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***We aim to SPARKLE!***

Dear Parents/Carers

01.03.2024

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

**World Book Day**

Reminder, as per email that came home this week we will be celebrating World Book Day on **FRIDAY 8<sup>th</sup> MARCH**. Please dress your child in bright colours to celebrate 35 years of Elmer or they can come as their favourite book character. Please don't go out and buy anything, instead utilise what you already have at home. Also, don't forget Miss Darlow is hosting a bedtime story evening at 6pm – details on the email.

**Parent Consultations – Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March**

Please book your consultation appointments with your child's class teacher directly for Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March. We are providing appointments for 10 minutes per child. Please do not be late as this has a knock-on effect on everyone else's appointment.

**Childcare**

Last week we sent home a google questionnaire to complete regarding your ideal childcare options from September moving forwards. This is to help us identify what our families need and to support what we will offer and what staffing we will require.

**Transition to Primary**

An email came home before the holidays regarding our transition to becoming a Primary school in September 2024. Please read it as it contains lots of info and our new school logo.

**Uniform**

Our uniform supplier Mapac has temporarily closed down our page while they work on adding our new uniform for September. We will let you all know when this is available to purchase. In the meantime, all of our current uniform will be available to buy in school in the next few weeks at a heavily discounted price, details will be coming out regarding this soon. Also, don't forget we have lots of preloved uniform available for free – weather dependant a table will be outside school on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March for families to help themselves.

**After School Clubs - Amendments**

After School clubs for next half term are as follows:

- Monday – NUFC games club
- Tuesday – **Tennis Club with Mrs Cessford**
- Wednesday – Trident Soccer
- Thursday – Crafty Times with Mrs Timmins

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



### **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.

### **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.

### **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 with this.

### **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 [garethtate@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:garethtate@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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## 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 – 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)

## 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>

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

6<sup>th</sup> Mar – Reception Vision Screening  
7<sup>th</sup> Mar – World Book Day  
11<sup>th</sup> Mar – Walk or Wheel to School Week  
12<sup>th</sup> Mar – Parents Evening  
14<sup>th</sup> Mar – Y3/4 River Visit  
25<sup>th</sup> Mar – Easter Celebrations week  
27<sup>th</sup> Mar – Messy Wednesday  
28<sup>th</sup> Mar – Y1/2 Beach Visit  
28<sup>th</sup> Mar – School Closes for Easter  
15<sup>th</sup> Apr – School Reopens

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

19<sup>th</sup> Mar - Mr Guy's Bingo night – doors open 6:30pm - £1 per ticket or 6 for £5  
22<sup>nd</sup> Mar - Easter Family Bingo straight after school  
26<sup>th</sup> Mar – Easter Film Club 3:15 - 5:15pm £2 per ticket payable on School Money  
This half term - Easter Raffle



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**Stars of the Week:**



<p><b><u>Acorns</u></b> Merit – Isabella C &amp; Harry Sparkle – Archie N</p> <p><b><u>Oak</u></b> Merit – Bobby &amp; Morena Sparkle – Lucille</p> <p><b><u>Beech Y1</u></b> Merit – Daisy &amp; James Sparkle – Jackson P</p>	<p><b><u>Beech Y2</u></b> Merit – Theia &amp; Millie D Sparkle – Lucas</p> <p><b><u>Chestnut</u></b> Merit – Charlotte &amp; Freddie Sparkle – Mark</p> <p><b><u>Willow</u></b> Merit – Domenica &amp; Alex Sparkle – Joseph</p>
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**SPARKLE TEA – Ben, Lily, Ella B & Harry F**



**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: 16.02.24**



Well done to Willow Class who won with 100%

Acorns – 96%
Oak – 94.7%
Beech – 97.9%
Chestnut – 97.6%
Willow – 100%

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

Kind Regards,

Louise Laskey - Head Teacher



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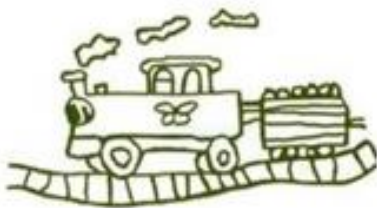


# Enter our **Super Draw**

**Win a £1,000**

**Sainsbury's Voucher**

**OR £1,000 CASH PRIZE**



**YOUR  
SCHOOL  
LOTTERY**

- Tickets cost just £1 a week
- Chance to win up to £25,000
- Play weekly, or just play the Super Draw!
- Win £1,000 to spend in Sainsbury's

**PLAY NOW:**

Go to

[www.yourschoollottery.co.uk](http://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk)

Search for: Grange View C.E



**GambleAware**

See website for Terms & conditions. Enter by 30/03/24



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Council England



### **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**