

Grateley Primary School

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"Respect ~ Friendship ~ Peace"

Resilience, Resourcefulness, Reflectiveness, Relationships.

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

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! May 2017 bring you all peace and good health! All staff wish to say a huge 'Thank you for your warm wishes, cards and gifts this Christmas. You were so thoughtful and kind to think of us.' Thank you!

1. Leadership and management

A word from the Governors; "What a fantastic run up to Christmas the school organised! A massive thank you to the staff, parents and family members who supported the events through attending, helping out and spending money! All these activities enhance our children's learning experience and create a community spirit within the school.

We welcome Mrs Allonby back from maternity leave and look forward to the return of Mrs Neilson next month. Whilst there continues to be changes to staffing, irrespective of how long they have been at the school, each one of them are professional, committed and dedicated to our children's education. Without them, we would not be in the top 3% of primary schools nationally (based on 2016 results). This is a fantastic achievement for our small, rural school and is a testament to everyone's hard work and commitment.

We start the recruitment process for a permanent Head Teacher again this month and will be interviewing in February. As always, we will keep you informed of progress. If you have any questions, please speak to Mrs Cawthra; our Parent Governor, Leila Evans; or any other Governor." by Amelia Bridges

In line with many other schools we will be emailing all parents and friends our newsletters from now on. Newsletters will be available on our website and paper copies will be available for you to collect from the school office. Please help us help our planet by saving paper!

We have welcomed Mrs McNair in to our school as our new administrative assistant and she has made a fantastic start working alongside me in the school office. We are working together to ensure the smooth running of the school and ask you to please bear with us. We will be interviewing shortly for an administration officer to join our team.

2. Teaching and Learning

New topics, new displays and new activities have all begun across the school and all the children and teachers are enthusiastic for the start of the new year. Class newsletters will be sent out to you on Monday 9th January 2017; these will inform you about the curriculum content to be covered, along with information on visits and learning adventures that each class teacher has planned for the forthcoming term.

3. Behaviour- well-being and safety

The children have come back with a fantastic mind-set ready to learn. They have all remembered our school rules and continue to respond to our raised 'hand of respect' (thinking, looking, listening, speaking, and concentrating). A great start to a new year!!



Polite reminder/notice

- Please adhere to Hampshire County Council's Policy of no dogs on school site unless they are guide dogs.
- Children should not be wearing nail varnish, have temporary tattoos or extreme haircuts in school.
- Children should not have Facebook accounts before the age of 13.
- 'musical.ly' is an app children can use on their phone. If your child has an account please be mindful that they can access a public forum which can leave them more vulnerable to strangers.

4. Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural Education

Golden Time clubs for Spring Term 1

We have introduced a new and exciting reward system for all children in our school as we feel their excellent behaviour and work ethos should be recognised. All children will join in an hour of Golden Time on a Thursday afternoon starting on Thursday 12th January. The children will choose a club of their choice. Below is a list of all the clubs for this half term so you know the options available. If any parents would like to help with the clubs then please speak to me. We would be delighted to have your support!

Name of club	Person running club	Venue
Film club	Mrs Allonby	Yr 3 / 4 room
Construction club i.e. Lego etc.	Mrs Grey	Corridor
Drama	Miss Knights	Yr 1 / 2 room
Art	Miss Bailey Mrs Baysting	Yr 5 / 6 room
Gardening	Mrs Baker or a parent	Outside
PE	Mrs Cawthra /Mr Shields	Outside or field
Zumba	Miss Copeland	Hall

5. Overall effectiveness

It has been a very positive start to the term. Andy Yeoman Our School inspector from Hampshire Children's services has visited already to ensure that all is going well.

Dates for your diary

Note some new dates (all in school hall)

Thursday 12th January – Parent questionnaire, feedback opportunity, to meet Mrs Cawthra 7pm-8pm (Date change)

Monday 16th January – Radicalisation/Prevent duty/Exploitation/ Safety – training with Mrs Cawthra 7pm-8pm

Monday 23rd January – Yr 6 open discussion evening with Miss Bailey, Mr Holmes and Mrs Cawthra on the theme of “ Growing up” Yr 6 only - 7pm - 8pm

Tuesday 31st January - Anti-bullying and positive behaviour management evening 7pm-8pm

Tuesday 7th February – Maths Workshop for Parents 7 – 8pm

Monday 13th February – Internet Safety Week – opportunity to meet Mrs Cawthra to discuss internet safety 7pm-8pm

20th – 24th February – Half Term

Tuesday 14th March – Helping your child read well! Mrs Cawthra 7pm - 8pm

10th April – 21st April – Easter Holidays

Monday 1st May – Bank Holiday

Friday 26th May – Inset Day school closed for children

29th May – 2nd June – Half Term

Thursday 15th June – School Photographer – class photos 1pm

Tuesday 25th July - Inset Day school closed for children

Wednesday 26th July – Summer holidays

Property Found – please ask at the school office

A variety of coats /jackets

A variety of plates / bowls /food containers

Reading glasses

Thought for the week - ‘There is no room or space for prejudice. What this big, beautiful, colourful world; it only works with inclusion and empathy.’ Pharrell Williams

Kind regards,

Trudie Cawthra

Acting Head teacher

“Be kind to each other”

Safeguarding Children at Grateley Primary School

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 T Cawthra – Head Teacher

Miss D Knights – Class Teacher

Safeguarding Governor is:

Mrs Sarah Jarman

Our Chair of Governors is:

Mrs Lorna Ward

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.

Afterschool CLUBS – Please return to the School office after making your choices
Please tick /highlight

Your child/ren's name/s

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Please circle or highlight your choices

Tick /highlight	Club	Venue	Name	Day	Age range	Specific requirement
	Dance	Hall	Miss Copeland	Thursday 3.30- 4.30pm	Yr R–Yr 6	Loose clothing and bare feet
	Film	Yr 1 and 2 room	Miss Knights	Thursday 3.30- 4.30pm	Yr R–Yr 6	
	Drama	Yr 3 and 4 room	Mrs Allonby	Wednesday 3.30- 4.30pm	Yr R–Yr 6	Loose clothing
	Well being	Yr 5 and 6 room	Miss Bailey	Thursday 3.30- 4.30pm	KS2	
	Morning run	Playground	Mrs Cawthra	Tuesdays and Thursdays 8.10 – 8.30am	KS2	Children to be in PE kit and PE shoes
	Homework	Yr 5 and 6 room	Mrs Tunicliffe	Wednesdays 3.30- 4.30pm	KS2	

N.B. These clubs do not include football club on Mondays which is going ahead as usual with Mr Holmes – this is a separate arrangement.