

Grateley Primary School

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A school where every child becomes a lifelong learner and realises their potential.

Keeping parents informed of the School's new events and important information

Thursday 18th October 2018

Dear Parents,

Unbelievably, it is half term; the past seven weeks have flown by! The children have had some exciting experiences this half term; trips off site, visitors in school including circus performers and drama teachers as well as opportunities to learn the guitar and piano. I am delighted to say that after half term we will be running a lunchtime choir that is being led by one of our talented parents: Mrs McFarlane. We will be inviting any children who would like to become part of the school choir to come along to the first session taking place at lunchtime on Tuesday 30th October.

The children have been brilliant this half term; exemplifying our new values of Teamwork, Respect, Enthusiasm and Excellence.

Stage Coach Drama Day- The Greatest Showman!

Today, all classes have the exciting opportunity to take part in a free drama lesson run by the Andover Stagecoach Principal Sarah Ponting. The school is filled with amazing singing, dancing and acting- all inspired by the musical- the Greatest Showman. It's already proving to be a tremendous day that is inspiring all of the children and staff!

Darwin's Fun-Filled Day at The Tree House Centre!

On Tuesday 9th October, Darwin had the amazing experience of spending the day surrounded by nature at The Tree House Centre. They had a brilliant day, exploring the woods, investigating habitats and animals as well as walking in the tree tops! The children were excellently behaved; representing our school exceptionally. When they returned, I was greeted with happy, but exhausted children!



Winchester Cathedral School's Remembrance Day

On Wednesday 10th October Year 5 travelled to Winchester Cathedral with Mrs Heaps and Miss Forsyth to take part in a school's day of remembrance. They had an opportunity to tour the Cathedral with a guide, as well as to join in with other schools in Hampshire for a collective service of remembrance. The children took a wreath made out of poppies made by Mrs Baysting and letters that they wrote. Year 5 represented the school brilliantly- well done Year 5.

Bear Class Circus Morning

On Tuesday 16th October, Bear class went to the circus for the morning in school! With the help of a circus performer, the children learnt lots of new skills and performed to Darwin Class. A huge thank you to the PTA and Bear Class parents for helping to fund this exciting opportunity.



**Congratulations to those children who have been awarded Grateley leaves for exemplifying our core learning values of:
Teamwork, Respect, Enthusiasm and Excellence:**

Bear Class	Darwin Class	Adamson Class	Attenborough Class
Keaton Lynn	Daniel Edds	Aria Kellers	Ben Sutthery
Ashton Peat	Georgia Coleman	Mia Ratcliffe	Cian Killick
Harry Adams	Evie Nasse	Otto Nasse	Eleanor Vessey
Tilianna Kirby	Theo Whitehead	Lexi Cavill	Lara Nasse
	Jack Briton	Amelia Smith	Isaac Wright
	Noah Mullaney		Seren Shields
	Finley Jessop		Blake Lockey



Congratulations to those children who have received WOW certificates!



Bear Class	Darwin Class	Adamson Class	Attenborough Class
Tilianna Kirby	Alfie Whitehead	Emilia Rook	Libby Cavill
Keaton Lynn	Angus Heaps	Joshua Young	Tyler Ayers

Dates for your diary

Friday 19th October: INSET day
Monday 22nd October-Friday 26th October: HALF TERM
Monday 29th October: Back to School
Tuesday 6th November: Simon Murray Author Visit 9-12pm
Tuesday 6th November: Scholastic Books in school for a week
Tuesday 6th November: Parental consultations 4-6pm
Tuesday 13th November: Parental consultations 4-7pm
Wednesday 14th November: Parental consultations 4-6pm
Wednesday 14th November: PTA run Bags for School
Friday 23rd November: KS2 Life Saving Skills Workshop
Sunday 25th November: PTA Winter Fair
Thursday 13th December: KS1 Christmas Play at 2pm
Tuesday 18th December: 6pm KS2 Carol Service at St.Peters Church
Friday 21st December: School closes for Christmas

Current House points	
Cambridge	
	1525
St.Andrews	
	1262
Oxford	
	1079



I have noticed that at the end of the school day, some children remain in the playground to play. Please be advised that once they are under your parental supervision, the school cannot accept any liability for accidents. Thank you for your support in this matter.



Thank you to 'Bourne Valley Pick Your Own' for donating four pumpkins to Bear Class so that they can have some pumpkin fun after half term!

Macmillan Coffee Morning

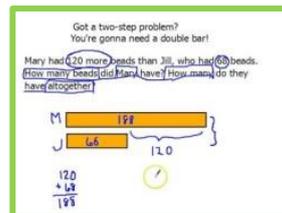


Thank you for your delicious cakes and for supporting the Macmillan Coffee morning that was run by the School Council.

Thanks to your generosity we raised £170! What a fantastic total!

Bar Model Maths Workshops

Thank you to all of you who attended the maths workshops on Wednesday 17th; we were really pleased so many of you were able to join us. I had a great time playing with the children, during the earlier session, whilst you worked hard with Ms Allonby learning how to use the bar model. Ms Allonby and I hope that you found these sessions useful. We will continue to put other curriculum workshops on throughout the year using this organisation model: earlier session with a crèche as well as a later session, as we hope that this supports you in being able to attend.



I hope that you all have a great week, fingers crossed the weather is good for us all. We all look forward to welcoming you and the children back to school on Monday 29th October.

Kindest regards,

Mrs R Dance
Head teacher

[Safeguarding Children at Grateley Primary School](http://www.hampshiresafeguardingchildrenboard.org.uk/professionals/)
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Grateley Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.. This means that we have a Child Protection Policy and procedures in place which we refer to in our prospectus. All staff, including supply staff, volunteers and governors, must ensure that they are aware of these procedures. Parents and carers are welcome to read the Policy on request. Sometimes we may need to share information and work in partnership with other agencies when there are concerns about a child's welfare. We will ensure that our concerns about our pupils are discussed with his/her parents/carers first unless we have reason to believe that such a move would be contrary to the child's welfare.

Our Designated Safeguarding Leads are:
Mrs R Dance – Head Teacher
Miss D Knights – Class Teacher

Safeguarding Governor is:
Mrs Sarah Jarman

Our Chair of Governors is:
Mrs Amelia Bridges

If you are concerned about a child's welfare, please record your concern, and any observations or conversation heard, and report to one of the Designated Safeguarding Leads as soon as possible on the same day.

DO NOT conduct your own investigation.

If your concerns relate to the actions or behaviour of a member of staff (which could suggest that he/she is unsuitable to work with children) then you should report this to the head teacher in confidence. If the concern relates to the Head Teacher you contact the Local Authority Designated Officers, LADO, on 01962 876364, who will consider what action to take.

Attendance:

It is vital that children attend school regularly. We at school monitor children's attendance weekly to ensure that they are attending. Our expectation is that the children achieve an attendance percentage of 96% or above (which is in line with Government expectations).

Below are the weekly attendance percentages:

Whole school: 98%
Bear Class: 99%
Darwin Class: 98%
Adamson Class: 98%
Attenborough Class: 96%

Congratulations to:

Bear Class

