



**Grange View C.E. First
School**

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Dear Parent/Carers

21st Nov 2016

The Online Portal for Admissions to First and Primary Schools is now Open for children starting school in September 2017 (dob: 1.9.2012-31.08.2013). You must complete an application for a place in a Reception class even if your child attends the school nursery or pre-school setting. Further information can be found on the School Admissions page at NCC.

Our Christmas tree is being delivered this week - if you have any spare decorations we will gladly take them off your hands! Thank you.

Christmas Bingo

The friend of Grange View are organising this event on Tuesday 6th Dec doors open at 5.30pm Adults only please with lots of prizes to be won and refreshments available. 50p entry per person and £1 per bingo book . Please let the friends know if you are interested in attending by completing the slip below. Thank you.

Road/path works

Please take care as you come to and from school as Northern Power Grid are starting cable work as of Monday and this may affect your journey to school.

Parents Governor Elections

A letter came home last week for a new parent governor in school. Please read the letter to see if you could support our school. Thank you.

FORD CASTLE DAY, 17TH MAY 2017 - Year3/4

Please can everyone send in their deposits as soon as possible to enable school to complete the booking.

Inclement weather

During these cold and rainy mornings the school doors will open at 8.50am, 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.

IF YOUR CHILD IS GOING TO BE LATE FOR ANY REASON - PLEASE RING SCHOOL AS IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE KNOW WHERE HE/SHE IS, THANK YOU.

Widdrington Library

Every time your child visits the Library and takes home a book, he/she will be given a Golden Ticket and will be entered into a prize draw to win a chocolate hamper.

We want you to read more with your child - yes, even the older ones. Why? Because brilliant things happen when families read together!

Bath, Book, Bed is a bedtime routine that can also help your child sleep for longer. Research shows that a book-based bedtime routines can help your little one sleep better.

Parent View

ONLY 2 parents have completed this out of 141! You have until this Friday 2nd Dec to complete it PLEASE!!!!

It's that time of year again when we ask you to help us online. We need your help again to complete Ofsted's online questionnaire about our school. Parent View gives you the chance to tell Ofsted what you think about your child's school. Parent View asks for your opinion on 12 aspects of your child's school, from the quality of teaching, to dealing with bullying and poor behaviour. By sharing your views, you'll be helping your child's school to improve. You will also be able to see what other parents have said about your child's school. Or, if you want to, view the results for any school in England.

Please use this link: <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk>

Please remember that we need as many families to complete these with good things to say about the school. If anyone needs any information or they want to ask any questions we are all here to help. Please complete the slip at the end of this letter to be entered free prize draw if you complete the online survey by Friday 25th Nov.

After School Clubs

Please note that full PE kit must be worn for multi-skills on a Monday, and for football on a Tuesday, as without this, participation may be withdrawn.

Boots and shin pads particularly must be worn for outdoor football sessions. As the weather cools down, tracksuits will also be needed for outdoors, thank you.

Please ensure payments are kept up to date, thank you.

Dates for diaries

Tues 6th Dec - Christmas Bingo run by Friends of Grange View, time TBC

Thurs 8th Dec - Nursery visit to Whitehouse Farm; details from Mrs Herron

Thurs 8th Dec - Mr or Mrs Santa possibly visiting each class in the afternoon

Fri 9th Dec - Christmas School Fair 2.30pm in the hall

Sun 11th Dec - Christingle Service at St John's, Ulgham 3.30pm all welcome

Mon 12th Dec - Years 1-4 Christmas Performance 2pm and 6pm- 2 tickets per family

Tues 13th Dec- Early Years performance (with afternoon nursery joining the morning nursery) 10am start

Wed 14th Dec - Christmas Lunch Day - Reception/Y1/Y2/Y3/Y4

Thurs 15th Dec- Nursery party - am and pm

Fri 16th Dec- Christmas party in the morning for Reception/Y1/Y2/Y3/Y4.

School breaks up for Christmas at 1.30pm

Sunday, 17th Dec - Christingle Service at Holy Trinity, Widdrington 3.30pm all welcome

Tues 3rd Jan - TTD, school closed to pupils

Wed 4th Jan - Spring Term Begins

Attendance - Does it matter? YES IT DOES!!

Please remember your child's attendance in school is extremely important. Awards will continue to be given to each class with the best attendance.

Can we remind parents about a section of the Education Act 1996:

"Central to raising standards in education and ensuring all pupils can fulfil their potential is an assumption so widely understood that it is insufficiently stated - pupils need to attend school regularly to benefit from their education. Missing out on lessons leaves children vulnerable to

falling behind. Children with poor attendance tend to achieve less in both primary and secondary school - NO HOLIDAYS will be authorised in term time.

Last week's attendance is as follows:

Well done Willow Class who won with 100%
Acorn - 91.3% Oak - 92.2%
Elm - 94.3% Beech - 94.5% Willow - 100%
TOTAL FOR THE LAST WEEK - 95.2%.
Our overall school target is now 96% attendance.
PLEASE TRY to get your child to school on time every day and help us achieve our target EVERY week, thank you.



Stars of the week



Acorns

Merit - Kristian, Jack
Sparkle - Ellie
Writing - Libby-Ellen

Oak

Merit - Jaxon, Finlay
Sparkle - Evie
Writing - Jack
Presentation - Robyn

Elm

Merit - Katie, Lennon
Sparkle - Jaya
Writing - John
Presentation - Brooke

Beech

Merit - Riley C, James E
Sparkle - Annabelle
Writing - Riley R
Presentation - Bret

Willow

Out on school trip

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

amazon.co.uk

ebay

M&S

Argos

John Lewis
johnlewis.com

DEBENHAMS

TESCO
direct

Sainsbury's

Boots
boots.com

Boden

TESCO

thetrainline.com
your first stop for train tickets

Kind Regards

Louise Laskey

Mrs L Laskey-Head Teacher



Parent view

I _____ have completed Parent view online and would like to enter the prize draw.

Signed: _____ Print: _____



Christmas Bingo

I will/ will not be attending the Christmas**

Name _____