

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,

1. Leadership and management

A word from the Governors

"January has flown by but so much has been achieved by the pupils. Mrs Cawthra reports significant improvement in behaviour which resulted in all children participating in Golden Time. Therefore to reward the children further on such an outstanding achievement, cup-cakes were given to all! On behalf of everyone, a huge thank you to Mrs Baysting for baking over 100 cup- cakes the night before!

There have been a lot of enquiries from parents about increasing the amount of music in the curriculum.

Individual music lessons If you would like your child to participate in music lessons and you are willing to pay for these, i.e. piano /woodwind instruments, please complete the slip at the bottom of this letter or notify the office or Mrs Cawthra who may be able to arrange individual music lessons by the Hampshire Music Service (HMS) for your child.

Whole Class music lessons Mrs Cawthra and teachers are improving class music by revising music plans /schemes of work. The staff are including more music experiences into the children's curriculum. Music is planned for about 45 minutes a week and this includes singing performing and music making with instruments.

Additional musical input from HMS has been arranged for next year, by way of the "Listen to me" from September 2017 for Yr 3 and 4 only. These extra-curricular activities are funded by our PTA so fund raising is vital if we want to give our children specialist musical education. Supporting the PTA fundraising events is a great way to help raise this money. The Governors and the PTA are also open to fund raising suggestions (and help) so if you have any other ideas for fund raising, then please speak to Mrs Cawthra, Shelley Kellers, our Chair of the PTA, or any of the Governors".

Amelia Bridges - Governor

We welcome Mrs McNair in to our school as our new Administrative Officer. Sarah will begin training on all of Hampshire finance systems soon, so if you don't see quite so much of her over the coming months you will know she is improving her expertise in budgets, school finances and all things school office related. My special thanks to governors who helped interview and all candidates who applied. It was a tough decision and we thank you for your care and support for this fantastic school. We will also need an administration assistant and the advert will go out on the Hampshire vacancy site soon.

The price of the school lunch is rising to £2.15 per day. We also want to apologise if the new systems is not working; this is sadly out of our control. When it works it is excellent! Please bear with us and the company as they aim to iron out any problems as quickly as possible.

2. Teaching and Learning

Great learning attitudes - The autumn and spring terms are always busy with good learning. I'm delighted to say that school is very quiet and calm particularly during the morning when everyone is away! The children have very positive learning attitudes and love learning! Sometimes they don't want to go out to play!!

Helper parents - please do come into school to see me and your children's teacher if you would like to spare a few hours a week helping out. We have many lovely activities in which we would really value your help and support. Volunteering in school is a very worthwhile and lovely thing to do; we would love to have your expertise so welcome you to step forward. .

3. Behaviour- well-being and safety

Ibuprofen – We have had a county directive some months ago that we are not permitted to administer this medicine in schools even with parents' consent. If your child is poorly we will be delighted to help with the administrations of medicines however we do need your written consent and you need to complete a form. This ensures all children and staff remain safe. Thank you for your consideration with this.



Polite reminder/notice

Parking - We have had problems with parents parking over driveways and on the corner of the entrance to Pond Lane. Please may I respectfully ask you not to do either of these as our valued neighbours get most upset when they can't get out of their driveways and the bus cannot steer around the corner safely. The driver fears catching cars parked on the bend. If you are running late, please be rest assured that we will never leave your child (however old they are) unaccompanied and will always return them to be supervised (with a drink and a biscuit) in the school offices. Just ring us (safely) if you anticipate being late and we can support you. Alternatively, please park in the Plough Pub car park and walk down to us.

4. Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural Education

Golden time is going really well. The children love Golden time and they look forward to this special time with other children from within the family of the school. Although some children are still missing golden time through the choices they are making, they do manage to "earn it back" and so everyone last week went to golden time. My special thanks to Mrs Bausting, who made 100 cupcakes which we gave to the children for supporting each other to keep our golden rules. The children's challenge this week is for no one to miss golden time at all!

5. Overall effectiveness – School is going well at the moment and we have no news under this section.

Dates for your diary

Note some new dates (all in school hall)

I am so sorry that we have had to cancel some of the evening training meetings that we have arranged. I have rescheduled these below. I think the combination of illness and awful weather has contributed to our cancelling this training.

We look forward to seeing you at the following:-

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 7th March – Parent questionnaire, feedback opportunity, to meet Mrs Cawthra 7pm-8pm

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

Tuesday 21st March – Radicalisation/Prevent duty/Exploitation/ Safety – training with Mrs Cawthra 7pm-8pm

**Monday 27th March – Yr 6 open discussion evening with Miss Bailey, Mr Holmes and Mrs Cawthra on the theme of
“Growing up” Yr 6 only .**

10th April – 21st April – Easter Holidays

7pm - 8pm

Monday 1st May – Bank Holiday 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

Well done to our stars of recent weeks and this week!

Eínav Ayres and Jacob Nicholson -Year 6

Tía Roome and Cian Kíllíck - Year 4

Jamie Grey and Xavier Rea - Year 2

Frankie Bissett and Daniel Edds -Year R



Thought for the week - ‘

*To accomplish great things, we must not only act but also dream, not only plan but also believe “
Anatole FRANCE 1844-1924*

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.

After school 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 Tunncliffe	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.

Music lessons provided by Hampshire Music Service

Fees for these would need to be paid to Hampshire Music Service in advance for music lessons taken. The more children we have taking lessons the cheaper the music lessons would be. The peripatetic music teachers come to school during the school day.

To ascertain the level of interest, please complete and return the following form to the school office for my attention.

Iwould be interested to pay for music lessons and I would like to find out about the possibility of the following music lessons that may be provided by Hampshire Music service.

I would be interested in paying for subsidised music lessons for my child /ren.

Name

Child /ren

Yr group