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***We aim to SPARKLE!***

Dear Parents

16<sup>th</sup> March 2020

**CORONAVIRUS UPDATE**

What guidance has the Government given regarding coronavirus? Schools and parents should refer to the latest information and advice from the Department of Health and Social Care and Public Health England to get the most up to date guidance from Government.

[www.gov.uk/guidance/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-advice-for-the-public](http://www.gov.uk/guidance/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-advice-for-the-public)

What guidance has the Government given to schools regarding providing advice to pupils, staff and parents about coronavirus? The Government has published guidance for schools and other educational settings in providing advice for pupils, students, staff and parents about the novel coronavirus, COVID-19. The following link will take you to that advice:

[www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-about-covid-19](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-about-covid-19)

As a school we have now introduced hand sanitiser for anyone to use as they come through the door to visit school, this included parents and visitors. As already posted on the School Facebook Page we expect every child to have washed their hands before arriving at school to support good hygiene practice in and out of school.

Any family returning from any of the affected countries are advised by the government to self-isolate

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-specified-countries-and-areas/covid-19-specified-countries-and-areas-with-implications-for-returning-travellers-or-visitors-arriving-in-the-uk>

**Our draft contingency plan is in place to keep the school open as long as possible until we are advised otherwise. To support all our families at home we have drafted a letter to support home-school learning if the need arises which will come home as soon as possible. If any parents do not have access to on-line learning, they need to inform the school to enable us to provide paper copies. Please ensure your email address is up-to-date with your child's class teacher. Please support us with any new guidance. Thank you.**

**\*\*\*\*PLEASE SEE DIARY DATES BELOW ABOUT EVENTS THAT ARE NOW CANCELLED\*\*\*\***

**All After school clubs**

**All out of school club providers and coaches have been cancelled as well as lettings until further notice. Breakfast Club and phonics/ maths clubs will continue as normal as they are facilitated by our own staff.**

**No Little Movers until further notice**

**No Karate until further notice**

**No football until notice**

**No Art club until further notice.**



## **KS2 Swimming**

All our pupils have received their statutory entitlement of swimming for a whole term with school this year. As a school we take our child for the full year as we believe it is an essential life skill. The majority of our children are able to swim 25m+ by the end of Y4. As you are aware it takes a lot of organisation, supervision and staffing to provide this. Over the past term we have experienced some unacceptable behaviour from a few pupils therefore if this continues they will not go swimming and stay in school with additional work in KS1. We hope that this will discourage the poor behaviour . Thank you.

**\*\*\*At present, Active Northumberland have increased their cleaning and safeguarding policies, therefore swimming will continue as usual until further notice. \*\*\***

## **Easter Events**

Due to the on-going concerns regarding Covid-19 virus the Friends of Grange View have decided to change some arrangements and cancel some events as follows:

Non Uniform for now for food bank donations

Easter Fair - 2pm Fri 27th March - CANCELLED

Easter Egg Family Egg decorating Competition- TO BE CONFIRMED

Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> April- Easter Service in Family Worship - CANCELLED

## **KS2 Residential Trip to Hawkstree – 20-22 May 2020**

**The final deadline for full payment of this year's residential which we hope can go ahead is 1<sup>st</sup> May 2020. There is no extension for anyone for this date as we are giving you 7 weeks' notice. If the money is not paid in full completely by this date then your child's place will be cancelled automatically. Sorry for any inconvenience.**

## **Sports Relief Week**

**Thankyou for your kind donations for this Charity last Friday , you raised £84 plus we had great fun keeping fit!**

## **SATS DATES AND HOLIDAYS**

The summer term is fast approaching and during this term the children in many classes complete a range of statutory national tests and assessments. In Y1, the children complete a Phonics Screening Check, in Y2 it's SATs tests and teacher assessments in reading, writing and maths and in Y4 it's the new Multiplication Tables Check It is very important that the children do the very best they possibly can in these assessments as the data from them is likely to be used to help measure the progress that they make in future years. The information we gain from these is also vital in helping to ensure that we provide what is needed for each child. Children who miss the vital weeks at school leading up to these assessments are put at a disadvantage. Although we have a small window of opportunity to allow children who have missed tests to complete them, this often means the child completing them alone—this also increases staff workload and takes away from other pupils. **ALTHOUGH WE DO NOT AUTHORISE HOLIDAYS DURING TERM TIME ANYWAY - PLEASE AVOID BOOKING HOLIDAYS DURING THESE TIMES IN PARTICULAR.**

Year 1 Phonics Screening - First 3 weeks in June

Year 2 SATS— May

Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check—June

## **Appropriate Use of Facebook**

We have recently been made aware of some Facebook posts from parents that make inappropriate comments about the school and individual classes that are unfair, unfounded and detrimental to the school ; where necessary, we will take legal advice. Parents are asked to direct their complaints to the school's attention. Our official Complaints Procedure can be found on the school's website.

Please remember Mrs Laskey is happy to speak to any parent face to face to discuss any concerns

## **Mobile Phones on school site**

Please can we ask that we respect our children inside and outside of the school building. Please do not use your phone for any purposes when in the school hall for safeguarding purposes, anyone seen by staff will be asked to turn their phone off.

When collecting your child please remember they are looking forward to you picking them up and want to talk about their school *day* , so pop your phone away and find out what they have been learning about.

### **First Aid Treatment**

All our staff are first aid trained and if your child receives a bump to their head depending on the nature they will receive treatment plus a sticker and a note to let you know what has happened. Any other first aid treatment is dealt with accordingly and information is recorded on our CPOMS secure online system as a record of any accidents.

### **\*\*\*BABY PLAY \*\*\* - CANCELLED**

Every Thursday in the school nursery at 1.30pm - Baby Play is suitable for babies from birth to walking.

### **Mental Health week- Mental Health and Wellbeing Family Challenge!- # Let's get our Community Talking**

#### **\*\*\*\*Grange View C of E First School- Litter Pick- NEW DATE\*\*\*\* - POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

This date has now been changed to 25<sup>th</sup> March 2020, litter pick after school 3.15pm-4.15pm in the afternoon we would welcome families to come to school and collect their child to walk around the village together cleaning up our local environment. The school will provide bin bags and gloves for adults. We hope that we can all chat on our mission to clean up Widdrington station and bring families together. All rubbish to returned to school for our Caretaker to dispose of.

### **School Council Family Learning Task**

The School Council have chosen to focus on developing a greener world this term. They would like to take part in the Climate Change Challenge. All families are invited to make a poster, video, song etc about the importance of saving energy, this could include turning lights off, using less vehicles, recycling and reusing more. We look forward to seeing your creations after half term - the school council have many ideas and suggestions for the school to be greener - WATCH THIS SPACE!

### **NUT ALLERGIES IN PACKED LUNCHES**

**We have still have a child in school with nut allergies therefore for the safety of the child but this week some parents are who are not checking . Mrs Laskey has found Kinder bars, hazelnut croissants, nutella sandwiches etc.**

**All nut based biscuits, bars , spreads etc in our school are banned . This includes chocolate spreads that are nut based and any other bakes and pastries eg. Pain au chocolate, crepes , nutty biscuits etc . So sorry for any inconvenience but this is essential for the well-being of all our children. Thank you.**

### **Reading**

It is essential you try and read with your child every day and record in their book if you have please. In some cases parents are not support their child with this and it impacts on their learning and progress. Please help us with your child's learning by hearing them read at least **3 TIMES PER WEEK**, thank you.

### **Tips for reading with children of any age:**

- **Set aside some time**
- **Find somewhere quiet without any distractions - turn off the TV/radio/computer.**
- **Ask your child to choose a book**
- **Sharing books they have chosen shows you care what they think and that their opinion matters. This means they are more likely to engage with the book.**
- **Sit close together**
- **Encourage your child to hold the book themselves and/or turn the pages.**
- **Point to the pictures**

- If there are illustrations, relate them to something your child knows. Ask them to describe the characters or situation or what will happen next. Encourage them to tell you the story by looking at the pictures.
- Encourage your child to talk about the book
- Talking about the characters and their dilemmas helps children understand relationships and is an excellent way for you to get to know each other or discuss difficult issues. Give your child plenty of time to respond. Ask them what will happen next, how a character might be feeling or how the book makes them feel.
- And lastly, above all - make it fun!

It doesn't matter how you read with a child, as long as you both enjoy the time together.

Don't be afraid to use funny voices - children love this! It's never too early to start reading with your baby too.

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/tips-and-advice/reading-tips/how-to-read-with-your-child/>

### **FREE SCHOOL MEALS (PUPIL PREMIUM)**

Some parents/carers whose income is below £16,190 per family are entitled to Free School Meals (OFSTED call this pupil premium). The school currently receives additional funding per pupil in our budget to use to support these pupils across the school. We use it to benefit every child by supporting us to have extra staff for small group work, buy resources to support small group work and interventions. A small proportion of this funding is used to subsidise Breakfast and Afterschool clubs and support half the cost of residential and school visits.

The information is fully available on the school website for everyone to read.

If you are entitled to apply please ring the Local Authority on 01670 623592.

### **Punctuality**

Pupils are recorded as being late for school if they arrive after the doors have closed and come in through the main school doors. All Doors will be locked once classes are inside and the main entrance will have to be used.

### **IF YOU ARE RUNNING LATE FOR ANY REASON OR YOUR CHILD IS NOT COMING INTO SCHOOL DUE TO SICKNESS OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES, PLEASE RING TO LET US KNOW, THANK YOU.**

All late marks show on children's attendance registers and we will be routinely contacting parents whose children are regularly late. Our routines start the minute children arrive at school with children getting straight on with their independent work in class. Children arriving late miss out on vital learning time and find it harder to settle into the school day and some pupils get upset when they are constantly late. Please help us by ensuring your child is at school, ready to come in when the bell rings at 8.50am. We'll keep you posted on how we are doing in our assemblies and newsletter.

### **Attendance**

PLEASE NOTE THE INCREASE TO 94% attendance for any child taken out of school for a holiday in term time. This is the minimum they must have if parents do not want to be issued a penalty notice unless there are exceptional circumstances.

All schools in the Coquet Partnership have agreed that if an unauthorised leave of absence is taken during term time and the pupil's attendance in the 12 month period leading up to the absence is less than 94%, an application to the Local Authority for a penalty notice may be made based on the circumstances. Our overall whole school attendance target is 97%.

### **Ofsted Attendance**

**To aim to an outstanding school Ofsted say- 'Pupils value their education and rarely miss a day at school. No groups of pupils are disadvantaged by low attendance. The attendance of pupils who have previously had exceptionally high rates of absence is rising quickly towards the national average'.**

**Grange View needs every pupil at school every day to improve our overall attendance please**

**NO HOLIDAYS will be authorised in term time.**

We have Education Welfare Officer working with us this year who will be monitoring attendance very closely; especially the late marks so please ensure your child/ren are on the school yard for the bell at 8.50am every morning.

**For week ending 6/3/2020**



Well done to Beech Class who won with 99.5%  
 Acorn – 91.9%; Oak – 89.0 %; Elm – 94.5%; Beech – 99.5%  
 Chestnut –98.4 %; Willow – 97.0%  
 TOTAL FOR THE WEEK – 95.4%  
 Below our new school target which is now 97% 😊



**Dates for Diaries**

- Mon 16<sup>th</sup> March – 3.15pm Messy Monday in the hall – CANCELLED
- Tues 17<sup>th</sup> March – Y4 Trigolf tournament at Bothal Primary - CANCELLED
- Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> March – Y3 Tag Rugby event at Alnwick Rugby Club - CANCELLED
- Fri 20<sup>th</sup> March – \*\*\*Non uniform for food bank donations\*\*\*
- Fri 20<sup>th</sup> March – Family Bingo Night – CANCELLED
- Fri 20<sup>th</sup> March – FAMILY WORSHIP CANCELLED
- Tues 24<sup>th</sup> March – KS2 River trip – TO BE CONFIRMED
- Wed 25<sup>th</sup> March 3.15pm – Litter pick after school with parents – POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE
- Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> March – Y4 football tournament at Ashington Academy - CANCELLED
- Fri 27<sup>th</sup> March – EASTER FAIR AT 2.15pm IN THE HALL - CANCELLED
- Week beginning 30<sup>th</sup> March- Annual Easter Egg Family Egg decorating Competition – TO BE CONFIRMED
- Tues 31<sup>st</sup> March – KS1 trip to Boulmer rock pools – TO BE CONFIRMED
- Tues 31<sup>st</sup> March – Y4 Dance Festival at JCSC after school – CANCELLED
- Tues 31<sup>st</sup> March – Friends usual Adult Bingo 7pm - CANCELLED
- Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> April – Easter Family worship 9am – CANCELLED
- Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> April - end of Spring Term -\*\*\*\* school closes at 2pm\*\*\*\*
- Mon 20<sup>th</sup> April – Summer Term begins

Kind regards,

Louise Laskey  
 Headteacher

### **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 Pat Treanor is our Chair of governors and Safeguarding governor, Mrs Laskey and Mrs Chapman are our Designated Safeguarding lead staff.

### **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. Our Safeguarding liaison officer Karen Kirkbride will be in school this term delivering these workshops.

**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 which commences 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**