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**Dear Parent/Carers 15th October 2018**

**Home time**

Please can you remember to phone school to let us know if anyone other than yourself is collecting your child at 3.15pm and can you please ensure that whoever does pick your child up is over the age of 16yrs old. This is for safeguarding reasons and we will not release your child to anyone under this age.

**Parent’s Consultations**

Our Autumn Parent’s Evenings are being held this week Tues- Thurs with each class teacher (except for Elm Class – separate letter went home on Friday).

10 minute timeslots are available with class teachers and can be booked up with staff.

Please try to come along to find out how your child has settled in to their new Class and what you can do to help with their learning.

THERE WILL BE NO CLUBS THIS WEEK APART FROM KARATE ON FRIDAY.

**Reading Records**

Please try to read with your child every night, and if you haven’t time to make a comment in his/her reading record at least initial to indicate you have read with your child, thank you. Reading with your child a huge impact on his/her learning and makes a big difference to your child’s progress.

**Harvest 2018**

Thank you for all your kind donations to the Wansbeck food bank. Everything has been bagged up ready for delivery.

**UNIFORM**

Please ensure all your child’s uniform is labelled with their name as we cannot be responsible for every lost item. Please ensure your child’s PE kit is in a bag and labelled too. Thank you.

**Bikeability**

Advance notice for our Year 4’s that this is planned for all our Year 4s in the Spring Term 2019. Bikes and helmets will be needed, thank you.

**Online Portal Opening September 2018 - Middle, High and Secondary**

The Online Portal for Admissions to Middle School **CLOSES ON 31ST OCTOBER**.

Further information can be found on the County Council School Admissions page.

\*\*\***IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO APPLY FOR A PLACE AT MIDDLE SCHOOL\*\*\***

**Special Educational needs in school**

There have recently been some changes and developments in how we assess and support any child with Special Educational needs in school. Mrs Laskey is the Special Needs Coordinator at Grange View and Mrs Jane Bewick is our SEND governor. Please use this link if you wish to find out more about the new systems we use. <http://www.northumberland.gov.uk/senguide>

**NO Jewellery**

**We cannot allow any earrings or jewellery in school for PE or in the Early Years Unit.** Your child’s earrings MUST be removed or taped up, staff are unable to do this for safeguarding reasons. Please ensure this happens or your child may miss out on valuable activities across the day. This is for health and safety reasons.

# 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.

Ofsted hold school accountable for the spending of this funding and we have to show that we are supporting every child/family who is able to apply for Free School Meals (pupil premium). We hope all our families who are eligible apply for this funding as it makes a massive difference to our budget and our currently staffing levels.

If you are entitled to applying please pop to the office and we can help.

**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 5th October**

**Well done Elm Class who won with 98.3%**

Acorn – 71.2% Oak – 93.7% Elm – 98.3%

Beech – 89.2% Chestnut – 93.1% Willow – 96.1%

TOTAL FOR THE LAST WEEK – 91.7%

Well 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.

Stars of the week held over due to Harvest

# Dates for diaries – please note changes

* Week beginning 15th Oct – Parents meetings- days and times to be confirmed with teachers
* Mon 15th Oct – Messy Monday at 3.15pm
* Mon 15th Oct – NO CLUBS THIS WEEK EXCEPT KARATE
* **Fri 26th Oct - Half term - school closes as normal at 3.15pm (Karate as usual)**
* Mon 5th Nov - Teacher Training Day
* Tues 6th Nov – School re-opens
* Thurs 8th Nov – school photographs (pre-school children from 8.30am)

**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.



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 Safegurding governor, Mrs Laskey, Mrs Herron and Mrs Chapman are our Designated Safeguarding lead staff.

**\*\*\*\*\*\*What is CPOMS\*\*\*\*\*\***

As a school safeguarding is our priority therefore we are now using a market leader in a software application for monitoring child protection, safeguarding and a whole range of pastoral and welfare issues. It works alongside a school’s existing safeguarding processes, CPOMS is an intuitive system to help with the management and recording of child protection, behavioural issues, bullying, special educational needs, domestic issues and much much more. Using CPOMS, schools can ensure that students are safe and fully supported, whilst school staff can focus on teaching and providing support, instead of administration.

Every member of our staff across school has an obligation to report any concerns which they may have. CPOMS allows them to record information in a central repository and have relevant people alerted immediately. Senior leaders are able to build a chronology around a student and can produce reports on vulnerable pupil groups for Case Conference Meetings, Governors and Ofsted at the touch of a button.

**GDPR(General Data Protection Regulations)**

**The 1998 Data Protection Act has been replaced by the General Data Protection**

**Regulations from the 25th May 2018.**

**Information on the schools' Privacy policy and a Privacy Notice indicating the**

**personal data the school processes, for staff, pupils, parents/carers and governors is now on the school website.**

**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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