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We aim to SPARKLE!



Dear Parents

11th November 2019

Remembrance Day

A big thank you to all those children who represented Grange View and their Guiding and Scouting Associations at St John's Church in Ulgham . They made us all very proud.

In school today at 11am we held a minutes silence to remember the end of the First World War.

We also had a great response to our poppy selling in school, so thank you again for supporting the appeal.

FAMILY CHRISTMAS PHOTOSHOOT

3.45pm -7pm Tuesday 12th Nov in the school hall . £3 per family. All welcome, ticket system and photos emailed the same night for you to use for Christmas etc

Family Worship – on as usual this week

It is Children in Need this Friday – see separate letter sent home last week from School Council.



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.

ALDI- Kit for Schools – FINAL CALL FOR STICKERS

We are still collecting GB stickers from your local ALDI. When you spend over £30 please bring them into school to add to our school poster. We need to collect 300 stickers to get a chance of winning £20000 for our school and we are almost there with our full poster. Please check at home for any stickers and send them as ASAP, thank you.

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,

Bedtime Books in Early Years

A list will be provided from school of recommended bedtime books for reading to children in early years.

Pathfinder Dogs Charity

We are supporting this charity in school and will have a collection bin in the main entrance; things they collect are plastic bottle tops; postage stamps; foreign currency; CDs & DVDs; books; crisp packets; unwanted gifts; bras; clothing; belts; bags; shoes; belts; towels; sheets. The bin will be placed in the entrance for everyone to fill please and emptied every week.

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.

School Lunches

As the winter months arrive, please remember we provide a daily hot school lunch at a cost of £2.20 per day (£11 per week). We would encourage you to look at the menus on the school website and inform the office the Friday prior if you want your child to have school lunches.

Parents Questionnaires

Each year we ask for parents to complete a simple questionnaire about our school. This helps the staff and governors to continue to plan for improvement and make Grange View an even better place for your children to learn

It's that time again when Mrs Laskey needs your help to complete on-line parent questionnaires to support us with Ofsted. This can be accessed at **www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk**

Please support us with all comments and complete the reply slip at the end of this letter to be entered for a prize draw to win a £10 voucher.

If you can complete this online before Fri 29th Nov and we will draw the winner in family worship .

Staff Car Park

There is no access to parents or grandparents to the staff only carpark at ANY POINT during the school day, this includes breakfast club arrivals. This is for health and safety reasons to avoid conflict with deliveries, staff arriving and leaving and disabled access. We do not want any accidents happening in this area which is designated for vehicular access only.

Water Bottles

ONLY WATER in bottles in school please. As a healthy school no juice or flavoured water are allowed . The school office has water bottles available for £1 and we have a cold water dispenser in our school hall. Thankyou for your support with this.

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.

Healthy packed lunches - Do you need Packed lunch help ?

We are a Healthy School and have a child with nut allergies in school. We need to ensure that all packed lunches are balanced and healthy.

A sandwich, one savoury item, fruit/veg and yogurts are a good option. Please ensure your child does not bring any fizzy drinks and sweets/chocolate in their lunchboxes and bags.

We encourage savoury sandwiches, fruit, yogurts, healthy savoury snacks and **1 treat (biscuit/cake)**. Chocolate bars/sweets will be sent back home in their lunchboxes.

For those parents/carers who would like some interesting and exciting ideas to liven up and make their child's packed lunches healthier please use the website links below:

<http://www.childrensfoodtrust.org.uk/resources/packed-lunch-menus-and-recipes>

<http://www.nhs.uk/Change4Life/Pages/healthy-lunchbox-picnic.aspx>

Uniform

Please ensure all uniform including wellies/shoes/PE kits are labelled with your child's name. School cannot be responsible for unnamed items.

Please remember our school uniform policy is all black shoes or all black trainers NOT Nike, Vans, sandals or any other high fashion footwear. But where a child has worn them out or out grown them we completely understand that replacements will appear as soon as possible.

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. 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

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 week ending 25/10/19



Well done to Chestnut Class who won with 96.5%
 Acorn – 91.6 %; Oak – 89.0%; Elm – 92.6%; Beech – 93.9%
 Chestnut –96.5%; Willow – 93.7%
 TOTAL FOR THE WEEK – 93.2%
 Well below our new school target which is now 97 %



Acorn

Merit – Charlie W, Archie
 Sparkle –Taylor
 Writing – Marcie

Oak

Merit – Amie, Domenica
 Sparkle –Leo
 Writing – Iris

Elm

Merit – Korey, Tyler
 Sparkle –Alice
 Writing – Javden S

Stars of the Week

Caught Sparkling

Iris, Oak
 Logan, Oak
 Elliott, Beech
 Izzie, Beech

Beech

Merit – Libby-Ellen
 Sparkle –Amelia
 Writing – Poppy A
Chestnut
 Merit – Taylor-Leigh, Porscha
 Sparkle –Riley R
 Writing – Grace B

Willow

Merit – Aidan, James
 Sparkle –John
 Writing –Riley B

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.

Stars out of School

Good news about Eva in Beech Class: She has been swimming like a fish outside of school at her lessons and was awarded her Duckling 4 certificate.

Dates for diaries

- ☐ **Mon 11th Nov** – deadline for shoeboxes to be returned to school
- ☐ **Tues 12th Nov** – Family Christmas Photo Shoot 3.45pm – 7pm
- ☐ **Fri 16th Nov** – Children in Need – letter send home last week
- ☐ **Mon 18th Nov** – Messy Monday, 3.15pm in the school hall
- ☐ **Fri 22nd Nov**– Nursery visit to Kidz Town, Blyth
- ☐ **Tues 26th Nov** – KS2 trip to Hancock Museum/Ouseburn
- ☐ **Thurs 28th Nov** – Elm/Beech/Chestnut/Willow Classes trip to see The Snow Queen in Amble (AM)
- ☐ **Thurs 5th Dec** – Friends Christmas Fair 2pm
- ☐ **Tues 10th Dec** – 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
- ☐ **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
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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



I have completed the online parent view questionnaire and would like to enter the prize draw.

Name _____