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**We aim to SPARKLE!**

Dear Parents/Carers

17.11.2023

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

**Black Friday Uniform Sale**

Our uniform supplier Mapac are having a Black Friday sale with 15% off. This is taking place from Friday 24<sup>th</sup> – Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November so please have a look next week and take advantage of the discount: <https://www.mapac.com/education/parents/uniform/grangeviewfirstne615lz> As always, there is a free delivery to school option.

**Children in Need**



We have had lots of fun in school today for Children in Need. We have also had a cake sale this afternoon on the yard after school, so we will count up our final total next week and let everyone know how much we raised for Pudsey. Thank you so much for all your support as ever.

**Reception Admissions Reminder**

It is now time to apply for your child to start school, reception class in September 2024. Children born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2019 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020 should apply. The portal opened on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2023 and will close on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024. Here is the link to the portal where you can apply. First time users will need to register an account. [http://schadm.northumberland.gov.uk/CitizenPortal\\_LIVE/en](http://schadm.northumberland.gov.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE/en) If you require any help or need advice please call the team on 01670 624889.

**Christmas Fair – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December**

For our upcoming Christmas fair, we'd love any teddies looking for a new home to be donated to school for our teddy tombola, ideal timing for a clear out for Christmas! We are also having a cake stall so would be very grateful for cake donations on the day (either shop bought or home-made is absolutely fine).

**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!



## After School Clubs

Clubs this half term are as follows:

- Monday – NUFC games club
- Tuesday – **NEW** Boccia with Mrs Cessford
- Wednesday – Trident Soccer
- Thursday – Arts & Clarts with Mrs Henderson

\*\*\*There will be no After School Clubs Weeks commencing 11<sup>th</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup> December due to performances etc. but Wraparound (Hangout Club) will still be available\*\*\*

**We have been approached regarding offering a Stretch and Flex/Yoga after school class in the Spring term. This would cost £3 per child per week. Can you please contact the office if you would be interested, so we know if we can offer it, thank you.**

All clubs need to be booked in advance and paid for at time of booking on School Money please.

## Nut Allergy reminder/Packed lunches

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. Thank you for your support with this.

## Widdy Welcomes / Warm Hub

Widdy Welcomes every Thursday 10.00am - 12.30pm holds a coffee morning. 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.

The Warm Hub Fridays 4pm until 6pm at Widdy Welcomes, Adults £2.00 and Pensioners and Children £1.50 if you would like to book a space please get in touch with Gareth Tate on [garethtate@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:garethtate@yahoo.co.uk) or on Facebook: Gareth Tate. All welcome.

## 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.

## REMINDER - SCHOOL MONEY – MUST BE PREBOOKED/PAID IN ADVANCE

All parents should now have been sent an invitation to download the new Schoolmoney app. All breakfast club and after school club places, as well as Wraparound Care need to be booked in and paid for in advance on Schoolmoney. Payments for swimming can also be made through School Money. Thank you.

## Office Closure Times

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

## Santa Visit



We have managed to secure the *REAL* Santa again this year to visit school week commencing 4<sup>th</sup> December. He also does home visits, check out his Facebook page and website on the links below:

<https://www.facebook.com/santavisitsNE>

<https://www.happysanta.co.uk/>

**\*\*\*NEW name for Wraparound Childcare – HANGOUT CLUB (Gracie’s suggestion)\*\*\* - Please see updated Friday PM times**

We are now trialling Wraparound Childcare for all our families.

Breakfast club now starts earlier at 7:30am-8:50am for £2 or £1 from 8:00-8:50am every morning, and after school we run 3.15-5.15pm (Monday – Thursday) and 3.15-4.15pm on a Friday, for £4 per hour including a snack/drink. These are run by Miss Gray and Miss Bell. Breakfast club in the hall as normal and after school care in the Early Years unit to allow access to the outdoor area. Once again, these are to be booked in advance and paid for on School Money. Thank you.

**Family Hub – PARENTING**

As a school this half term 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, 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)

**100% Attendance Incentive**

We have decided to introduce 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.

**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>

**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)

**PE Kits/Jewellery**

Please ensure your child comes to school in their school PE kit on their PE days and everything must be labelled. We ask that they are plain black/grey bottoms nothing branded. We ask that jewellery be kept to stud earrings only, no hoops allowed. Earrings are to be removed for PE/swimming. They will need to be removed before school please if your child is unable to remove them themselves, 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. Thank you.

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

7<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas Fair

12<sup>th</sup> Dec – Early Years Christmas Performance 10:30am

13<sup>th</sup> Dec – KS1/2 Christmas Performances 2:00pm and 5:00pm

14<sup>th</sup> Dec – KS1/2 Pantomime at Whitley Bay

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

19<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas Lunch/Christmas Jumper Day – **Change of Date (was 20<sup>th</sup>)**

20<sup>th</sup> Dec – Early Years Christmas Party AM – **Change of Date (Was 19<sup>th</sup>)**

21<sup>st</sup> Dec – KS1/2 Christmas Party AM

21<sup>st</sup> Dec – Break Up for Christmas Holidays (Teacher Training Day 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec School Closed)

8<sup>th</sup> Jan – Teacher Training Day - School Closed

9<sup>th</sup> Jan – Back to School



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

24<sup>th</sup> Nov – Pop up stall after school on the yard – hot chocolate and biscuits

30<sup>th</sup> Nov – Film Club night 3:15-5:15pm Reception – Year 4 welcome, £2 per ticket includes popcorn/drink -

**Change of Date (Was 1<sup>st</sup> Dec)**

1<sup>st</sup> Dec – Non-uniform day for chocolate donations

4<sup>th</sup> Dec – Santa is visiting this week!

**4<sup>th</sup> Dec – NEW DATE - Family Bingo** - 4.30pm (doors open 4:00pm) - £1 per ticket or 6 for £5

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

7<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas Fair

**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>

**Stars of the Week:**

**Acorns**  
Merit – Lilia & Archie H  
Sparkle – William

**Oak**  
Merit – Terry, Isla & Freya  
Sparkle – Jessie

**Beech Y1**  
Merit – Abi & Tiara  
Sparkle – Rosie

**Beech Y2**  
Merit – Neve & Millie D  
Sparkle – Milly B

**Chestnut**  
Merit – James & Charlotte  
Sparkle – Archie T

**Willow**  
Merit – Leo & Jessica  
Sparkle – Niamh

**SPARKLE TEA – Taylor, Jayden, Rory T & Luke**

**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: 10.11.2023



Well done to Oak and Willow Classes who both won with 100%

Acorns – 99.3%  
Oak – 100%  
Beech – 99.3%  
Chestnut – 90.6%  
Willow – 100%

Our school target continues at 97%. Whole school was 98%

Kind Regards,

Louise Laskey - Head Teacher



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# PLAY OUR SUPERDRAW



## WIN A HARRY POTTER BUNDLE

- Win Tickets to Harry Potter and the Cursed Child
- AND a family pass to the Warner Bros Studio Tour!
- Tickets from just £1 a week
- Play now and support our school!

**BUY TICKETS:**  
Go to: [YourSchoolLottery.co.uk](http://YourSchoolLottery.co.uk)  
And search for: Grange View C.E



Draw date Saturday 28th October. See website for terms and conditions



### **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**