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***We aim to SPARKLE!***

**Dear Parents/Carers**

**13.09.2024**

**Let your light shine – Matthew 5:16**

**European Languages Day**

Next Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September is European Languages Day and we are celebrating France. Children are invited to wear red white and blue to school and will taste some French food as well as listen to French songs and stories. We will also be learning a few useful French phrases.



**New Penalty Notice Rules from September 2024 – Attendance/Holidays**

The Department for Education have issued new rules for penalty notices which came into force from September 2024. This has been emailed out again to all families this afternoon. Please take the time to read and familiarise yourself with it.

**Tax Free Childcare**

School is now set up as a Tax-Free Childcare Provider. This can be used by working parents to pay for breakfast club/after-school clubs, with the government adding £2 for every £8 you pay in.

If you use a tax-free childcare account, some other benefits can stop so please make sure you read the guidance on the government website before applying. I have attached the link for info.

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-for-tax-free-childcare?step-by-step-nav=d78aeaf6-1747-4d72-9619-f16efb4dd89d>

Please contact Mrs Burt in the office for more info if required.

**Free School Meals (Pupil Premium)**

It's simple and easy to see if your child is entitled to free school meals. This is not the same as universal Free School Meals, which every child is entitled to from Reception to Year 2. You will be able to access subsidised educational visits, free milk, subsidised clubs including Breakfast Club, as well as the school receiving £1500 per pupil which supports resources and staff for your child. The number to apply is 0345 600 6400 and they can check using your national insurance number to see if you are eligible. Please help yourself and the school by giving them a ring, thank you!

**Staff Car Park**

Can we please remind all parents and carers that parking in the staff car park is not permitted. Please pass on this information to any family members/friends who may drop off/pick up your children and may not see the newsletter, thank you.

**Coats**

Please ensure your child comes to school every day with a coat, no matter what the weather as it can be very unpredictable at this time of year.

**Spare Underwear/Socks**

Please can we ask that you send any spare underwear/socks/school trousers in to school so we can use them for any accidents as our supplies are running low, thank you.



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### Walking home from school

In previous years we have allowed children in Year 4 to walk home from school (with parental permission). We have reviewed this in light of becoming a Primary School, and decided that going forwards this will only apply to children in Year 5 upwards (parental permission still required).

### Parking Outside School

Can we please remind all Parents/Carers and Grandparents to park safely outside of school. This includes not parking on the yellow zigzags near the school entrance, and not parking in the small residents area near the Grange Court bungalows.

Please also be aware that parking in the staff car park is not permitted and please ensure all school gates are closed/locked behind you for safeguarding purposes. Thank you.

### Calpol

It has been agreed by the Governors that from September 2024 school can administer Calpol to children who require it. If your child has had it before school and needs a lunchtime top up you can give us permission to give it. Alternatively, if your child is feeling unwell but we think they can manage in school with some Calpol we will ring you and ask your permission to give it.

### Breakfast Club/Wraparound

Following our Childcare survey that was sent out to parents in the Spring term, we have evaluated the feedback and following guidance from the Department for Education our Breakfast Club will run from 7:45am from September at a cost of £2.00 for the session.

Wraparound Club will run from 3:15pm until 5:30pm as this was the most requested finishing time, although 6pm will be available if requested, as long as there is more than one pupil to make it viable. Costs for Wraparound will be £5.00 for 3:15pm – 4:15pm or £10.00 for 3:15pm – 5:30pm.

5:30pm – 6:00pm on request would be an additional £2.50.

### After School Clubs – Autumn 1 Term

After School clubs for this half term are:

- Monday – Hangout Club (Wraparound Care)
- Tuesday – NUFC Sports Club
- Wednesday – Hangout Club (Wraparound Care)
- Thursday – Mrs Cessford's All Sports Club
- Friday - Hangout Club (Wraparound Care)

All clubs need to be booked **in advance** and paid for at time of booking on School Money please. They will all be available to book at end of the summer term in readiness for September. ***You need to book your child into the relevant club on the relevant day, just adding money to the account does not book your child in.***

### 100% Attendance Incentive

We have introduced an incentive for any child achieving 100% attendance. Each half term, anyone with 100% will be entered into a prize draw to win a £50 supermarket voucher.

For this half term, the draw will take place the first week back in November Good luck!

### Nut Allergy reminder/Packed lunches/Grapes

We have a pupil in school with a nut allergy. For safety purposes we cannot allow any nut-based products on school site including chocolate spread or nut-based products. We also do not allow sweets in packed lunches. Any items that arrive and are identified in school will be removed and sent back home for health and safety reasons. Nut allergies are very serious and even so much as someone in the same room opening a product containing nuts can be enough to trigger a serious reaction. Can we please also remind parents and carers to please cut any grapes (lengthways) that are sent in, as these are a choke hazard when whole. Sweets and chocolate bars are also unsuitable to be included in packed lunches. Thank you for your support.



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### **Emergency Contacts/Up to Date Information**

For safeguarding purposes, we should have 2 emergency contact telephone numbers for all pupils in school. We also need current contact emails/addresses for all parents in school. Please make sure your information is up to date with the office if anything has changed recently, thank you.

### **Family Hub Emails – PARENTING**

We are aware that a number of families are struggling with their child's behaviour/emotions at home. We have access to lots of support, advice and courses for everyone through the family hub at Hadston. We regularly share emails from them offering courses. Please contact them on 01670 624500 or have a look on their Facebook page which is [www.facebook.com/northfamilyhubs](http://www.facebook.com/northfamilyhubs)

### **Cost of Living Support**

On the school website under School Information, then Mental Health, Well Being and Cost of Living Support you will now find links and important phone numbers for all families to be able to access additional support.

### **School Website**

Please remember all topic letters/newsletters/long term curriculum plans/school lunch menu and lots of other information is available on the school website <http://www.grangeview.northumberland.sch.uk>

### **Phones on School Site/In Worship etc.**

Please could we ask parents and carers to pop their phones in their pockets when children come out of school. They are excited to see you and this is an ideal time to ask them about their day. Please make sure the first thing your child sees is your face, and not your phone. This also applies to in school activities when we ask parents to join us, and family worship on Fridays as we cannot allow parents/carers to be on their phones in the presence of the children for safeguarding reasons. Thank you for your co-operation.

### **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, which Mrs Palmer in school continues to donate towards.

### **Office Closure Times**

A reminder that the office closes at 3:00pm on Tuesdays and Fridays.

### **Is my child well enough for school?**

We want every child to have 100% attendance and anything below 97% will result in our new attendance procedures starting with the support of the Education Welfare officer. <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/> This link from the NHS may help you decide but we always recommend Calpol and sending them to school. If your child becomes unwell we will ring you and let you know immediately. Thank you.

### **Mental Health and Wellbeing**



If you are seeking support or advice for your mental health and wellbeing you can access Qwell. It is a free, online service that is completely anonymous. It offers support such as: live based messaging with a qualified counsellor, self-directed help with articles or active message boards with advice. This is a great resource for a variety of concerns such as but not limited to stress, life changes and anxiety. You can access it 24 /7. Please catch Mrs Timmins our Senior Mental Health Lead if you want more information about this free service. [www.qwell.io](http://www.qwell.io)

### **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>



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

24<sup>th</sup> Sep – Year 3 & 4 visit to Alnwick Castle  
27<sup>th</sup> Sep – European Languages Day - France  
Oct – Walk to School month  
Harvest – Date TBC with Rev. Julia  
25<sup>th</sup> Oct – Break up for Oct half term  
4<sup>th</sup> Nov – School reopens  
18<sup>th</sup> Nov – Year 1 & 2 visit to Hancock Museum

\*\*\*\*\***NEW Friends of Grange View Diary Dates**\*\*\*\*\*

24<sup>th</sup> Sep - Mr Guy's Bingo night – doors open 6:30pm - £1 per ticket or 6 for £5

**Stars of the Week:**




**Oak**  
Merit – Esmerelda & Tristan  
Sparkle – Lexie


**Beech**  
Merit – Josh & Jessie  
Sparkle – Izzy

**Willow**  
Merit – Lara-Lee  
Sparkle – Hayden

**Maple**  
Merit – Nicole & Freya  
Sparkle - Niamh



**SPARKLE TEA – Lucas, Niamh, Olivia T & Nicole Ba**



**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: 13.09.24**



Well done to Willow Class who won with 97.7%

Acorns – 95.4%  
Oak – 96.8%  
Beech – 97.5%  
Willow – 97.7%  
Maple – 95.8%

Our school target continues at 97%. Whole school was **96.9 %**

Kind Regards,

Louise Laskey - Head Teacher



# Enter our **Super Draw**

**Win a £1,000 Sainsbury's Voucher**

**OR £1,000 CASH PRIZE**



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SCHOOL  
LOTTERY**



### **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**