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Dear Parents

**Welcome back to a busy Summer term 2019. Please read the newsletter every week to keep up to date with upcoming events and visits.**

**Topic Reviews**

**Acorns topic review – Spring term 2 – Growth and change**

We have had an action packed half term learning all about growth and change. Here are some of the exciting things that we have done;

Planted beans and watched them grow – we learnt the importance of remembering to water them and keep them in sunlight.

Learnt all about Spring and all of the things that happen during this time.

Painted our favourite flowers and had a fun time doing some bubble painting.

Enjoyed listening to some stories all about things that grow – Jack and the Beanstalk, Jasper’s Beanstalk and A tiny seed.

We have started doing our ‘number of the week’ where we learn to write the number and count to that number. So far we have done numbers 1 and 2.

We have continued to enjoy our weekly yoga sessions with Debbie and are doing a great job of listening to her and following her instructions.

We have learnt all about Easter and enjoyed some Easter craft activities.

**Oak Class Spring 2 2019**

This term we have continued to do yoga through stories with Debbie, we are getting really good at the ‘tree’ position.

Little Movers, with Fiona, is still very exciting. Working together is very important as well as listening to and following instructions. We get very active during the sessions and have great fun! Watch out next term for your invitation to join us for one of our sessions!

Reading Jasper and the Beanstalk made us think about planting beans so we could grow our own beanstalks. We talked a lot about what the beans needed to grow and how we should look after them.

Learning our Easter songs has been great fun. We were really excited about performing them to our grown ups and we hope you all enjoyed them.

We have learnt all about 2D and 3D shapes this term, making pictures and building models with them. Then we took them outside to see if we could find them in our environment!!It was great we ran around and found loads of different shapes in the mud kitchen, on the fence and all over the garden.

Can we just say thank you to those grown ups who came to do Easter activities with us we had a lovely time.

Remember to read your reading books regularly. It is really important that we develop good reading habits early. The children need to read regularly with you and then you need to sign their reading record. The children need to have their reading folders, with reading books in them, in school every day.

**KS1 Topic Review- Spring 2**- Green Planet topic review

KS1 began the term by becoming eco warriors learning about pollution and recycling from our special visitor Lorna who brought in lots of materials that could be recycled. Elm class looked around their classroom looking for items that could be recycled and what they could reuse in different ways. We linked these ideas to how we should look after our planet and how God would want us to look after the world.

As part of this green theme we all went green fingered with Elm class planting sunflowers and Beech investigating the growth of beans. Elm used their sunflowers to help them in their maths comparing the length and height of the plants. We all did observational drawings of plants found around the school to help discuss and identify different plants and their different parts.

In Literacy, KS1 went into the forest exploring traditional tales like Red Riding Hood and Jack and the Beanstalk. Elm class became Red Riding Hood asking and answering questions as well as taking on the role of Jack in a decision alley, should Jack climb the beanstalk? Using T4W both classes made story maps to help them retell the story and rewrite parts of it with changes.

We ended the term with some lovely Easter activities learning about the story of Easter and its importance to Christians and the world. We invited in our parents to get crafty in Elm class creating colourful collages of Easter eggs and in Beech class we made Easter bunny puppets.

**KS2 summary – Spring 2 - Green Grangers**

We have really enjoyed this terms topic, it has been action packed learning about the food chains, rainforest layers, dangers, deforestation and ways in which the animals communicate. The children have created some fantastic persuasive writing relating to saving the rainforest and orangutans and reinforced their Non Fiction text understanding by creating glossaries of rainforest language.

In Numeracy, we are so much more confident with our fractions now, we have also

consolidated our written methods for addition, subtraction and multiplication which showed great improvements in our end of term tests. In reading, we continuing to develop our “Thinking Voice”, which helps us make notes and annotation over the text we are reading and hopefully understand it better.

Although we didn’t go on a trip this term, we did enjoy our Pop UK experience, where we learnt lots about the Easter Story in a fun performance style. We attended a few sporting events as well including the tri golf festival and football tournament. However, the highlight of the term as always at this time of year was their great performance at the dance showcase. we were extremely proud of them!

**Warm weather alert!!**

Please keep an eye on the weather forecast as we are expecting sunnier days so 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.

**\*\*\*\*\*KS2 Ford Castle Trip – 13th May\*\*\*\*\***

This is fast approaching so please check your balance with the office and have payment completed by Friday, 3rd May, thank you.

**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.

**School Uniform/PE Kit**

Please remember black school shoes or all black trainers ONLY for school and PE kit must be in school at all times, thank you.

**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 Timestable Rockstars – keep up the fantastic work with this we need to keep improving our times tables and fluency ☺

# 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 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 29/3/19**

**Well done to Willow Class who won with 98.4%**

Acorn – 94.2% Oak – 95.3% Elm – 97.6%

Beech – 97.9% Chestnut – 96.2% Willow – 98.4%

TOTAL FOR THE WEEK – 96.8%

Just above 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

***Beech***

Merit – whole class for amazing group work and brilliant behaviour

***Chestnut***

Merit – whole class for welcoming their new student teacher and for helping each other

***Willow***

Merit – whole class for the quality of their handwriting

***Acorns***

Merit – whole class for the stay and play and for helping

Miss Conroy since she came back from maternity leave

***Oak***

Merit – whole class for amazing singing with actions

***Elm***

Merit – whole class for persevering

with Jack & The Beanstalk and for fantastic writing

**Caught**

**Sparkling**

Jack App, Erin, Jean-Paul, Reshay

Football Award



Riley C + all of

Mr Derbyshire’s group

Karate Awards

Michal, Nikola, John, Riley B

Congratulations to you all

**Making a difference at Grange View**

1. **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, 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

* Tues 23rd April – Summer Term - school reopens 8am for Breakfast Club, 8.45am Main School
* Fri 26th April - No Family Worship due staff training
* Tues 30th April- KS2 Warburton’s Workshop am
* Mon 6th May- SCHOOL CLOSED- BANK HOLIDAY
* Fri 10th May - Y3 Personal Best and Y4 Watersports (more details to follow)
* Fri 10th May – NO FAMILY WORSHIP
* Mon 13th May – KS2 trip to Ford Castle
* Mon 20th May – Messy Monday
* Tues 21st May – Spring Bingo
* Thurs 23rd May- Y3 Tag Rugby pm
* Thurs 23rd May- FAMILY FITNESS with Little Movers Fiona 2.15pm- 3.15pm Nursery and Reception families
* Fri 24th May – school closes at 3.15pm for half term (Karate as usual)
* Mon 3rd June – school re-opens - KS2 Centre for Life Visit (more details to follow)
* Summer 2 term - NEW Nursery visits and meeting TBC from Mrs Herron
* Wed 5th June- Y4 Quad kids am
* Thurs 6th June- Y4s Wooler Countryside Day all day
* Mon 17th June – Messy Monday
* Thurs 20th June- Y4 Leavers Service at Newcastle Cathedral then Angel of the North.
* Fri 21st Sports Day- 1.30pm Reception to Y4.
* Tues 25th June – Summer Bingo
* Thurs 27th June- Reception Dance Festival with Little Movers- More info to follow from Mrs Herron
* Fri 28th June- Summer Fair 2pm
* Mon 15th July- Y4 Leavers Dinner out 4.30pm-6pm Lollo Rosso
* Tues 16th July- Y4 Leavers Movie Event- 5.30pm
* Fri 19th July- Final Family Worship of 2019. School Closes 1.30pm for the Summer
* Mon 2nd September – Teacher Training Day
* Tues 3rd September – Teacher Training Day
* Wed 4th September -School re-opens

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.

**Operation Endeavour.**

I am writing to inform you about 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



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