



Grange View C.E. First School

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We aim to SPARKLE!

Dear Parents/Carers

14.07.2023

Let your light shine – Matthew 5:16

Year 4 Dates to Remember

Mon 17th July – Leavers tea at Lollo Rosso – table is booked for 5:00pm, please drop the children off in good time. Mrs Laskey, Mrs Chapman and Miss Gray will be there to meet them.

Tues 18th July – Leavers celebration in school. Starts at 5:30pm prompt.

Fri 21st July – Year 4 collected and say goodbyes to Mrs Chapman 1:00 – 1:20pm due to Mrs Chapman attending a Year 6 leavers service for her own child. Please do not be late.

Report Reply Slips

Thank you for all of your reply slips you have sent back so far. There is still time to send yours in if you haven't already done so. Thank you.

School Summer Fair

Friends of Grange View raised a grand total of £883.70 at last weeks summer fair! Thank you so much for coming along and supporting our school, we really appreciate it.

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. **Please make sure that NO payments are made in Pay360 after 21st July 2023 as the system will no longer exist.** All parents will be sent an invitation to download the new Schoolmoney app in the summer holidays. All breakfast club and after school club places need to be booked in and paid for in advance on Schoolmoney.

School Lunches

As you know the cost of living for all of us is having an impact on everyone's wellbeing. As a school, lunch costs of £2.20 have remained the same for several years. Unfortunately, our food costs have also increased and we are unable to subsidise this any further. Therefore, from September we have been encouraged to increase the costs to £2.70. I have met with the governors who have agreed to set our cost at £2.50 for the Autumn Term and then review this at Christmas. Apologies for this but we have held them as low as possible for as long as we could. Thank you for your support.

Attendance Changes in September

A letter will be coming out to all parents and carers week commencing 10th July outlining the changes to our attendance policy/expectations for September 2023 onwards.

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.



We're working
towards Artsmark
Awarded by Arts
Council England



Pearl of Africa

We have the Pearl of Africa choir visiting us from Uganda on Friday 15th September. They will be in school in the afternoon, selling goods and crafts to raise funds for them after school, and then putting on a concert in the evening at 6:00pm. Tickets will be £2.00 each for adults and £1.00 for children. Tickets will go on sale in September, this will be an amazing cultural experience which your child may never encounter again. Please come along and support them if you can, thank you.

Things to note for September:

- **IMPORTANT - NUT ALLERGY** – We are a **NUT FREE SCHOOL** as we have a child joining us from September with a severe nut allergy. Therefore, please ensure that you do not send any products containing nuts into school for snack/packed lunches. This includes chocolate spread for sandwiches. Thank you for your co-operation.
- **SHOELACES** – if you choose school shoes with laces for your child, can you please make sure they know how to fasten them themselves. Please take some time to teach them in the summer holidays, thank you.
- **AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS:**
Clubs from September will be as follows:
 - Monday – NUFC games club
 - Tuesday – Staff led club with Mrs Cessford TBC
 - Wednesday – Trident Soccer
 - Thursday – Staff led clubs TBC

Summer Reading Challenge

Northumberland Libraries are very excited to announce the theme for this year's Summer Reading Challenge...

'Ready, Set, Read!'

This year's Challenge is focused on reading, sport and play and aims to keep children's minds and bodies active over the summer break, empowering young people to forge new connections with others and unleash the power of play, sport and physical activity through reading.

The Summer Reading Challenge is an annual event aimed at 4 – 11-year-olds. Children are encouraged to read six (or more) books of their choice during the summer holidays with collectable incentives and rewards, plus a medal and certificate for every child who completes the Challenge.

Northumberland Libraries will have lots of brilliant events, competitions and prizes to be won.

Full details will appear on our library website www.mylibrary.co.uk and social media pages.

'Ready, Set, Read!' launched on Saturday 8th July and runs for the whole of the summer holidays. It is totally free, and children can join in the fun at any of our libraries.

Thank you for your continued support of our Summer Reading Challenge – let's keep children reading over the long summer holidays!

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.

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.

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.



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>

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 earlier in the term 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.

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 Diary Dates*****

17th July – Friends of Grange View Ball Skills Workshop

21st July – Break up for Summer Holidays 1:30pm

4th September – Teacher Training Day

5th September – Back to School

Stars of the Week:



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: 07.07.2023



Well done to Willow Class who won with 99.5%

Acorns – 97.9%
Oak – 96.9%
Beech – 98.1%
Chestnut – 97.3%
Willow – 99.5%

Our school target continues at 97%. Whole school was 97.3%

Kind Regards,

Louise Laskey - Head Teacher

WIN A £500 LEGO GIFT CARD



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