



Grange View C.E. First School

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We aim to SPARKLE!

Dear Parents / Carers

18th February 2022

Happy Half Term Everyone- Stay safe and see you all on Tuesday 1st March!

COVID RESTRICTIONS EASING

After half term parents will longer be required to wear masks on school site and we will be reviewing our Risk assessment when we receive further information from NCC.

Fingers crossed we can have parents/carers back in the building soon for our Friday Family Worship and to celebrate Easter!

We can't wait to have everyone back together soon.

Y4 RESIDENTAL

Please remember the deadline for all payments is 9th April. Mrs Burt is happy to take small weekly payments to spread out the cost of this visit.

WORLD BOOK DAY

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Friday March 3rd which is the first week back after half term. The children can dress up as a favourite book character and bring their favourite book into school that day. Look out for the staff all dressed up too !



Big Walk and Wheel

We would like to invite you to take part in Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel 2022 - the UK's largest inter-school walking, wheeling, scooting and cycling competition.

The challenge will run from Monday 21 March to Friday 1 April 2022

Y3/Y4 Swimming

Please can we remind all families that swimming donation payments are essential to enable these lessons to continue.

Topic Reviews

Early Years Topic Review – Spring 1

Early Years have really enjoyed their Dinosaurs topic. They have learnt lots of dinosaur names, facts, habitats and all about fossils. They even created their own dinosaur fossils using salt dough and then buried them in the sand to excavate. They have printed using large dinosaur footprints and created their



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own dinosaurs using junk modelling. Down in the Forest area, children have created dinosaur dens and experimented moving like a dinosaur. Both Acorns and Oak have enjoyed having Little Movers as our PE lessons. We love learning new dances and playing games. All of the children have loved our Dough Disco sessions to strengthen our fine motor skills.

The children also celebrated Chinese New Year. They learnt all about Chinese culture and tried a sample of Chinese food. They also practiced mark making with Chinese symbols and created their own Chinese lanterns. We have had a wonderful half term

Elm and Beech Class Summary – Brilliant Britain

What a truly brilliant topic this has been. The children have loved learning about the Great Fire of London, how it started and the devastation it caused. They used Google earth to investigate modern day buildings and compare to those of the Tudor Times. They wrote their own news reports about the Great Fire and how London changed as a result. After learning about the features of Tudor buildings they created their own model houses with cereal boxes and then recreated the great fire with our own Pudding Lane Fire on the yard.

In Geography, they learnt about the four nations which make up Britain, knowing their names, capital cities and additional facts. They also learnt about some British scientists which supported their discrete learning about the human body. In KS1 they were able to name body parts and understand the role of the senses and muscles, whereas the Year 3s learnt the scientific names of the skeleton and how they provide support and protection.

The topic has really engaged and interested the children, they have been fascinated with Samuel Pepys so much the Year 2s learnt about diary writing and retold events as him. Finally, in RE they have been learning about the Bible, how it is a special book and familiarising themselves with many of the well-known stories.

Willow – Mysterious Mayans

Willow have thoroughly enjoyed this topic the whole half term! Within their topic lessons we have looked at: Maya culture and lifestyles, their foods and diets, Mayan Gods and Goddesses and where the Mayan cities are based in Central America. We used our amazing cooking skills to design, make and eat healthy tortillas, inspired by maize, the main ingredient of the Maya diet. We even completed an artist study on Frederick Catherwood, who created intricate lithographs from his travels through Central America and Maya ruins.

Within English we have learnt about stories from other cultures, including the Maya myth of the Hero Twins. We finished off the term studying different poems, performing them and writing our own. We are going to continue our work on poetry after half term for another week. In maths we have been looking at long multiplication and division, which used lots of our previous learning of our times tables!

In Science we have been learning all about plants, including the parts of a plant and what they need to grow. We carried out a Science investigation where we planted nine broad beans, but allowed them to have different environments (including putting one in a cupboard!) to see what would happen to them as they grew.

We also had a lovely morning of Bikeability and competed in the multi-skills final against 11 other North East Schools.

Parents Consultations

After half term we will be holding our Parent Consultations week beginning March 14th. Over that week you will be offered a 10 minute Progress Consultation about your child.

We hope to offer face to face but please be aware if this is the case you may be asked to wear a mask inside the building as teachers will be meeting lots of parents across the week. You may also be asked to wait outside the building until it is time for your appointment.

Otherwise it will at this point in time continue to be a phone call consultation. Thankyou.

School Lottery

Check out the prize details at the end of this letter. Win a STAYCATION!!!!

2 Year Old Provision

Miss Adams and Mrs Laskey are currently investigating the possibility of 2 Year Old provision in our unit. In order for it to be possible we need to know if we have enough children in the village to access it and provide the funding to employ additional staff.

Please let the office know ASAP if you would be interested or know anyone who wants a place!



Nursery places

We are filling up fast for future years and need to know which families need a place as we do not want to turn anyone away. Instead we would hope to employ additional staff to allow every child a place in the next 3 years. Please share this information with anyone who has a child coming up to the age of 3.

ONLY 2 PLACES LEFT!

FREE SCHOOL MEALS -Please apply for Free school meals if you think you meet the criteria as this would entitle your child to a free school lunch, free milk and many more other benefits in school.

The link to apply is: <https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Education/Schools/Meals.aspx>

NEW Diary Dates-

- 18th Feb- Break up normal time for half term.
- **Mon 28th February Training Day 2022**
- Tues 1st March – School reopens + Reception Eye Screening
- Wed 2nd March- Scootability- All Y1/2/3/4 Bring your scooters and appropriate warm coat
- Fri 4th March- WORLD BOOK DAY- Favourite Book Characters please.
- Week Beginning March 14th – Parent Consultations
- Tues 15th March- ZOOLAB in school
- Fri 18th March- Red Nose Day- more info to follow- Noses in stock in school!
- 21st March- Big Walk and Wheel week
- Fri 8th April – EASTER Worship in school with one parent each (fingers crossed) Early Years am, Y1/2/3/4 pm
- Monday 25th April – school reopens after Easter break.

**** **MONDAY 6th JUNE_ JUBILEE CELEBRATION AFTERNOON- more info to follow******

Friday 1st JULY Extra school day holiday for the Queens 70th Year Jubilee – As agreed by partnership schools

E-safety- Remember all you need is on our school website and Facebook page to support you at home with the internet and its use.

<http://www.grangeview.northumberland.sch.uk/website/esafety/102589>

Inclement weather

During these cold and rainy mornings, the school drop off and pick up times remain the same. So, we encourage you to arrive on time.

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. Doors will only open at 8.45am in severe weather. 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.

Shopping Link to support Grange View CE First School

<https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1049905-0>

This is the link to The Friends of Grange View Fundraising. It takes you to Amazon for any purchasing. Everything you buy raises funds for the school and generates extra funding to the PTA who in turn spends it on resources for your child and the school. Thank you for supporting us with this as every penny counts.

SIMS Online payments – COVID SAFE CASH FREE SYSTEM

Thank you to all of those who have already signed up and are using it. We cannot accept cash and the SIMS system is what should be used. You should have received an activation code via email and it is very quick and easy to set up. Please follow the online instructions to set this up to make any future payments. Any issues please email or call the office. Thank you.

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns at

admin@grangeview.northumberland.sch.uk

****Please note – no cash is to be brought into school unless we ask specifically (often for the Friends of Grange View events) All payments for school lunch, milk, uniform, trips etc. should all be made online. Due to Covid, we need to avoid handling cash as much as we can. ****



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Stars of the Week:



Acorn

Merit – Rory, Daisy
Sparkle - Jaxon

Oak

Merit – Hayden, Jacob
Sparkle - Robson

ELM

Merit – Taylor, Mary J
Sparkle - Robson

BEECH

Merit – Alfred, Gracie
Sparkle - Georgie

Willow

Merit – Rosanne, Izzie
Sparkle - Heidi

Sparkling Afternoon Tea – Robson, Mary-Jane, Mark and Ollie - well done for Sparkling all week !

ATTENDANCE -The most important message is children should be in school as much as possible as every day that a child misses school, for whatever reason, they miss out on vital learning.

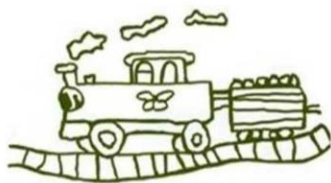
Week ending: 18.2.2022



Well done to Elm Class who won again this week with **97 %**

Our school target continues at 97%. Whole school this week **95.1 %**

Kind Regards,
Louise Laskey- Head Teacher



Support Our Lottery This Term
WIN a Forest Staycation!

- Help give our fundraising a much needed boost
- Tickets cost just £1 a week
- Guaranteed cash prize winner every week
- Jackpot of £25,000!

Play Now! Go to:

YourSchoolLottery.co.uk/play

and search for: Grange View C.E



Supporters must be 16 years of age or older. See website for T&Cs. Closing dates: 26th February 2022



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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.



Mrs Laskey- Head



Mrs Chapman-Assistant Head

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.

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 commenced 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