



Grange View C.E. Primary School

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We aim to SPARKLE!

Dear Parents/Carers

18.10.2024

Let your light shine – Matthew 5:16

After School Clubs – Autumn 2 Term

After School clubs for next half term are:

- Monday – Mrs Chapman's Choons Club 🎵🎵🎵 (Music and Singing)
- Tuesday – NUFC MultiSports Club
- Wednesday – Hangout Club (Wraparound Care)
- Thursday – Mrs Cessford's Crafty Club (Arts & Crafts)
- Friday - Hangout Club (Wraparound Care)

Wraparound club is still available every day. 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 by the middle of next week ready for next half term. ***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.***

New Reception Lining Up/Collection Arrangements

After half term we have decided to move the Reception lining up into the side yard adjacent to the hall. This makes it nearer to the Early Years entrance. Kerb work should have been completed in half term to make access safer and easier for everyone. Collection for Reception will be outside the classroom door during the winter months to enable staff to keep the children safe and warm to release them only when they see their adult.

School Photos – Tuesday 22nd October

The photographer will be in school on Tuesday for our school photos. As always, families with younger children who are not at school yet are invited in for sibling photos starting at 8:30am. Your child(ren) in school will then have their individual photos taken throughout the morning.

As Reception through to Year 5 all have PE on a Tuesday, please send their PE kits in their bags for them to get changed into, thank you.

Pumpkin Competition

We will be holding our annual pumpkin competition on Thursday 24th October. Please bring your carved/decorated pumpkin into school in the morning and put them in the small yard (next to the office) where there will be a designated area. Winners will be announced on Friday morning in Family Worship and they must then be taken home on Friday please.



Calpol

Although it was agreed by the Governors that from September 2024 school can administer Calpol to children who require it (with parental permission), we have noticed a high number of parents requesting it to be given to their child for a cold. This is not what Calpol is intended to be used for in school. It will only be given for temperatures or pain relief i.e. headaches/ear pain etc. Thank you.



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New Penalty Notice Rules from September 2024 – Attendance/Holidays

As you are all aware, The Department for Education issued new rules for Penalty Notices which came into force from September 2024. This was emailed out to all families before the summer, and earlier this term for new families and as a reminder to all.

One of the points families should take note of, is that a Penalty Notice can also be considered when a pupil has been recorded as absent for 10 sessions (5 school days) within a rolling period of 10 school weeks.



Help with Childcare Costs

The government has introduced lots of ways to claim back a percentage of your childcare costs while using school breakfast and wraparound clubs. Please have a look at the childcare choices website on the following link to see what you might be entitled to - <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>

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!

PE Kits

Can all Year 5s please bring a hoodie or jacket with them on PE days as the majority of their PE lessons will be outside.

A reminder as well for all pupils to come to school dressed in PE kit on PE days, and to bring a change of clothes if needed for sports after school clubs (if not already in PE kit), thank you

Staff Car Park

Can we please remind all parents and carers that parking in the staff car park is not permitted, even if you're running late. 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.

Breakfast Club/Wraparound Costs

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.

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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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!

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.

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

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.

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.

Office Closure Times

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



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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

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>

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

Oct – Walk to School month
22nd Oct – School Photograph Day
25th Oct – Break up for Oct half term
4th Nov – School reopens
18th Nov – Year 1 & 2 visit to Hancock Museum
22nd Nov – Year 3 & 4 visit to Sunderland Glass Centre
3rd Dec - Early Years Christmas performance – AM Time TBC
5th Dec – Early Years Christmas performance – AM Time TBC
11th Dec – KS1 Christmas performances – Times TBC
12th Dec – KS2 Christmas performances – Times TBC
16th Dec – Early Years Pantomime in school
17th Dec – Christmas lunch/Christmas jumper day
18th Dec – Years 1 – 5 Pantomime at Whitley Bay
19th Dec – Early Years Christmas Party morning
20th Dec - Key Stages 1/2 Christmas Party morning

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

23rd Oct (**RED**) - Mr Guy's Bingo night – doors open 6:30pm - £1 per ticket or 6 for £5
24th Oct – Monster Disco - 4:00 – 5:00pm for Early Years and Years 1 and 2 only - £2 including drink/snack
24th Oct – Monster Disco - 5:15 – 6:15pm for Years 3, 4 and 5 only - £2 including drink/snack
19th Nov - Mr Guy's Bingo night – doors open 6:30pm - £1 per ticket or 6 for £5
29th Nov – Christmas Fair 2:30pm
2nd Dec – Christmas Photoshoot after school – more info to follow
3rd Dec - Mr Guy's Bingo night – doors open 6:30pm - £1 per ticket or 6 for £5
13th Dec – Friends Christmas Film Club 3:15 – 5:15pm for Reception – Year 5



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Stars of the Week:



Acorns

Merit – Nancy & Isabella
Sparkle – Oliver

Oak

Merit – Freddie & Lilia
Sparkle – Harry

Beech

Merit – Iris & Ellie-May
Sparkle – Alice

Willow

Merit – Daemon & Archie T
Sparkle – Thea N

Maple

Merit – Jessica & Gracie
Sparkle – Alex



SPARKLE TEA – Joseph, Charlie, Nicole Ba & Freddie H



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: 11.10.24



Well done to Acorns Class who won with 97.4%

Acorns – 97.4%
Oak – 96.4%
Beech – 97.1%
Willow – 92.9%
Maple – 91.6%

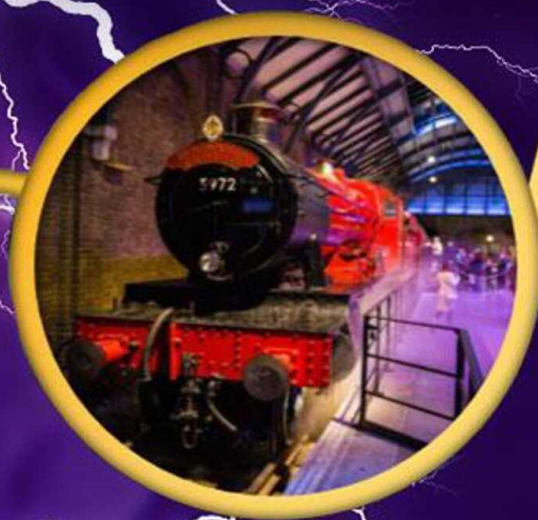
Our school target continues at 97%. Whole school was **95.1** %

Kind Regards,

Louise Laskey - Head Teacher

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WIN A HARRY POTTER DOUBLE PRIZE



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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