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**We aim to SPARKLE!**



Dear Parents/Carers

21.02.2025

## Let your light shine – Matthew 5:16

### Early Years New Collection Times

Due to our growing numbers in Early Years we are changing pick up arrangements at the end of every day for safety and safeguarding reasons. This will start as soon as we return from half term.

Nursery 30 hours children will now need to be collected at 3.05pm from the same doors for dismissal.

Reception children will still be dismissed at 3.15pm.

We need this 10 minute gap to allow staff to hand over the children to a known adult safely and smoothly as we have 40 pupils to dismiss.

We are over the moon that numbers are continuing to grow and just need to keep everyone safe.

Thank you for your support with this.

### Parent View Questionnaire

We are inviting our parents and carers to give feedback about school via the parent questionnaire. Please click the link <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/login?destination=/give-your-views>

Anyone who does complete it before Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March, please let Mrs Burt know in the office and you will be entered into a prize draw. Thank you and good luck!

### World Book Day

To enhance our love of reading, we will be celebrating World Book Day in school on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2025. We will be visited by Louise Dodd (a local author) who will lead workshops with all of the children about her recently published book 'The owl who hooted happiness.' It teaches children about inclusion, diversity and friendship, conveyed through farm animals. **Information has been sent home via email last week containing an opportunity to pre-order a copy of the book which will be signed on the day.**

The children are invited to dress up as a farm animal for the day or a favourite book character.

### After School Clubs – Spring 2 Term

After School clubs for next half term are:

- Monday – Gymnastics Club with Mrs Chapman
- Tuesday – NUFC Multi-Sports Club
- Wednesday – Hangout Club (Wraparound Care) Only
- Thursday – Lego Club with Mrs Timmins
- Friday - Hangout Club (Wraparound Care) Only

**Wraparound club is still available every day and I have added a new option – so that parents/carers can book children in to Wraparound for an hour after teacher-led after school clubs, hopefully this will make things easier for people who need to use this option.** All clubs need to be booked **in advance** and paid for at time of booking on School Money please. They are available now to book for next half term. **You need to book your child into the relevant club on the relevant day (please make sure you choose the correct club/day from the dropdown), just adding money to the account does NOT book your child in.**

### Names in Uniform

Please can you make sure that every single item of your child's uniform has their name inside it. Staff are not responsible for chasing up lost uniform, especially if it does not even have a name in it. Named items can be returned more easily if someone takes the wrong jumper/cardigan home by mistake.



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### **Parental Responsibility on the Yard/No swearing please!**

Can we please remind all parents and carers to be responsible for their children on the yard before the bell goes on a morning. We would also like to remind everyone that there should be no swearing. Little ears hear everything and children love to repeat what they've heard. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

### **Year 5 Phones**

Can you please remind your children in Year 5 that their phone should be turned off and put away in their bags as soon as they enter school site. No photos/sharing TikToks etc. on school premises. Once they enter the classroom they are handed in to Mrs Timmins to be locked away for safe keeping until the end of the day. 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](https://www.facebook.com/northfamilyhubs)

### **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 February holidays. Good luck everyone.

### **Parking Outside School**

Polite Notice - For all parents who use a car to get their children to and from school please DO NOT PARK on the zigzag lines outside the school entrances/exits for the safety of all our families.

### **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.*

### **Pupil Premium/Free School Meals**

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!

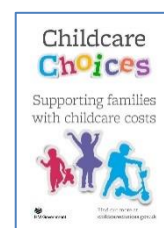
### **Breakfast Club/Wraparound Costs**

Following 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 from our parent survey, 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.

### **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/>



### **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.

### **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.

### **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.

### **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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## **TOPIC REVIEWS**

### ***Early Years - Spring 1 - Hot and Cold***

Our topic this half term has been Hot and Cold. We have enjoyed learning about the polar regions, penguins and polar bears. We then compared this climate to hot countries and thought about where we would rather live. We compared clothing from both parts of the world.

We created lots of art work based on cold and hot colours.

We used water colours to paint a background for a penguin. We have learnt lots about the 4 seasons and created some artwork based on what we think happens in each season. We have spent lots of time exploring our forest school and even toasted marshmallows on a camp fire. We have really enjoyed our topic this half term!

### ***Key Stage 1 – Spring 1 – Our Cool World***

We have had an action-packed half term learning all about 'Our cool world.' In Geography, we have been learning about the equator and how this affects the climate in different parts of the world. We enjoyed learning the 7 continents through a song with some actions and used this to help us understand the Northern and Southern Hemisphere.

In Science we have been learning about the 4 seasons and how the weather changes during these times. We thoroughly enjoyed making our own rain gauges and measuring how much rain we collected and we measured the temperature using a thermometer. We have also been learning about food chains and hot and cold animal habitats.

The children have been so enthusiastic in our learning about David Attenborough. We have learnt about his life and all of the incredible things he has achieved. We have loved watching his TV programme 'our planet' which has been really thought-provoking and lead to some great discussions about our world.

### ***Lower Key Stage 2 – Spring 1 – Cool World***

At the start of the Spring Term, KS2 travelled to the polar regions to study 'Our Cool World'. The children learnt about food chains, adaptation, insulating materials and different habitats due to extreme weather. We had a great creative carousel throughout the term, taking it in turns to design and make arctic inspired fridge magnets, make our pop-up book and design insulating cups to keep our drinks warm in the North Pole. Best of all we made different soups which we taste tested.

In English, the children each planned and wrote their own 'Cool World' imaginary story using the focus of dialogue, which was typed up in computing and then made into a pop-up book through their DT work. The term was a whirlwind of fun, we can't wait to read our stories to early years on world book day!

### ***Upper Key Stage 2 – Spring 1 – Villainous Victorians***

In UKS2 we have been learning about the Victorians this half term. We learnt who Queen Victoria was, about crime and punishment (including looking at the Berwick Gaol and local wanted notices from the Northumberland Archives) and what jobs Victorian children had. We even had a day when we dressed up like Victorians, had a lesson in the style of the Victorians and learnt how to cross stitch.

In Science we have looked into the circulatory system, starting out by dissecting sheep heart, making 'blood' using food items and acting out how the blood moves around the body.

In computing we have learnt filming and editing techniques to create our own scripted videos.

Alongside this we have been improving our art skills by studying artists who use charcoal and trying out their styles in our artwork.

In PSHE we have been learning first aid skills, including head injuries, allergies and what to do if someone is choking.



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

21<sup>ST</sup> Feb – School Closes for Feb half term

**3<sup>rd</sup> Mar – TEACHER TRAINING DAY SCHOOL CLOSED (as per school website)**

4<sup>th</sup> Mar – School Reopens

6<sup>th</sup> Mar – World Book Day

14<sup>th</sup> Mar – Black & White Day – ready for Wembley! More info to follow.

21<sup>st</sup> Mar – Red Nose Day

24<sup>th</sup> Mar – 4<sup>th</sup> Apr – Walk and Wheel to School

26<sup>th</sup> Mar – Messy Wednesday

27<sup>th</sup> Mar – Early Years Stay and Play – Look out for more info to follow on Dojo

11<sup>th</sup> Apr - School Closes for Easter holidays

28<sup>th</sup> Apr - School Reopens

30<sup>th</sup> Apr – Scooterbility – Years 1 -5

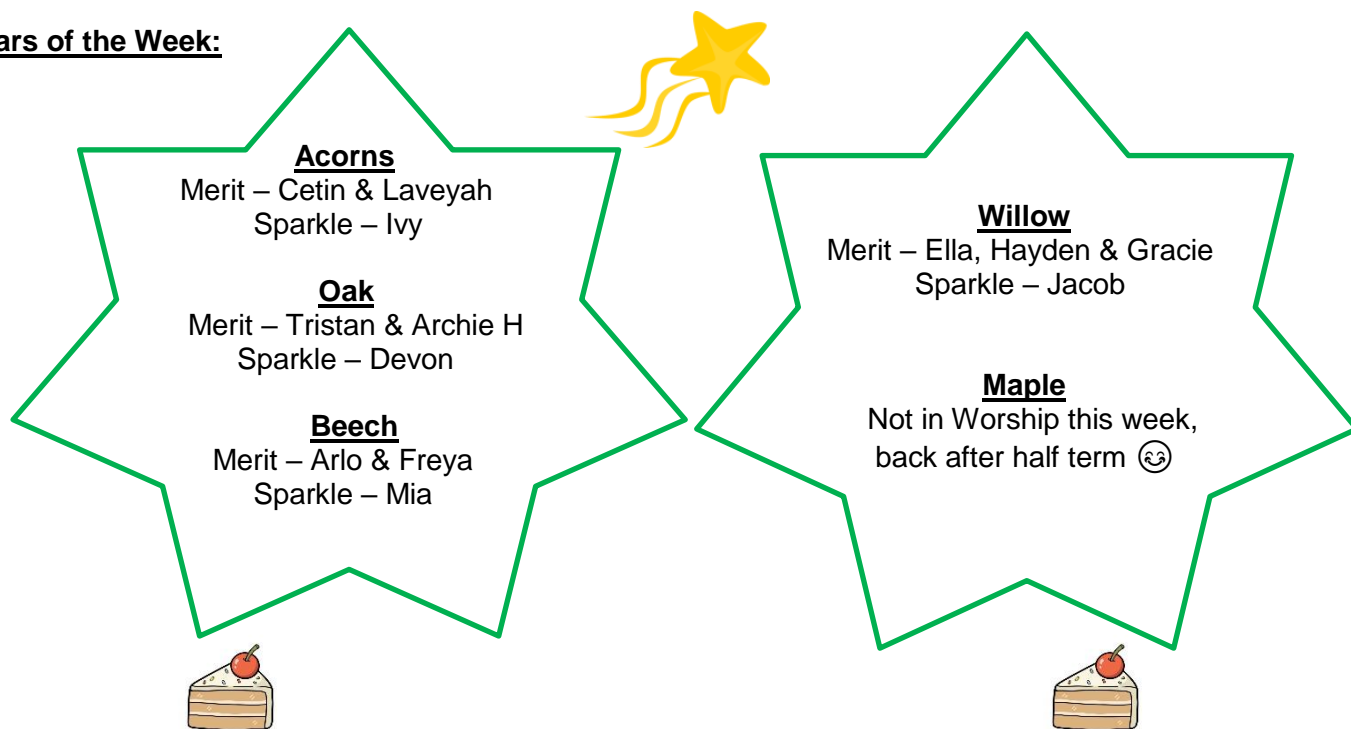
15<sup>th</sup> May – Year 3 and 4 visit to Centre for Life

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

7<sup>th</sup> Mar – Non-Uniform day for Easter Egg donations please

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

**Stars of the Week:**



**SPARKLE TEA – Hayden, Thea N, Niamh & Caitlin**

**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: 14.02.2025**



Kind Regards,

Louise Laskey - Head Teacher

Well done to Maple Class who won with 98.9%

Acorns – 89.6%  
Oak – 87.4%  
Beech – 91.6%  
Willow – 98.2%  
Maple – 98.9%

Our school target continues at 97%. Whole school was **93.2%**

Enter our  
**Super Draw**  
**Win a Year of Adventures!**  
**OR £1,000 CASH 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 - Deputy 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**