

# 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 - It's been a busy and productive half term for the school; we're all looking forward to half term. Mrs Cawthra continues to report improvements in teaching, learning behaviour and attendance which bodes well for good learning and happy, secure children. Well done everyone. The Governors focus for the next half term will be securing a Head teacher for September 2017; we will keep you updated on our progress.

We will be looking for your help with a 'Ground Force' morning to help tidy up the School grounds in time for Spring. Your support is really important to keep the School grounds in good condition, All help will be gratefully received.

Dinners on line! Thank you for your patience regarding Tucasi and on line booking and payment of meals. It's a tricky system and I'm so sorry if it has caused you a headache when trying to log in, pay and choose meals – we are continuing to work in the background to make life easier for you all. Please bear with us and thank you again for your patience!

Please inform us of a change of your financial circumstances for you as this can affect government funding we receive for the school. If you are on a limited supported income now please do let us know as there are areas in which we can offer specific support. Thank you.

### **2. Teaching and Learning** – this have been very good indeed!

Bear class have been learning about endangered animals.

Darwin class have been learning about the Queen!

Adamson have been learning about the animals and climate of Madagasca

Attenborough have been learning about the Rhyme of the Ancient Mariner and performed a fabulous showcase of their learning last week that took our breath away! Grateley Village uses 96, 000 litres of water a day!

Parents' evenings – a chance for you to meet your child's teacher and discuss their progress and learning behaviours.

These will take place during the week beginning Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2017 (please see the table on the next page for more details on the availability of the teachers) – we will inform you when the "sign up " sheets are available for you to fill in your date and time preferences ; these will be in the playground nearer the time. Please also call the office and we will put times on the sheets for you.

**PLEASE NOTE - THERE WILL BE NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS THIS WEEK**

Miss Copeland	Bear Class	Day 1 Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 4.20pm - 7.40pm	Day 2 Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> March 4.20pm - 7.40pm
Miss Knights	Darwin Class	Day 1 Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 4.30pm - 7.30pm	Day 2 Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> March 4.00pm - 6.30pm
Mrs Allonby	Adamson Class	Day 1 Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 3.50pm - 7.20pm	Day 2 Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> March 3.50pm - 6.50pm
Miss Bailey	Attenborough Class	Day 1 Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 4.30pm - 7.30pm	Day 2 Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> March 4.00pm - 6.30pm

I will also be available throughout all the evenings should you wish to meet with me. Thank you.

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**Over Due Library Books** - You may find in your child's book bag a slip regarding OVERDUE Library books; be a wise owl and ensure you return any that you may have at home after Half Term. Thank you



**3. Behaviour- well-being and safety**

**Emergency numbers** - *Please ensure we can access your emergency numbers* if your child is poorly in school. There are some parents that we just can't get hold of when your child needs you to care for them. *Please ensure your numbers are kept up to date* – check with the office if your number has changed since September 2016. We spend a lot of time ringing parents who are not available therefore to save time and efforts, we have reviewed our policy on reporting accidents and contacting parents when children are ill or had a minor accident/incident.



The following will now take place after half term:-

- If your child sustains an incident /accident and needs an ambulance we will carry on with our FIRST AID plans whether or not we can get hold of you. We will accompany all children to hospital in the ambulance.
- If your child is ill (e.g. with a high fever and needs medication) we will contact you.
- If your child sustains a head injury we will call you to inform you of their situation.
- If your child sustains a small cut/graze we will give them a FIRST AID STICKER to wear to alert you and a first aid slip detailing the incident for them to put in their book bag - please check your child's book bag every evening. We will not ring for every minor incident; your child will come home with a RED slip (see below a similar version) detailing the incident.
- For children with medication conditions well known to us; those plans will remain unchanged.



**RED SLIP** **Your child has received FIRST AID TODAY .....(Date)**

<b>Child's Name</b>	
<b>Year group</b>	
<b>First Aid details</b>	
<b>Advice</b>	
<b>Cold Compress applied</b>	<b>Yes/No</b>
<b>Plaster applied</b>	<b>Yes / No* circle</b>
<b>First Aider's Name</b>	

*Grateley Primary School - Any concerns please call 01264 889240*

We trust this makes sense to you. Any concerns about individual children please do call me.

**Rewards for children** - We have reviewed our reward system for children in school. We have planned the following rewards which will hopefully a)include more children receiving rewards more regularly b)also raise children's self-esteem c) encourage them to participate even more in school work and behave well!

- A Sticker saver will be given to every child; an A4 card on which to collect all their stickers
- A large golden star awarded for all children who go on the Paradise beach during the day
- A certificate for creating 'calm and peace' around the school will be awarded to those children who do just that!
- Stars of the week certificates will awarded to a boy and a girl in every year group
- Golden star pins will be awarded to children for much improved academic progress/achievement/special work undertaken/special attainment
- A STEP badge will be awarded to children for being polite and saying 'sorry', 'thank you', 'excuse me', 'please'.
- Weekly Golden time will be awarded to all for keeping all golden rules - 'Special mentions' and a sticker are given to children who deserve a special mention !
- A whole school treat awarded on a Friday, when the whole school i.e. all the children earn golden time without anyone missing it!

**Head Girl Head Boy** - We are also in the process of asking which children would like to stand for the very important post of Head Girl and Head Boy until July 2017. (Thereon after, a girl and boy (from the current Yr 5) will be voted for this special position in school and given this honour for the year). The pupils who wish to be put forward will be asked to write a short 50 word manifesto; the entire school will have the chance to read this and vote for their chosen person. The pupil with the most votes will win their category. We will inform you of the special pupils after half term.

**Parking** - Thank you for not parking on the bend, the bus driver tells me things are now easier. Please also remember not to park across neighbours drive ways in case they need to get out of their driveways in an emergency – our neighbours are important to us so please help us maintain positive relationships all round, thank you.

**Backpacks** – Please discourage your child from bringing large backpacks into school. We cannot fit these inside their lockers and left outside they are a fire hazard. Children just need: - a coat, a packed lunch container, a PE kit and their book bag - all these will fit into their lockers with ease. Thank you.



#### **4. Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural Education**

We have been learning about Fundamental British values and about the parliament and various London landmarks – I'm hoping to take the Yr 5 and Yr 6 children to London in the summer where we can look at these special places that guide and govern our land. All Yr 5 and Yr 6 parents are welcome to join us! I will let you know of the date ASAP.

We will be participating in RED NOSE DAY on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2017 – please send your child in with a £1.00 for this worthy cause! Children will be encouraged to wear spots!



**Friday  
24 March**



It's **World Book Day on Thursday 2nd March** and all children will be encouraged to dress up as a character from a book – please do have a think about what you could do! Please don't go to a lot of expense as it's the spirit of the occasion that counts! Watch out for Fantastic Mr Fox larking about!! Please bring £1 for an African book charity we hope to support!

<http://www.worldbookday.com/about/>

Please do send your children to my early morning running keep fit club on Tuesday and Thursdays from 8.10am to 8.30am. Please view these you tube films of the sort of things we do and maybe do some at home!

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L\\_A\\_HjHZxfI](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L_A_HjHZxfI) keep fit for kids

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OJ8L1DRB34E> keep fit for kids 2

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

We are really pleased with the progress we have made this term. The children are happy settled and working hard. The vast majority of children are achieving well and those who need support are receiving this. We have made good progress with behaviour, golden time, circle time and other listening systems and rewards, with new displays around the school and sport is a positive time for all. We have created new clubs before and after school. We are going from strength to strength.

#### **Dates for your diary**

**20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> February – Half Term**

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2017 SATs Evening for Yr 6 children and parents only 7pm-8pm**

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March – Parent questionnaire, feedback opportunity, to meet Mrs Cawthra 7pm-8pm**

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March – Helping your child read well! Mrs Cawthra 7pm - 8pm**

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

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

**10<sup>th</sup> April – 21<sup>st</sup> April – Easter Holidays**

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May – Bank Holiday**

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May – INSET Day school closed for children**

**29<sup>th</sup> May – 2<sup>nd</sup> June – Half Term**

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June – School Photographer – Class photos 1pm**

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July - INSET Day school closed for children**

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July – Summer holidays**

*Well done to our stars of recent weeks and this past fortnight!*

*Frankie Bissett*

*Jamie Gray*

*Tai Roome*

*Eínay Ayres*

*Florence Johnson*



*Florence Bridges*  
*Ben Sutthery*  
*Imogen Bellamy*

Thought for the week - ‘

*‘Success is not final, failure is not fatal; it is the courage to continue that counts’ Sir Winston Churchill  
1874-1965.*

Have a wonderful half term holiday, rest and relax with your beautiful children. I hope the weather is kind. Safe journeys and we will look forward to seeing you all again on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2017.

Kind regards,

**Trudie Cawthra**

**Acting Head teacher**

“Be kind to one another”

#### **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.