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***We aim to SPARKLE!***

Dear Parents/Carers

12.01.2024

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

**Games from Christmas**

We were so pleased to hear about all the lovely gifts Santa left this Christmas. However, a number of children have been sharing their exciting news regarding games that are age inappropriate. We regularly share information with all our families about how to keep your child safe online and on their devices. Pupils have spoken excitedly about games such as Grand Theft Auto and Call of Duty but may we remind parents and carers that these games are unsuitable for children aged under 18. Please be vigilant with what your child is playing and accessing, thank you.

**Cardboard Boxes**

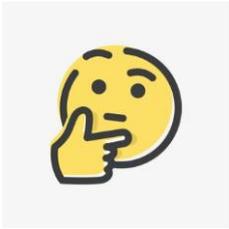
Miss Darlow would love all of your shoe boxes/cereal boxes/any other small cardboard boxes you may be wanting to get rid of after Christmas, as Beech class will be recreating the Great Fire of London this term. Thanks.

**Safety around School Site**

Please be aware that parents should not be parking in the staff car park and please ensure all school gates are closed/locked behind you for safeguarding purposes.

**School Council**

This school council met this week to discuss ways to keep safe on the roads. They are trying to source some reflective stickers or bits to help them be seen in the dark. Also, they would like to suggest that if you are buying a new coat this winter, please choose bright colours because a car can't see dark colours. Thank you, Taylor and Joshua (School Councillors)



**Reception Admissions Reminder - IMPORTANT**

Time is running out 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**. You must apply as it is not an automatic entitlement, even if your child attends our Nursery. 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.

**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. Our lucky winner this morning for last half term was James from Year 3 – well done! For this half term, the draw will take place the first week back after February holidays. Good luck everyone!



## **NEW 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.

## **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 with this.

## **Widdy Welcomes / Warm Hub**

Widdy Welcomes every other 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 [garehytate@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:garehytate@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](http://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](http://www.qwell.io)

## 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\*\*\*\*\*

23<sup>rd</sup> Jan – First Aid Training – whole school  
29<sup>th</sup> Jan – National Storytelling Week  
31<sup>st</sup> Jan – Messy Wednesday  
2<sup>nd</sup> Feb – NSPCC Numbers Day  
6<sup>th</sup> Feb – Safer Internet Day  
9<sup>th</sup> Feb – Safer Internet Chat with Mrs Chapman  
16<sup>th</sup> Feb – School closes for February Half Term  
26<sup>th</sup> Feb – School Reopens  
28<sup>th</sup> Feb – Messy Wednesday  
6<sup>th</sup> Mar – Reception Vision Screening  
7<sup>th</sup> Mar – World Book Day  
12<sup>th</sup> Mar – Parents Evening  
25<sup>th</sup> Mar – Easter Celebrations week  
27<sup>th</sup> Mar – Messy Wednesday  
28<sup>th</sup> Mar – KS1 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\*\*\*\*\*

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

## 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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**Stars of the Week:**



<p><b><u>Acorns</u></b> Merit – Casey &amp; Arlo Sparkle – Savannah</p> <p><b><u>Oak</u></b> Merit – Bobby &amp; Freya Sparkle – Izzy</p> <p><b><u>Beech Y1</u></b> Merit – Alice &amp; Neve (Y2) Sparkle – Dexter</p>	<p><b><u>Beech Y2</u></b> Merit – Lucas &amp; Lily Sparkle – Thomas</p> <p><b><u>Chestnut</u></b> Merit – Archie H &amp; Mary-Jayne Sparkle – Daemon</p> <p><b><u>Willow</u></b> Merit – Logan &amp; Joseph Sparkle – Domenica</p>
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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: 21.12.2023**



<p>Well done to Oak Class who won with 100%</p> <p>Acorns – 96.7% Oak – 100% Beech – 95.8% Chestnut – 97.1% Willow – 97.2%</p> <p>Our school target continues at 97%. Whole school was 97.2%</p>
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Kind Regards,

Louise Laskey - Head Teacher



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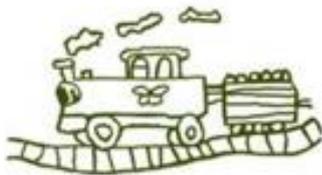
# Enter our **Super Draw**

## Win a £1,000 Luxury Getaway

**OR £1,000 CASH PRIZE**



- Tickets cost just £1 a week
- Chance to win up to £25,000
- Play weekly, or just play the Super Draw!
- Get away from it all in 2024!



**YOUR  
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LOTTERY**

**PLAY NOW:**

Go to

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

Search for: **Grange View C.E**



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See website for Terms & conditions. Enter by 27/01/24



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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**