robson, Marcie
Sparkle – Thea
Writing –Taylor
Oak
Merit –Nylah, Niamh
Sparkle –Iris
Writing – Daisy
Elm
Merit – Frankie, Alice
Sparkle – Eva
Writing –Matilda

Caught Sparkling
Porscha - Chestnut
Angelo - Beech
Jacob - Beech
Libby-Ellen - Beech

Beech
Merit – Izzie, Poppy A
Sparkle – Lucy
Writing – Zack
Chestnut
Merit – Jayden, Taylor-Leigh
Sparkle – Porscha, Jaxon
Writing – Tyler
Willow
Merit – John, Lennon
Sparkle – Rhys
Writing –Leah

Easy Fundraising www.easyfundraising.org.uk. Please register and keep Shopping online on this website for school funds. Every penny you spend helps school, thank you.

After School Clubs

New clubs starting in Tuesday, 7th January 2020 will be as follows:

- Monday – Multi-skills for Year 1 to Year 4 (Rugby is finished)
- Tuesday – Football for Reception to Year 4 (full at the moment)
- Wednesday – Art Club for Reception to Year 4 for 6 weeks - ***£12 for 6 sessions***
- Thursday – Little Movers for Reception to Year 2
- Karate – for Year 1 to Year 4 – for 6 weeks - ***£12 for 6 sessions***

PLEASE BOOK PLACES AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE, THANK YOU.
Children already in Football/Little Movers/Karate will be carried over to the new term.

Dates for diaries

- **Tues 10th Dec – Santa visits pm/ Friends Christmas Bingo, 7pm start**
- **Fri 13th Dec – Christmas Film Night/Late Night Shopping for Parents**
  £3 per place to be booked at the school office
- **Tues 17th Dec - Christmas performances- 10am Acorns and Oak; 2pm KS1 & 6pm KS2**
- **Wed 18th Dec- Little Movers Christmas Party – Acorns and Oak Classes only**
- **Thurs 19th Dec- Christmas lunch and jumper day**
- **Fri 20th – Christmas disco/party morning for Year 1 to Year 4 – party clothes to be worn**
- **Fri 20th - School closes at 1.30pm**
- **Mon 6th Jan 2020 – school closed due to TTD**
- **Tues 7th Jan 2020 – school opens for the Spring Term**

Kind regards,
Louise 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