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We aim to SPARKLE!

Dear Parents/Carers

09.02.2024

Let your light shine – Matthew 5:16

STEM Visitors

For Science week (W/c 11th March) we are looking for any professionals who work in a Science, Technology, Engineering or Maths background to come into school and talk to the children about the skills required for future careers. Please contact the office via email if you would be willing to take part.

Childcare

You have been 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.

Lunch Menu

Due to strict NCC guidelines Mrs Palmer has to follow specific menus and food recommendations. Menus will remain the same over the next half term and she is unable to change what is provided. Therefore, if your child does not like anything specifically on the menu we would suggest they bring a packed lunch that day. Packed lunches are also welcome to look at the menus and choose any days that they would like to take a school lunch as long as they tell their teacher that morning (Please make payment on School Money if applicable).

Turning Primary & Pre-loved Uniform

As we turn Primary in September 2024, our school logo and uniform will be changing. Of course, we do not expect parents/carers to purchase the new uniform immediately. We will have a transition period where either the old or new uniform can be worn. We do still have some pre-loved uniform in school if anyone needs anything, please contact us with what you require and sizes and we will see if we have it. The new uniform colour has been costed at local supermarkets to make sure it is affordable. Two sweatshirts are available for £5 upwards depending on size. We look forward to sharing our exciting new colour and logo with you soon.

After School Clubs

After School clubs for the Spring Term are as follows:

- Monday – NUFC games club
- Tuesday – Netball 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 to be booked up until February half term.



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 February 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 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.

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.

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



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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

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 Feb – Maths Stay and Play for Nursery 10:45 – 11:45am
- 16th Feb – School closes for February Half Term
- 26th Feb – School Reopens
- 28th Feb – Messy Wednesday
- 6th Mar – Reception Vision Screening
- 7th Mar – World Book Day
- 12th Mar – Parents Evening
- 14th Mar – Y3/4 River Visit
- 25th Mar – Easter Celebrations week
- 27th Mar – Messy Wednesday
- 28th Mar – Y1/2 Beach Visit
- 28th Mar – School Closes for Easter
- 15th Apr – School Reopens

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

- 13th Feb - Mr Guy's Bingo night – doors open 6:30pm - £1 per ticket or 6 for £5
- 29th Feb - Leap Year Disco in school - 5:00pm - 6:00pm £2 per ticket payable on School Money**
- 19th Mar - Mr Guy's Bingo night – doors open 6:30pm - £1 per ticket or 6 for £5
- 22nd Mar - Easter Family Bingo straight after school
- 26th Mar – Easter Film Club 3:15 - 5:15pm £2 per ticket payable on School Money
- Next half term - Easter Raffle



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Stars of the Week:



<p><u>Acorns</u> Merit – Tilly & Scarlett Sparkle – Jackson</p> <p><u>Oak</u> Merit – Rory O & Iris Sparkle – Oliver</p> <p><u>Beech Y1</u> Merit – Alice & Michael Sparkle – Tiara</p>	<p><u>Beech Y2</u> Merit – Thomas & Ella Sparkle – Hayden</p> <p><u>Chestnut</u> Merit – Charlie & Lara-Lee Sparkle – Nicole</p> <p><u>Willow</u> Merit – Maisie & Leo Sparkle – Nicole</p>
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SPARKLE TEA – Rory T, Thomas, Daisy & Brooklyn



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: 02.02.24



<p>Well done to Willow Class who won with 100%</p> <p>Acorns – 97.7% Oak – 93.5% Beech – 97.1% Chestnut – 97.1% Willow – 100%</p> <p>Our school target continues at 97%. Whole school was 97.1%</p>

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



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