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We aim to SPARKLE!

Dear Parents/Carers

25.10.2024

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 are all available to book now 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.

Pumpkin Competition

We had 66 amazing entries across the school and Mr Guy had the difficult job of choosing the winners, who were: ACORNS Jack, OAK Albie, BEECH 1 Freya, BEECH 2 Brooklyn, WILLOW 3 Lucas, WILLOW 4 Harry and MAPLE Zak who all received a prize. Thank you to everyone who took part, they all received a small treat.



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.

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.



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Naming Items of School Uniform

We have had an increasing number of parents reporting lost jumpers/cardigans. Can you please ensure you name everything and this then helps us find the owners more easily, thank you.

Do you need a new bike for Christmas?

Mr Guy has ordered the wrong size bike for his son for Christmas, and if you know him, you'll know what he's like – he's left it too late to send back! So, he's selling it. Photo with size info is attached below (you'll have to zoom in so it could fit on the newsletter). Please contact him if you're interested in making him an offer for it, his number is 07368 695234 thank you.



Basis 1 26" Full Sus Mountain Bike 18" Frame - Black/Blue

Basis

Sold & shipped by
E-Bikes Direct

£299.99 Save 13%
Now £259.99



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!

Manners

Free homework for half term! We have noticed across school that some children are forgetting to be polite and use their manners (which cost nothing). Please reinforce please and thank yous whenever they ask for things or are given anything. 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 4:15pm – 5:30pm.

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

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 everyone!

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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TOPIC REVIEWS

Early Years

Autumn 1 Review – All Are Welcome

Early Years have settled in to school very well. We have spent lots of time building friendships and learning new rules and routines. Our topic has been 'All are Welcome' and we have listened to a variety of stories, talked about our own features, our hobbies, interests and our families.

We have used mirrors to draw self-portraits compare ourselves to others around us. We have also been learning how to keep our bodies healthy and how we can keep our teeth clean.

A real highlight was learning our harvest festival songs and learning the actions. We have talked about what Harvest means to us and explored autumn pumpkins. We have enjoyed spending lots of time in our outdoor areas looking for signs of autumn and creating our own nature pictures with what we have found. We have also loved our forest school sessions where we have made dens, created hammocks and even learnt how to light a fire. We used the leaves we gathered to make leaf rubbing pictures and paintings.

Key Stage 1

Autumn 1 Review – Toys, Toys, Toys

What an action-packed term we have had learning all about toys! We started the topic by bringing in toys from home to explore and share with each other. We then enjoyed looking at some old toys from the Bailiffgate Museum and comparing these to our modern toys. We looked at many wooden toys such as a cup and ball, yo-yo and a sword and shield. We discovered that toys used to be made by hand with wood, but now most toys are made from plastic in factories.

We then enjoyed bringing in our teddy bears and compared them to an old bear from the 1960s. We learnt the history of the teddy bear and how they were invented in the early 1900s.

In Geography, we have learnt about toys and games from all around the world and identified the countries on a map.

In Science, we have been learning about the force of push and pull and how it helps move toys and other objects. We have also been learning about gravity and friction and how this affects speed.

Lower Key Stage 2

Autumn 1 Review – Courageous Castles

The children thoroughly enjoyed the topic at the start of this school year, it kicked off with a great visit to Alnwick Castle where the children acted out storming/ guarding the Barbican, went on a historical tour of the castle grounds, asked questions first hand to learn about living in the castle during their staterooms tour and had great fun dressing up and braving the Knights Quest.

Using 'How to train a Dragon' as the hook text to their learning, they created wonderful descriptions of dragons to be created on Microsoft studio and wrote fantastic instructions on how to storm a barbican.

The term has been action packed celebrating French Day, performing their lines brilliantly for the Harvest Festival and being immersed in Humanities with their learning about castle features, their locations in the four nations, and how William the conqueror had an impact.

We also learned all about the Percy family who live in Alnwick Castle – they even wrote letters to the Duke and Duchess of Northumberland to share their facts and proudly present the portraits of the family they had painted.

Best of all was their wonderful coat of arms designs they created using appliqué techniques they had practiced throughout the term – it was lovely to have so many family members come in to help.



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Upper Key Stage 2

Autumn 1 Review – Eureka!

We kicked off our topic this year by creating rockets using film cannisters and Berocca tablets! The class loved doing this on their first day of year 5 and it really set the scene for our science topic Eureka!

We have tested the absorbency of the polymers in different nappy brands, tested materials to see which is the best thermal insulators, looked at how density can create different layers (using coloured water with different amounts of sugar in, tested magnets and found out the properties of solids, liquids and gases.

To link in with our learning of science, we visited the Discovery Museum in Newcastle. We got to explore all the exhibits – we especially liked the science maze room as it was very interactive. We also took part in a rocket car workshop whilst at the museum and learnt about different forces that act on the moving vehicle.

In History, we have built on our previous learning about the Stone Age by looking at the Bronze Age through to the Iron Age. This involved looking at Celtic art, the Amesbury Archer and the Dover Bronze Age boat. As the class had learnt about the Stone Age and the Romans in Year 3 and 4, it was great for them to see what happened between these periods of time in Britain.

In Art we have studied pottery, looked at different methods of making pot and finally created our own Iron Age pots. Alongside all of this we have been learning habitats in French and how systems work in computing.

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

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.

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.

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.



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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.

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>

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.

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*******

4th Nov – School reopens
18th Nov – Year 1 & 2 visit to Hancock Museum
22nd Nov – Year 3 & 4 visit to Sunderland Glass Centre
27th Nov – Messy Wednesday
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*******

8th Nov – Non-uniform day with chocolate donation for Christmas Fair please
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 – George & Roman
Sparkle – Ivy-Faye

Oak

Merit – Archie H & Tilly
Sparkle – Emme

Beech

Merit – Bobby & Ella-Rae
Sparkle – Rosie

Willow

Merit – Jacob & Milly B
James from 20th Sept ☺
Sparkle – Mary-Jayne

Maple

Merit – Joseph & Zak
Sparkle - Gracie



SPARKLE TEA – Alex, Zak, Thomas F & Louis



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: 18.10.24



Well done to Oak Class who won with 98.4%

Acorns – 95.4%
Oak – 98.4%
Beech – 92.9%
Willow – 94.5%
Maple – 95.8%

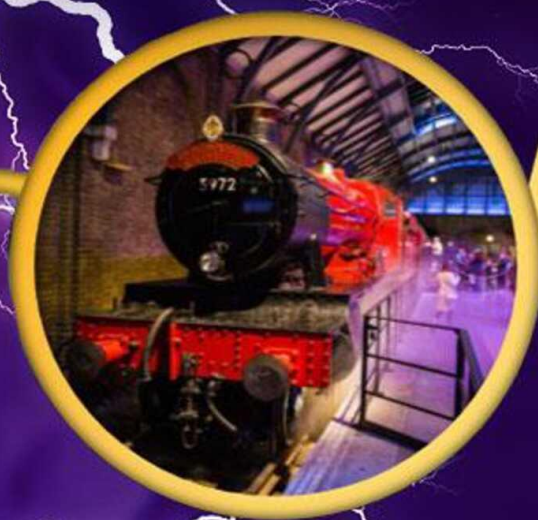
Our school target continues at 97%. Whole school was **95.2** %

Kind Regards,

Louise Laskey - Head Teacher

PLAY OUR SUPERDRAW

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