



Grange View C.E. First School

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We aim to SPARKLE!

Dear Parents/Carers

10.05.2024

Let your light shine – Matthew 5:16

Lunch Hall Table Plans

Following our recent Ofsted inspection, to address one of their areas for improvement (behaviour) we are changing our seating plans for Year 1, 2, 3 and 4. The staff have liaised with each other to discuss appropriate tables and groups of children. This is a trial period to reduce noise, conflicts and friendships issues. We will keep you updated.

Primary Building work

Northumberland County Council have gone through the formal planning process where residents have had the opportunity to comment on the proposals. They received no objections. The contractors Portakabin may complete a leaflet/letter drop to the nearby residents to notify when works are going to start on site with key dates etc. Equipment has started to arrive and some parts of school will be affected for EYFS families. Therefore, your route into school may change but we will keep you updated.

With the project being modular build, disruption to both residents and the school will be kept to a minimum as the majority of works will be undertaken off-site in their factory. The most disruption will occur on the day in which the modules will be delivered/installed, which Portakabin are well versed with and will put measures to minimise the disruption to both your school and residents.

Coquet partnership link- <https://sway.cloud.microsoft/il8t3K3GAqfV3B5v?ref=Link>

Sports Day – CHANGE OF DATE

Due to our Primary Building work we were hoping to hold an early Sports on 3rd May, but unfortunately the weather had not improved enough to facilitate this event. We will aim to go for Friday 7th June as long as we can access the field. We will keep you updated. Thank you.

School Lunch Menu Update

The school lunch menu will change to our summer menu from next week (Week commencing 13th May). The new menus were emailed out earlier this week. From the same date we will be offering a second-choice lunch option for Years 3 and 4 only. This will be a sandwich with choice of filling (ham/cheese/tuna).

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 May half term 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.***



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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 also ordered some badges that can be ironed on to plain uniforms if desired, although this is not necessary. 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 still selling this off at a heavily discounted price of £3 per item. Come and grab a bargain! **We will be selling the iron on badges at the office. They will be available soon for £1 each. These can be ironed on to plain sweatshirts/cardigans etc.**

Family Hub Emails – PARENTING

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 at Hadston. We regularly share emails from them offering courses. Please contact them on 01670 624500 or have a look on their Facebook page which is www.facebook.com/northfamilyhubs

Nut Allergy reminder/Packed lunches/Grapes

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. Can we please also remind parents and carers to please cut any grapes (lengthways) that are sent in, as these are a choke hazard when whole. Thank you for your support.

After School Clubs – Summer 1 Term

After School clubs for this term are:

- Monday – NUFC games club
- Tuesday – Tri Golf Club with Mrs Cessford & Story Time with Miss Darlow
- Wednesday – Trident Soccer
- Thursday – Gymnastics with Mrs Chapman (changed from cricket due to the weather)

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 until May half term.

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.

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.

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>

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.



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!

Widdy Welcomes

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.

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.

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.

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*******

24th May – Dukeshouse Wood Activity Day – Year 3 & 4 – **Bus leaves school at 7:45am!**

24th May – School closes for May half term

3rd Jun – School reopens

6th Jun – Countryside Day Years 1 – 4

7th Jun – Potential new Sports Day – field access pending (due to building work)

W/c 10th Jun – Phonics Screening – Year 1

19th Jun – Balance Bikeability (Oak Class) and Bikeability (Year 4)



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

17th May – Non-uniform day for sweet donations for School Fair

17th May – Film Club 3:15pm – 5:00pm

21st May - Mr Guy's Bingo night – doors open 6:30pm - £1 per ticket or 6 for £5


21st June – Non-uniform day for bottle donations

25th Jun - Mr Guy's Bingo night – doors open 6:30pm - £1 per ticket or 6 for £5

5th Jul – School Summer Fair – 2:00pm

12th Jul - Film Club 3:15pm – 5:00pm

Stars of the Week:



Acorns

Merit – David & Savannah
Sparkle – Casey

Oak

Merit – Ava & Annliya
Sparkle - Iris

Beech Y1

Merit – Jaxon B & Ellie-May
Sparkle – Rosie

Beech Y2



Merit – Rose & Millie D
Sparkle – Neve

Chestnut

Merit – Jayden & Marcie
Sparkle - Charlie

Willow

Merit – Joseph
Sparkle - Niamh

SPARKLE TEA – Gracie, Jessie, Zak & Amie

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: 03.05.24



Well done to Willow Class who won with 98.9%

Acorns – 97.4%

Oak – 90.6%

Beech – 97%

Chestnut – 86.5%

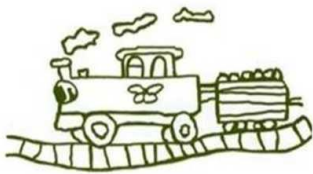
Willow – 98.9%

Our school target continues at 97%. Whole school was **94.6%**

Kind Regards,

Louise Laskey - Head Teacher

Enter our
Super Draw
WIN A SUMMER GETAWAY
OR £1,000 CASH PRIZE



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