

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

7th April 2017

Dear Parents,

1. **Leadership and management**

A Word from the Governors

Another term has flown past and lots more has been achieved by staff and children. The Science and R.E. Days were huge successes with everyone getting involved. It was a lot of extra work for the staff so a big thank you to them. Also thank you to those parents who helped in the garden tidy up. Your help means that we can use the money on more resources for the children, rather than on grounds maintenance contracts.

Next term the focus for the Governors and the Head teacher will be planning the budget for the next academic year, which will take into account the changes to funding outlined by the Government recently. We also have some work planned with the new Head teacher, Mrs Dance, to help her get to know the school and prepare for starting in September.

Finally we sadly say good bye to Miss Copeland this week. She has been an amazing addition to the school and we have been so lucky to benefit from her enthusiasm, imagination and team spirit, not to mention her high standards of teaching. *On behalf of the Governing Body and the parents, a huge thank you Miss Copeland, for everything you have done for the school over the last year. We will all really miss you, but wish you every success in your next school.*

Happy Easter and enjoy the break. Amelia Bridges.

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

4th September 2017

20th October 2017

4th and 5th January 2018

25th May 2017

2. **Teaching and Learning** – We have had a very exciting two weeks with Bear Class doing some amazing learning around story telling of traditional tales.

Darwin and Bear class had a wonderful day at Marwell Zoo and Darwin children have had a good time exploring all the animals in our world. Adamson class have been learning of the Roman era.

Attenborough have been learning what the Victorians did for us and all the amazing facts of that age.

Today we had RE day; a workshop of activities associated with Easter festivals, Holi and Christianity activities was celebrated by KS1 as they went to the field, where they enjoyed beautiful spring weather. KS2 learned of the Pascal Candle (please be careful when lighting these on Saturday, children!), a discussion about forgiveness and belief; and humanitarian approaches to a tree being a symbol of new life and decorating Easter crosses. The children loved this and have some interesting discussion points.

Parents' Information Evenings – repeat sessions Please do come along to learn more.

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

Parents' evenings – these went well. We were delighted to meet you all and share with you your child/ren's progress and achievements. It is always a special time when we can set goals for your children and learn from each other further ways to support them.

3. Behaviour - well-being and safety



Parking - we respectfully ask that you refrain from parking on the bend outside school as the coach cannot get round.

Keeping safe - Lily – a pupil from Mountbatten School visited to talk about Anti bullying and keeping safe at school particularly secondary school.

4. **Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural Education** – the children all received a booklet from Vanessa the Vicar on Thursday all about the Easter Story!

5. **Overall effectiveness** – School is going really well. We look forward to the summer term when we have more adventures planned for the children.



***Thought for the week** – 'God loves each of us as though there were only one of us' Saint Augustine*

Websites of the week – try ...

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xlg052EKMt4>

Cosmic kids Yoga for children – our running group have enjoyed these during the colder mornings!

Call of duty – the dangers of playing games that are too old for children – please also read the links in this article

<https://humanrightswarrior.com/2012/12/29/call-of-parental-duty-part-iii-this-is-your-brain-on-video-games/>

Kind regards, have a wonderful Easter time with your lovely children!

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! ☺

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