

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

24th March 2017

Dear Parents,

1. Leadership and management

A word from the governors. "It is with great pleasure that we have appointed Mrs Rachel Dance to be our next Head teacher. Mrs Dance is an exceptional teacher and leader and will ensure Grateley School grows from strength to strength. Mrs Dance and Mrs Cawthra will work closely together over the summer term to ensure a smooth transition. Mrs Dance will have the opportunity to learn about every child and all new procedures put in place this year. She will start on 1.9.17 and Mrs Cawthra's last day will be 25th July. We welcome Mrs Dance and look forward to working with her.

The School was visited by our Leadership and Learning Partner (LLP) last week as part of our overall development. He gave a very good report on the school, highlighting the high standard of teaching across all year groups, significant improvements in behaviour and strong learning environment. I would like to pass on our thanks to all the staff for their continued commitment and professionalism.

A reminder that 'Ground Force' gardening day to tidy up the school garden is on 1st April. We are meeting at 9am till 12.00 noon, please bring your own gardening tools – morning refreshments and cakes will be available! Looking forward to seeing you there!" - Amelia Bridges, School Governor



Please feel welcome to **inform us if you are planning to leave our school**, for whatever reason. While we hate to say goodbye to any of our children, we do understand that family commitments sometimes entail moving away from the locality. We also have a number of children on a waiting /consideration list and we need to let other parents know if you no longer require a place here.

Gaining information from school quickly and efficiently

If you would like to be part of the distribution list to receive emails and regular information updates about the school, please email into the school office your email address and Mrs. McNair will compile a distribution list. Mrs McNair will endeavour to always BLIND copy everyone at any given time, however, we do ask that highly personal emails are not used for this purpose as, in the rush and bustle of school life, we cannot always guarantee to blind copy. Any error of this nature, may become a data protection issue and therefore we respectfully ask that only emails you don't mind others knowing of, are used/given to us.



Please note our Day closures for 2017-18. Governors have agreed these. We have to tagged them on to school holidays .

4th September 2017
20th October 2017
4th and 5th January 2018
25th May 2017

2. **Teaching and Learning** – this continues to be very good indeed!!

Science Day! The children loved our science day when we organised six different science workshops for all children (grouped in mixed age ranges). The children loved to learn about catapults, water filtration, solar ovens, balloon rockets, eggs dropping from a great height and a crime scene! My special thanks to all teachers for organising this and gathering additional materials to make the day go so well and to a governor and a parent for their help.

RE Day! We are holding another similar day but with the main focus on religious education. Children will learn about the four major world religions and their festivals at this time of year. This will take place during the day on Friday 7th April. Please do step forward if you can lend a hand that day.

Parents' Information Evenings – repeat sessions

*We rearranged the Prevent /Sexual Exploitation evening on Tuesday 25th April 2017. Please do come along to learn more.
Miss Knights will hold a KS1 SATs evening on Monday 24th April 2017 – 6pm to 7pm in Darwin class.*

Well done to our stars of recent weeks!

Year R - Nula Lister and Jude Butler

Year 1 Joshua Young and Kenzi Lockey

Year 2 Jacob Stewart and Abigail Pinnock

Year 3 Joseph Ridgeway and Amelia Hopson

Year 4 Cian Killick and Seren Shields

Year 5 James Charlott and Amita Andrews

Year 6 Ethan Standfield and Imogen Bellamy



STEP (Sorry/Thankyou/Excuse me /Please) badges – Nula Lister and Jamie Gray

Class newsletters for this half term are available to view on the website under the relevant class page. We are no longer sending out paper copies of these newsletters; however you are welcome to request a paper one or collect one from the school office notice board.

Parents' evenings – a chance for you to meet your child's teacher and discuss your child's progress and learning behaviours. These will take place during the week beginning Monday 27th March 2017. The "sign up" sheets are available for you to fill in your date and time preferences. Alternatively, you can also call the office and we will put times on the sheets for you.

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

Thank you for all your updated Emergency Contact details sheets. This has really helped us review our systems and ensure all numbers are up to date. Brilliant work! Thank you everyone!

A polite reminder **PLEASE DO NOT PARK** outside the front of the school, particularly opposite the old shop as this is **restricting access for emergency service vehicles** going up and down the High Street. There is parking available at The Plough pub both in the morning and after school. Thank you for your co-operation, this ensures everyone remains safe.

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

The Giant Sing was an amazing experience, all the children loved the occasion and were inspired by the dancing and singing of the Yr 7 and Yr 8 children from local secondary schools, it was a terrific performance and everyone had a brilliant time. Thank you to our wonderful children for their impeccable behaviour and being such a pleasure to take out.

A message from Hampshire transport service – 'Changes to school travel bus service -Please be advised that the application process for School Transport has changed.

Parents now apply for transport through the online Transport Portal and should not be completing paper forms.



Please follow the link below which will take you to our website which will provide you with information on eligibility and the link to the application portal:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/schooltransport/apply>

5. **Overall effectiveness** – We had a monitoring visit from the Local Authority by our Learning and Leadership Partner (LLP) Mr. Andy Yeoman; this went exceptionally well.

The children's work is of a high standard and the teachers provide interesting and stimulating activities for them in all classes. Safeguarding is always high on our agenda and we have maintained and improved on good practice that has gone before. Behaviour is good and children care deeply about their learning.

Children and staff feel proud to work here – there was a tangible sense of pride! Governors joined us and gave their views and understanding of the school. Teaching is strong across the school and behaviour has improved; we have a strong learning environment, inside and out. We are all delighted with this outcome and I thank all our fantastic teachers, teaching assistants and other staff for all their hard work, devotion and enthusiasm. The children are the best in the world. Well done everyone. I am so proud of you all.



A message from catering manager, Donna Pinnock. “Due to quality issue HC3S have temporarily removed roast beef from the school menu. As a result, pork or chicken will be substituted until further notice. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.”



Thank you to all of you for helping raise a grand total of £179.41 for Red Nose Day. A very impressive amount to raise from a small school. Thank you!

Thought for the week - 'Live each day to the full'

Websites of the week – try ...

internetmatters.org (online safety information)

theschoolrun.org (everything to support parents with school at school)

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.

Dates for your diary – Stick this sheet on your fridge! ☺

<p>Monday 27th March – Yr 6 Open discussion evening for Yr 6 children and parents with Miss Bailey, Mr Holmes and Mrs Cawthra on the theme of “Growing up” Yr 6 only.</p>	
<p>Monday 27th March 2017 (week beginning) Parents’ evenings</p>	
<p>School gardening - Ground Force Day 9-12noon - see you there!!</p>	
<p>Tuesday 4th April – Dance Performance – Year 3 / 4 - Details to follow</p>	
<p>Wednesday 5th April – After school Drama club – performance. Seats from 4pm. To start at 4:10pm.</p>	
<p>Thursday 6th April – After school Dance Show – Details to follow</p>	
<p>10th April – 21st April – Easter Holidays</p>	
<p>Monday 24th April – KS1 SATs evening – 6pm-7pm</p>	
<p>Tuesday 25th April - Radicalisation/Prevent duty/Exploitation/ Safety training with Mrs Cawthra 7pm-8pm **repeat session</p>	
<p>Monday 1st May – Bank Holiday</p>	
<p>Monday 15th May Yr. 5 / 6 school visit to Portsmouth! We hope to visit the Mary Rose, The Warrior, and HMS Victory Ships in Portsmouth Dockyard!</p>	
<p>Friday 26th May – INSET Day school closed for children</p>	
<p>29th May – 2nd June – Half Term</p>	
<p>Thursday 15th June – School Photographer – Class photos 1pm</p>	
<p>Monday 24th July – Special last day for Children. Leavers’ Service in church AM and Picnic at Danebury Ring PM Tuesday 25th July - INSET Day school closed for children</p>	
<p>Wednesday 26th July – Summer holidays begin</p>	