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**Dear Parent/Carers 14th Janary 2019**

**\*\*\*New Staff\*\*\***

**We are pleased to announce that Mrs L Henderson (Teaching Assistant) has joined our Early Years Team. She will be working in Nursery every morning and with Mrs Herron in Oak class every afternoon.**

**We also have a new Lunchtime Supervisor as from next week – Mrs C Alderdice will be joining our team.**

**We welcome both these new members of staff and hope they enjoy their time here at Grange View.**

**National Winnie the Pooh Day**

National Winnie the Pooh Day is observed annually on January 18th. Author A.A. Milne brought the adorable, honey-loving bear to life in his stories which also featured his son, Christopher Robin. National Winnie the Pooh Day commemorates Milne's January 18, 1882, birthday.

So in school we will be listening to stories and writing creatively about this well-known character. On this day your child can bring in their favourite bear or Winnie the Pooh character to help inspire us.

**Parent View Questionnaire**

Please see attached results from all your comments. Thanks to those who took the time to complete it online. The winner of the prize draw for this is Milena Semen who receives a shopping voucher for her efforts. This will be awarded during Family Worship on Friday.

**PE Kits**

The staff are having to remind pupils to have their PE kit in school. Please can parents ensure their child has the correct equipment in school to access and use every week when required. Thank you.

**School gates**

Please can all families ensure they close our school gates if they are last out, and please take care with the wooden side gates which do not need slamming to close. Thankyou

**Breakfast Club**

All places MUST BE BOOKED IN at the school office before turning up for breakfast club please to help with our planning. We do appreciate emergencies from time to time, but all places must be booked in advance, thank you.

**SHAK**

We are always looking for new charities to support and we are looking for your help with a North East based charity and sanctuary for abused, mistreated and neglected dogs. If you would like to help any donations of old bedding, curtains and towels would be welcomed. 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.

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 21st Dec 2018**

**Well done Chestnut Class who won with 99.2%**

Acorn – 90.5% Oak – 96.8% Elm – 98.3%

Beech – 91% Chestnut – 92% Willow – 97.5%

TOTAL FOR THE WEEK – 95.9%

Just 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

***Beech***

Merit – Ayden, Jaxon

Sparkle – Leah

Writing – Jayden

***Chestnut***

Merit – Jake, Heaven’lee

Sparkle – James

Writing – Lennon

***Willow***

Merit – Jack, John

Sparkle – Maddison

Writing – Nikola

***Acorns***

Merit – Zak, Logan

Sparkle – Robson

Writing - Leo

***Oak***

Merit – Tyler, Frankie

Sparkle –Bailey

Writing – Jayden B

***Elm***

Merit – Jean-Paul, Emma

Sparkle – Heidi

Writing – Poppy A

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Football Award

Annabelle

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**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.

# Dates for diaries

* Mon 21st Jan – Messy Monday in the hall at 3.15pm.
* Mon 4th Feb- Y3/4 selected pupils gymnastics event am at Bothal primary
* Thurs 7th Feb – Safer internet workshops am and pm in school +

Education welfare officer in school to check attendance and any persistent late comers

* Fri 15th Feb – Half Term at 3.15pm (karate as usual)
* Tues 26th Feb pm – Y3/4 Tri golf for selected pupils
* Mon 18th March- Bikeability all day in school
* Tues 19th March- KS2 Dance showcase (more details to follow)
* Fri 5th April – Easter Break
* Tues 23rd April – School reopens

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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