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**Dear Parents**  13 May 2019

**Early Years Unit – exciting news!**

Due to Big Lottery Funding work on the Early Years outdoor area will begin this week (Wed) so please watch out for any entrance changes for Health & Safety purposes, thank you.

**Warm weather this week**

Please keep an eye on the forecast this week as sun cream and hats may well be needed if the forecast is correct. A coat is also recommended just in case of any sudden change in the temperature. We also encourage a water bottle in school every day for rehydration.

**Coquet Shorebase Trust**

For all pupils aged 8yrs and over, Druridge Bay Coquet Shorebase Trust offer FREE kayak sessions every Saturday morning 10-12pm for children living in Widdrington. To book a course/session or make an enquiry or get further information call 01665710367. Their office is open from 9am to 1pm Monday to Friday during the summer and Monday to Thursday during the winter months.

**IMPORTANT SUMMER TERM IN SCHOOL**

The staff know your child really well and it is important that we make the correct assessment judgements about your child. It is particularly important that children in Y1 and Y2 are in school every day as they will soon be completing their Phonics Tests (Y1) and SATs tests (Y2) have already started.

**OPERATION ENCOMPASS INFORMATION**

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**NON UNIFORM**

The Friends of Grange View would like bottles donations for Non-uniform day on Friday 24th May please to support the school Summer Fair.

**Leave of Absence**

If your child is going be absent for any reason, please remember you must inform the school office so this can be recorded in our attendance data base. All holiday requests must be applied for using the school’s application form available from the school office, thank you.

**Stars out of School**

Please help us celebrate all the children’s achievements outside of school by sharing your special news with us. It can be anything from swimming, football, sporting awards or a special occasion such as a baptism. We will share all your success stories on the newsletter or school facebook page.

This week Olivia in Elm class shared her amazing news with us. She successfully achieved her 20m swimming badge. This is fantastic for a little girl who is only in Year 1. Well done Olivia.

**Walk to School Week**

Monday 20th May, walk to school week begins. There are stickers, rewards and prizes for all who take part. Keeping you all fit at the same time!

**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, 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/**

**HOMEWORK REMINDER**

Please can we remind all parents with pupils in Year 1-4 that MATHLETICS is part of your children’s weekly homework which supports their learning from the teachers in school. We appreciate your support in completely this every week please.

KS2 Timestable Rockstars – keep up the fantastic work with this we need to keep improving our times tables and fluency ☺

**JEWELLERY**

Please remember that jewellery is not allowed to be worn in school for any physical activity which also includes Little Movers; please remove all items on the day of PE, swimming, etc. thank you.

**School Uniform/PE Kit**

Please remember black school shoes or all black trainers ONLY for school and PE kit must be in school at all times, thank you. PE t-shirts and other uniform items are available at the office.

**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. 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 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**

**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 93%, an application to the Local Authority for a penalty notice will be made. Our overall school attendance target is 96%**

**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 w/e 03/05/19**

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**Well done to Chestnut Class who won with 99.2 %**

Acorn – 96.2% Oak – 94.7% Elm – 98.8%

Beech – 95.2% Chestnut – 99.2% Willow – 94%

TOTAL FOR THE WEEK – 96.4%

Just 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.

**Making a difference at Grange View**

1. **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, thank yo
2. **When shopping at the coop** - Supporting our local rainbows, brownies and guides with the points you earn – you all did a great job for Grange View last year ☺

# Dates for diaries

* Mon 20th May – Messy Monday
* Tues 21st May – KS1 trip to Discovery Museum, details to follow
* Tues 21st May – Spring Bingo 7pm
* Thurs 23rd May- Y Tag Rugby event, Ashington pm
* Thurs 23rd May- FAMILY FITNESS with Little Movers Fiona 2.15pm- 3.15pm Nursery and Reception families
* Fri 24th May – NON UNIFORM FOR DRINKABLE BOTTLE DONATIONS FOR SUMMER FAIR
* Fri 24th May – half term and school closes at 3.15pm (Karate as usual)
* Mon 3rd June – school re-opens - KS2 Centre for Life visit all day, packed lunch required
* Wed 5th June- Y4 Quad kids all day, packed lunch required
* Thurs 6th June- Y4 Wooler Countryside Day all day, packed lunch required
* Fri 14th June - NON UNIFORM FOR SUMMER FAIR (details to follow)
* Mon 17th June – Messy Monday 3.15pm in the hall
* Thurs 20th June- Y4 Leavers Service at Newcastle Cathedral then Angel of the North, packed lunch reqd
* Fri 21st June Sports Day- 1.30pm Reception to Y4
* Mon 24th June – Y3 to Brinkburn Priory all day, packed lunch required
* Tues 25th June – Summer Bingo
* Thurs 27th June- Reception Dance Festival with Little Movers -more info to follow from Mrs Herron
* Fri 28th June - Summer Fair 2pm
* Mon 15th July- Y4 Leavers Dinner out 4.30pm-6pm Lollo Rosso
* Tues 16th July- Y4 Leavers Movie Event- 5.30pm
* Fri 19th July- Final Family Worship of 2019. School Closes 1.30pm for the Summer
* Mon 2nd September – Teacher Training Day
* Tues 3rd September – Teacher Training Day
* Wed 4th September -School re-opens as usual for the Autumn Term

Kind regards,

Mrs L 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.

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**Operation Endeavour.**

I am writing to inform you about 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

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