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We aim to SPARKLE!

Dear Parents/Carers

28.03.2024

Let your light shine – Matthew 5:16

Happy Easter

Wishing you all a wonderful time at Easter with your family and friends. Enjoy the spring sunshine and the signs of new life arriving. We look forward to seeing you all back safe and sound for the summer term on Monday 15th April.

Easter Raffle Results

Our raffle was drawn on Wednesday and a list of winners has been emailed out. We raised **£362** so a big thank you to everyone for supporting the Friends of Grange View this Easter.

Easter Egg Competition Winners

We had some amazing entries this year – 67 in total! Our winners, as chosen by Mrs Palmer, were: Acorns – Lexie, Oak – Rory O, Beech 1 – Ellie-May, Beech 2 – Rose, Chestnut – Ollie, Willow – Logan. A huge well done to them all and thank you to everyone who took part. They all received a small Easter treat for entering.

After School Clubs – Summer 1 Term

After School clubs for this after Easter will be:

- Monday – NUFC games club
- Tuesday – Tri Golf Club with Mrs Cessford & Story Time with Miss Darlow
- Wednesday – Trident Soccer
- Thursday – Cricket Club with Mrs Chapman

All clubs need to be booked in advance and paid for at time of booking on School Money please. They are all available now to book into for after Easter.

Uniform

Our uniform supplier Mapac has now updated our page with our new uniform for September. This is available to purchase now, meaning families can start to spread the cost. We have lots of preloved uniform available for free. Anyone wanting brand new current uniform, please see the office for remaining stock as we are selling this off at a heavily discounted price of £3 per item. Come and grab a bargain!

Swimming

After Easter Year 3 and 4 will no longer be attending swimming lessons every Wednesday to reduce costs. They will instead be having a mixture of PE and Forest School sessions. From September 2024 the new Year 3 and 4 will be swimming only for one term January 2025 – Easter 2025 due to school not being able to subsidise the lack of donations received from families during the cost of living crisis.



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.

Primary Update

NCC will be starting building works and groundworks from 9th May 2024 with a completion date of 18th July 2024. An email regarding uniform and logo came home before half term. Mrs Chapman has already met with the current Year 4 parents to provide additional information about their transition to Year 5 in September 2024. Any further information will be shared after Easter in the summer term.

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.

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 after the Easter holidays. Good luck everyone!

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

All breakfast club and after school club places, as well as Wraparound Care (Hangout Club) need to be booked in and paid for in advance on Schoolmoney. ***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.*** Payments for swimming can also be made through School Money. Thank you.

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!

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.

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>



TOPIC REVIEWS

Early Years

Spring 2 Review – People Who Help Us

This half term we have learnt lots about the emergency services and people who help us. Our highlight was being able to have some of these special people come and visit us. We particularly enjoyed the visit from the fire fighters where we got to use one of their hoses and put out some pretend fires. We also enjoyed hearing about Mountain Rescue especially as it is not something we knew much about before.

It was great to see Mr Tate too. He talked about his job as a paramedic and showed us some of his equipment. We have learnt lots of new facts about people who help us including why emergency vehicles have sirens and lights.

We have continued having Little Movers as our PE lessons. We love learning new dances and playing games. All of the children have loved our dough disco and wiggle squiggle sessions to strengthen our fine motor skills. We have enjoyed learning the true meaning behind Easter and creating our own Easter cards. We have had a wonderful half term!

Key Stage 1

Spring 2 Review – Lands Ahoy!

This half term has gone in a blink of an eye but in KS1 we have still learned lots and loved our Lands Ahoy topic. The children have loved learning about the continents. They are able to put them in size order, talk about facts they know and identify the shape of them.

When learning about the animals the children are able to sort them into vertebrates and invertebrates. They loved sorting and classifying and are little experts on mammals.

We thought carefully about life in the ocean and made our own jelly fish bottles. We cannot wait until our trip to end the topic with a big bang.

Key Stage 2

Spring 2 Review – Wonderful Waterworld

What a short but action packed half term we have had during our Wonderful Waterworld topic.

Despite the atrocious weather at times we managed to get out on our great trip, following the river Aln from its source in the Cheviot Hills of Alnham through Whittingham and Alnwick to its delta at Alnmouth. It was a busy, action packed day but provided lots of opportunities to consolidate all our learning about the features of rivers and how they have a crucial role in the water cycle.

Subsequently, throughout the term the children learnt lots about staying safe online during our internet safety day, raised impressive amounts of money following their sports relief activities, represented the school brilliantly at the opera event in Newcastle and best of all had lots of great fun dressing up as part of World Book Day. In the final week, despite feeling exhausted from the river trip action the children performed an excellent Easter service and consolidated all their learning about skeletons and muscles ready for next terms science themed topic.

Widdy Welcomes / Warm Hub

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. 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 garehytate@yahoo.co.uk or on Facebook: Gareth Tate. All welcome.

Wraparound Childcare – HANGOUT CLUB

Breakfast club now starts earlier at 7:30am-8:50am for £2 or £1 from 8:00-8:50am every morning (includes breakfast), 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.



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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.

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

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*****

- 15th Apr – School Reopens
- 18th Apr – Scootability Year 1 & 2 / Skateboarding – Year 3 & 4
- 29th Apr – Enterprise Day – Year 3
- 3rd May – Sports Day Nursery 10:30am - Rest of school 1:30pm
- 9th May – Building work starts on site for turning Primary
- 24th May – Dukeshouse Wood Activity Day – Year 3 & 4
- 24th May – School closes for May half term
- 3rd Jun – School reopens
- 6th Jun – Countryside Day Years 1 – 4
- W/c 10th Jun – Phonics Screening – Year 1
- 12th Jun – Balance Bikeability (Oak Class) and Bikeability (Year 4)

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

- 30th Apr - Mr Guy's Bingo night – doors open 6:30pm - £1 per ticket or 6 for £5



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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: 22.03.24



Well done to Beech Class who won with 100%

Acorns – 96.2%
Oak – 98.8%
Beech – 100%
Chestnut – 98.8%
Willow – 91.6%

Our school target continues at 97%. Whole school was 97.3%

Kind Regards,

Louise Laskey - Head Teacher



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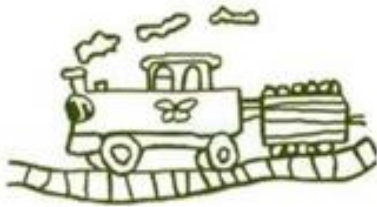


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Safe to Learn section

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