



Grange View C.E. First School

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We aim to SPARKLE!

Dear Parents/Carers

26.05.2023

Let your light shine – Matthew 5:16

Mrs Waters

Good luck and best wishes for Mrs Waters as she starts her maternity leave. We can't wait to meet Baby Waters soon.

New Payment System-

We are currently in the process of switching payment systems from Pay360 to Schoolmoney. The new system will go live as soon as we come back in September. All parents will be sent an invitation to download the app in the summer. All breakfast club and after school club places need to be booked and paid for in advance in Schoolmoney.

Better Weather

Please remember to apply sun cream and send a water bottle and cap/hat for your child during our summer term. Thank you.

Cardboard

We are still collecting cardboard boxes please for our Widdrington Village project after the holidays. Please save all you can and send it to school. All sizes of boxes etc. welcome.

Helping your child

We would really appreciate it if parents can help with independence skills such as tying shoe laces, going to the toilet etc. Everything you do at home helps your child in school too. Thank you for your co-operation.

Summer term attendance expectations for schools

School attendance continues to be mandatory for all pupils and the usual rules on school attendance apply. This includes parents' duty to ensure their child regularly attends school, and schools' and local authorities' ability to issue sanctions, including fixed penalty notices, for poor attendance.

The school and local authority is expected to continue to communicate clear expectations around attendance to families, identify pupils at risk of disengagement and develop plans to re-engage them.

As restrictions begin to lift, we know some families may be looking to take holidays during term time. As usual, parents should plan their holidays around school breaks and avoid seeking permission to take their children out of school on holiday please.

Absence

If your child is unwell and not able to come to school please phone or email the office, rather than reporting it on Class Dojo. If your child is just feeling a bit off, please still send them to school (Calpol works wonders) and if they deteriorate we will obviously ring you straight away, but sometimes we know they play up for you at home.



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September uniform

Following our school uniform policy your child will be expected to wear the following:

- A school sweatshirt/cardigan in the correct colour
- Yellow polo shirt
- Grey trousers/skirt/pinafore or yellow gingham dress
- All black school shoes with no logos
- A school PE t-shirt with black shorts or joggers.

We have lots of clean good second hand for anyone who needs it and we will keep spares for any child who turns up for school in the wrong uniform.

These supermarkets and shops store correct colours: Asda/Sainsbury's/Matalan/Marks and Spencer and many others. Our branded school uniform can be ordered here:

<https://www.mapac.com/education/parents/uniform/grangeviewfirstne615lz>

*****NEW Wraparound Childcare*****

From September we will be trialling Wraparound Childcare again for all our families.

Breakfast clubs will start earlier at 7:30am-8:50am for £2 or £1 from 8:00-8:50am every morning and after school will run 3.15-5.15pm for £4 per hour including a snack/drink. These will be run by Miss Gray and Miss Bell. Breakfast club in the hall as normal and after school care in the Early Years unit to allow access to the outdoor area. Please inform the office if you wish to reserve spaces or find out more.

Homework

As the days get warmer and nights longer we understand that your child may want to play out more, but it is essential that you continue to complete all homework with them. Thank you.

Hadston Family Hub

Please see below days/times of some baby and toddler groups currently on offer at the Hadston Family Hub. There are also some courses starting in June. For more information please see the leaflets emailed out to parents/carers this morning (19.05.23) or contact Hadston Family Hub directly.

- Brilliant Babies (around 4 months and up) – Mondays at 1:00pm
- Tiny Talkers – Tuesdays at 10:00am
- LLTP AND (Learning Together Through Play for children with additional needs or disability) – Wednesdays at 10:00am
- LLTP – Fridays at 10:00am – to include infant feeding support.

LLTP sessions also run in Widdrington Community Centre Tuesdays at 1:30pm term time only and at Amble Links First School Thursdays at 1:30pm term time only.

- Henry 0-5 due to start 7th June and Henry Preparing for Parenthood due to start 19th June.

HALF PRICE UNIFORM

We are selling off all our remaining stock of uniform supplied by Mapac. Mrs Kent one of our parents/governors will be manning a stall at the Friends Car boot sale on Saturday 1st July for anyone who would be interested. This includes sweatshirts/cardigans/polos/t-shirts/coats and fleeces but limited stock and sizes. We will also have some preloved uniform which will be available for free. Any donations would be much appreciated so that they can be passed on to families.

Topic Reviews

Early Years Topic Review – Space – Summer 1

Our topic this half term has been Space. We have enjoyed learning all about the planets; in particular learning a fact about each one. We have learnt about space, stars and astronauts. Our role play area has been a space station where we have pretended we are blasting off to space! We have learnt about the life of an astronaut, what they like to eat and what their roles are in space. We even looked at images of the first man on the moon. We imagined what it would be like to live on the moon.

In our Art sessions we used a mix of paints to create a marble effect on a planet. We named our new planets and talked about who would live there. We also made papier-mache planets.

During forest school, we have begun looking for signs of Summer and have been hunting for minibeasts. Both Acorns and Oak have continued having Little Movers as our PE lessons. We love learning new dances and playing games. Oak have also had Multiskills sessions this half term where we have learnt many new skills and played lots of fun team games. Bikeability was also lots of fun as we learnt how to use balance bikes.

Key Stage 1 Topic Review – Castles – Summer 1

This half term the children have been learning about castles. They learned about castle location and why they are found on a hill. The children looked at maps and pictures of different castles. They have increased their locational vocabulary and used it in contexts that they know. They learned about jobs within a medieval castle and compared them to jobs we have now. A highlight was when they visited Warkworth castle to consolidate their learning at the end of this term.

This half term the children thought;

“Visiting the castle was amazing and the best trip ever because it was fun and it was my favourite topic we have done.”

“Exploring the castle was fun and I liked finding new things. The keep was my favourite.” “Finding out about the jobs was really cool.”

Key Stage 2 Topic Review – Out of this World – Summer 1

Despite being a short term, it has been busy and action packed. The children have learnt during our space topic – studying the formation of shadows (thankyou once again for the torches) as well as how they change position and length depending on the time of the day.

Through drama, they learnt about the sun, earth and moon and their orbits as well as lots of interesting facts associated with the planets in our solar system. The topic certainly came to life when we went on our visit, the Centre for Life was brilliant for illustrating clearly the different solar constellations and planets’ appearance in the planetarium as well as finding out about being an astronaut including the capacity of their space nappy! In addition, the science show, space and wow zones ensured the children were busy from start to finish.

In English they considered how to write a newspaper report based upon the first landing on the moon as well as consistently include openers, expanded nouns and similes in their writing. Their transmission home from space writing was brilliant – we were all very impressed!

It has been a great term, with some fabulous work, treasured memories and not forgetting the wonderful Robinwood residential starting the term off on a high.

Friends of Grange View Dates:

Friday pop up stalls – affordable treats will be sold on the yard every fortnight by the Friends.

Friday 9th June - Bags to school collection deadline (ignore the date on the bag, it's definitely 9th June)

Tuesday 20th June - BINGO NIGHT – 6.30pm doors open. 7pm eyes down.

Saturday 1st July – CAR BOOT SALE 10am -12noon £1 adult entry/children are free. Tables booked in advance through school. £5 cars/tables and £10 vans - 9am set up.

Friday 7th July – SUMMER FAIR 2pm

*******NEW Diary Dates*******

26th May - Half Term

6th June - Y4 to leavers service at Newcastle Cathedral

8th June – Countryside Day - Year 2 & 3

12th June – **Class Photographs Day**

15th June – Quadkids – Year 4

16th June – Year 3 Making Memories Day at Alnwick Gardens

22nd June – Year 3 Watersports at Druridge Bay Lake

23rd June – Roots n Shoots - Year 4 – Alnwick Garden

27th June - Y3/4 visit NUFC - FREE visit

27th June – Y4 to meet tutors at JCSC Acklington Road site 6:30pm

29th June – Enterprise Day - KS2

30th June – Sports Day

4th July – Y4 Transition Visit

13th July – Open Evening at JCSC Acklington Road site – Time TBC

17th July – Friends of Grange View Ball Skills Workshop

21st July – Break up for Summer Holidays

Widdy Welcomes

Widdy Welcomes holds a coffee morning every Thursday 10.00am - 12.30pm. A warm, friendly and welcoming place to go for a cuppa and some home-made cakes and biscuits. All welcome.

****New eSchools Lite App****



Have you tried out the new eSchools Lite App? This is a great way to view new content that has been added to our school website. Simply install the app for free and search for [Grange View Church of England First School](#) (once selected the app will remember your choice). You can then access the school calendar and newsletters or browse the site.

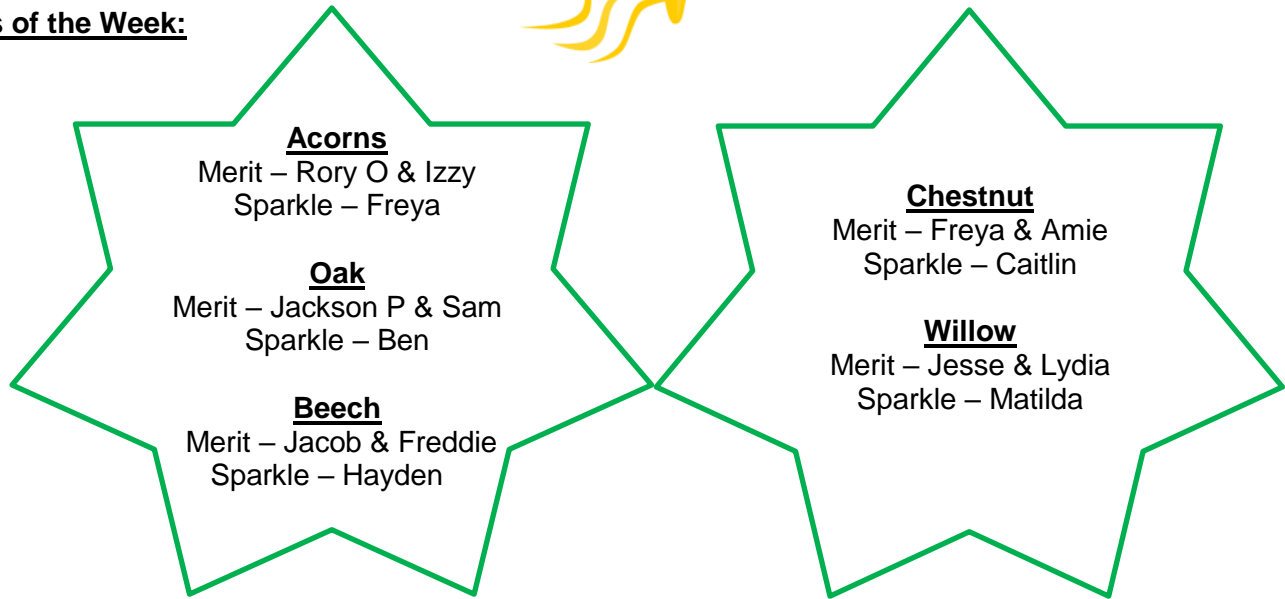
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Stars of the Week:



SPARKLE TEA – Taylor, Jayden, Bailey H & Rosie

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: 19.05.2023



Well done to Beech Class who won with 97.5%

Acorns – 89.7%
Oak – 90%
Beech – 97.5%
Chestnut – 88.9%
Willow – 87.6%

Our school target continues at 97%. Whole school was 91.3%

Kind Regards,

Louise Laskey - Head Teacher

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- Tickets cost just £1 a week
- Win up to £25,000 every week
- Please help give our fundraising a boost
- Explore a world of virtual reality!

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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 Rebecca Griffin 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