



### **Grange View C.E. Primary School**

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***We aim to SPARKLE!***



Dear Parents/Carers

29.11.2024

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

### **Christmas Nativities**

With Early Years, KS1 and KS2 having separate nativity performances this year, we have decided that there is no need to ticket them. A maximum of 2 adults per child per show please. We ask families to stick to this please as we have strict numbers for health and safety reasons, thank you.

### **Santa Dash – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December**



On Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December the children will be taking part in a Santa Dash in school. Could they please wear a Santa hat or any other festive item you have, tinsel etc. Please don't go out and buy anything specially.

### **Reception Admissions Applications**

It is now time to apply for your child to start school, reception class in September 2025.

Children born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021 should apply. The portal will close on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

Here is the link to the portal where you can apply. First time users will need to register an account.

[https://schadm.northumberland.gov.uk/CitizenPortal\\_LIVE/en](https://schadm.northumberland.gov.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE/en) If you require any help or need advice please call the team on 01670 624889.

### **Christingle**

The lovely ladies from Messy Church will be in school on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December to celebrate Christingle and help the children learn that Christingle is a joyful celebration that brings families and communities together to share the light of Jesus and spread a message of hope. Christingle service will take place in the school hall at 2:45pm, all families welcome.



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

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.*

### **Parent Governor Vacancy Reminder**

A vacancy has arisen on the Governing Body of Grange View CE Primary for the appointment of a Parent Governor. All Parent Governors must have children at the school (as parent or carer) and must also be elected by the parents and carers of pupils at the school. The period of office for service as a Parent Governor is 4 years and a Parent Governor would not be obliged to resign from office if his/her child leaves the school, they would be able to remain in office until the expiry of the term of office.

***A separate email has been sent home for anyone to express an interest.***



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## **Christmas Photoshoot after school - Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December**

Mrs Chapman will be available after school until 5pm with her festive backdrop and professional camera. If you would like a family picture taking please pop along in your Christmas jumpers or festive wear, and she can take your picture for £5. All photos will be emailed over that week. A lovely Christmas present idea.

## **After School Clubs – Autumn 2 Term**

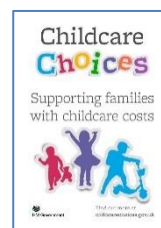
After School clubs for this half term are:

- Monday – Mrs Chapman's Choons Club 🎵🎵🎵 (Music and Singing) **Last one Mon 25<sup>th</sup> Nov!**
- 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 this 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.***

## **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!

## **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. The draw for this half term will take place the first week back after Christmas. 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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### **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.

### **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.

### **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)

### **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.

### **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>

### **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](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>

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

3<sup>rd</sup> Dec - Early Years Christmas performance – AM Time 10:00am

5<sup>th</sup> Dec – Early Years Christmas performance – AM Time 10:00am

6<sup>th</sup> Dec – Santa Dash in school.

11<sup>th</sup> Dec – KS1 Christmas performances – Times 2:00pm and 5:30pm

12<sup>th</sup> Dec – KS2 Christmas performances – Times 2:00pm and 5:30pm

16<sup>th</sup> Dec – Early Years Pantomime in school

17<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas lunch/Christmas jumper day

18<sup>th</sup> Dec – Years 1 – 5 Pantomime at Whitley Bay and Early Years Christmas Party morning in school

20<sup>th</sup> Dec - Key Stages 1/2 Christmas Party morning

20<sup>th</sup> Dec – School Closes at 2:00pm (Wraparound available until 4:15pm as long as there are at least 2 children booked in.)

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

2<sup>nd</sup> Dec – Christmas Photoshoot after school

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

13<sup>th</sup> Dec – Friends Christmas Film Club 3:15 – 5:15pm for Reception – Year 5

## Stars of the Week:



### Acorns

Merit – Lincoln & Louie  
Sparkle – Emerald

### Oak

Merit – Charlotte & Albie  
Sparkle – Lexie

### Beech

Merit – Jackson P & Luke  
Sparkle – Arlo

### Willow

Merit – Mark & Nicole  
Sparkle - Gracie

### Maple

Merit – Gracie & Freya  
Sparkle - Jessica

**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: 22.11.24**



Well done to Maple Class who won with 98.9%

Acorns – 81.3%  
Oak – 91.9%  
Beech – 94.2%  
Willow – 93.9%  
Maple – 100%

Our school target continues at 97%. Whole school was **92.8%**

Kind Regards,

Louise Laskey - Head Teacher



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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**