



Grange View C.E. First School

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We aim to SPARKLE!

Dear Parents / Carers

15th July 2022

THE READING CHALLENGE IS BACK!

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. Our librarian Cathy will be visiting us to present a special assembly, promoting the Challenge. The STEM based theme for 2022 is...'**Gadgeteers**' and it will celebrate the key role of the imagination in both reading and the sciences. The Challenge will show children that science is all around us every day and inspire them to unleash their curiosity and creativity! There will be lots of brilliant events, competitions and prizes to be won. Full details will appear on the library website www.mylibrary.co.uk and social media pages. A bookmark style invitation will be sent home with our children.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

Due to the cost of living crisis Grange View will be keeping the cost of our school lunches at £2.20, despite being advised to increase the cost by the Local Authority. We understand that enough household bills are increasing at the moment, and we are keen to keep costs low. This will be monitored during the Autumn term to make sure we can continue to keep within our costs. Hopefully more children will make the move onto school lunches as the cost of making packed lunches at home continues to rise.

WATER BOTTLES

When we come back to school in September each child will receive a free water bottle with their name on, featuring the school logo. So please do not go out and buy one in the summer holidays. They can be kept in school and refilled daily.

SCHOOL COUNCIL – SUPPORT FOR UKRAINE

Before May half term, every child brought home a free tube of Smarties sweets and was asked in return to fill the tubes with coins and bring them back into school. We raised £101.45 for Ukraine. Thank you so much to everyone who took part.

NEW INFORMATION FOR SEPT 2022

The school day will be returning to pre-pandemic timings. Nursery will start at 8.45am until 11.45am. Main school will start at 8.45am and the school day will end at 3.15pm. This supports government recommendations.

LATENESS

The Governors are keen to improve attendance further as we end the summer term and look forward to a new academic year. From 27th June, for all those who are late (arriving after register closes at 9am) we have a signing in book we would like you to fill in explaining the reason for the lateness. This was recommended by the Education Welfare Officer (EWO) as good practise and something we hope to have embedded ready for September.



UNIFORM ORDERING - NOW ONLINE

Our uniform ordering has now moved online to our supplier, Mapac. We have limited quantities of items left in school which we need to use up, and Mapac will direct you back to school for any items we still have stock of. Everything else (and all uniform once our limited stock is gone) will need to be ordered online directly from the supplier.

You can order here: <http://www.mapac.com/education/parents/uniform/grangeviewfirstne615lz>

*******NEW Diary Dates*******

- Mon 18th July - Circus Workshop for whole school provided by the Friends of GV.
- Mn 18th July - Y4 leavers dinner out with staff.
- Wed 20th July – Early Years visit to Tynemouth Aquarium.
- Wed 20th July – Y4 Leavers Film night.5.30pm.
- **Thurs 21st July – SPORTS DAY weather depending.**
- **Fri 22nd July – Break up for Summer - School closes at 1.30pm.**
- **Wed 7th Sept – BACK TO SCHOOL – school starts at 8:45am for ALL students, including Nursery.**

SUMMER HOLIDAYS

Summer holidays are just around the corner and the latest edition of **Raring2go! Northumberland** is out now! Its jam packed with local events, ideas, activities, competitions and much more! Please see attached link [Raring2go! Northumberland Summer Edition 2022](#)

Newcastle United Foundation Summer Holiday Camps

Newcastle United Foundation are running Summer Holiday camps in our area. Please click on the link to find out more and book a place. <https://www.nufoundation.org.uk/get-involved/holiday-coaching/page/1>

E-safety- Remember all you need is on our school website and Facebook page to support you at home with the internet and its use.

<http://www.grangeview.northumberland.sch.uk/website/esafety/102589>

SIMS Online payments – COVID SAFE CASH FREE SYSTEM

Thank you to all of those who have already signed up and are using it. We cannot accept cash and the SIMS system is what should be used. You should have received an activation code via email and it is very quick and easy to set up. Please follow the online instructions to set this up to make any future payments. Any issues please email or call the office. Thank you.

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns at

admin@grangeview.northumberland.sch.uk

**** Please note – no cash is to be brought into school unless we ask specifically (often for the Friends of Grange View events) All payments for school lunch, milk, uniform, trips etc. should be made online.

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: 08.07.2022



Well done to Oak Class who won with 100%

Acorns – 94.2%
Oak – 100%
Elm – 95.6%
Beech – 83%
Willow – 92.6%

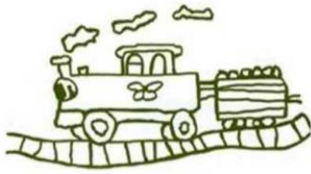
Our school target continues at 97%. Whole school was 92.6%

Kind Regards,
Louise Laskey – Head Teacher



We're working
towards Artsmark
Awarded by Arts
Council England





YOUR
SCHOOL
LOTTERY

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BOOST SCHOOL FUNDS



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- Tickets cost just £1 a week
- The easy way to help us raise funds
- Local cash prizes every week
- Chance to win the £25k jackpot

To start supporting, visit:

yourschoollottery.co.uk

and search for: Grange View C.E

Supporters must be 16 years of age or older



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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