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Dear Parents

1st July 2019

SUMMER FAIR- THANK YOU

On Friday you raised £950 for the Friends of Grange View at our Summer Fair.

A massive thankyou to the few parents who donated crispies, traybakes and cupcakes etc and to Mrs Palmer and our classes who made lots of cakes and treats.

KS2 DRUMMING Performance

All Year 3 and 4 parents/carers are invited in on Tuesday afternoon at 2.15pm to see their drumming performance. This has been weeks and weeks worth of practice with our music teacher Steve Ballantyne.

GOLD AWARD

We have our first School Games Mark awarded!

Well done Grange View First School on achieving your School Games Mark Gold. Very well deserved.



Northumberland school games

Last Thursday 8 pupils represented Grange View at the Northumberland school games tournament and we are so pleased to let you know that our group came 3rd overall amongst all 12 teams that took part. Well done to our pupils who participated!

Reports

Your child's report will be coming home this Friday. If you need a second copy for another absent family member (mum or dad) please let the class teacher know ASAP.

Transition day- Thursday 4th July

All children across the school will move to the new classes on the 4th July for the morning. New Nursery will join us in the morning.

Current nursery children (Acorn Class) due to start Reception in September will stay for their lunch that day and then collect your child at 12.30pm. Lunches must be ordered and paid for (£2.20) at the school office by Monday, 24th June to allow notice for our catering staff, thank you.

Classes will be as follows:

Ms Conroy/Mrs Skinner- Acorn Class - Nursery

Mrs Herron – Oak Class - Reception

Miss Darlow- Elm Class – Year 1

Mrs Chapman - Beech Class- Year 2

Mrs Miller/Mrs Metcalfe- Chestnut Class – Year 3

Mrs Timmins - Willow Class- Year 4

Stem Afternoon- 4th July

On Thursday afternoon this year we will be having a STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Maths) session across the school. Each class will be participating in activities with the staff.

Cycle Shirt competition- Tour of Britain - Design a Jersey

As we had a presence at the Northumberland School Games last Thursday Councillor Daley launched a competition for schools in connection with the Tour of Britain - which will be coming through Northumberland on 9th September.

The competition is for schools to design a cycling jersey that highlights what the children believe are the key elements of our county of NORTHUMBERLAND. The competition closes on 15th July but we would like all families to take part.

The competition is grouped into three categories and each school is only able submit one entry per category. Each category will have a first prize of £2000, second prize of £1000 and a third prize of £250. The winning design in each category will also be professionally produced and presented to the school. The prize money must be used to encourage a sporting activity.

A separate letter will be coming home with the cycle shirt/jersey template for families to design at home for Year 1 to 4 . All entries must have your child's name and age as well as the school name identified. Please return them ASAP or by 8th July so we can submit them to the competition.

Uniform for September

We have a number of items in stock for parents to buy from the school office in readiness for September – don't leave it until the last minute, thank you.

SHOES:

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.

GOOD NEWS- After School childcare

We have had a good response to this offer. As a trial to see if it can be sustainable we will be starting this childcare from Sept 2019. Initially it will be facilitated in the Early years unit so that our staff and children can access the outdoor equipment and other resources. The after school child care will run from 3.15pm until 5.30pm every day at cost of £3.50 per hour or £6 from 3.15 until 5.30pm.

To ensure we can fund this provision all costs must be paid up front when booking places the week before. Therefore we will be asking parents to book the first week and pay for it at the end of this term. Thank you.

Warm weather alert!!

Please keep an eye on the weather forecast as when we warm sunny days please apply sun-cream as necessary, and a sun hat/cap.

We also encourage each child to have a water bottle in school for drinking throughout the day. We have a supply that can be purchased from the office for £1.00, thank you

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.

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 Timetable 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.

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 92%, 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 14/6/19



Well done to Willow Class who won with 99.6%
Acorn – 91.8% Oak – 97.9% Elm - 90.4%
Beech – 95.9% Chestnut – 95.8% Willow – 99.6%
TOTAL FOR THE WEEK 95.3%
Below our school target of 96 %



Making a difference at Grange View

1. **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, 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

- ☐ *** New Date***- Mon 1st July Residential meeting 3.15pm for all current Y2 and Y3 parents
- ☐ Tues 2nd July- Y2 Watersports day at Druridge Bay
- ☐ Thurs 4th July – transition day across the school
- ☐ Mon 8th July – Art week across the school
- ☐ Mon 8th July- 2pm Water safety assembly by Northumberland Fire and Rescue 2pm for Y1-4
- ☐ Week commencing 15th July – NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS THIS WEEK
- ☐ Mon 15th July- Y4 Leavers Dinner out 4.30pm-6pm Lollo Rosso
- ☐ Tues 16th July- Y4 Leavers Movie Event- 5.30pm in school hall
- ☐ Fri 19th July- Final Family Worship of 2019 and school closes 1.30pm for the summer holidays
- ☐ Mon 2nd September – Teacher Training Day
- ☐ Tues 3rd September – Teacher Training Day
- ☐ Wed 4th September -School re-opens as usual for the Autumn Term

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

Kind regards,
Mrs L Laskey
Headteacher



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