

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

28th April 2017

Dear Parents,

1. Leadership and management

'Parent View' - Your views are important to us and we need you to support our school by giving your positive views about the school on Parent View, which is an OFSTED on-line parent questionnaire for all parents and carers. Your views help us to develop and improve as a school and give us an indication of your ideas. With an OFSTED inspection imminent, we really need your views to be pertinent and up to date.

Mrs Rachel Dance the New Head teacher starting in September 2017 - We look forward to working closely with Mrs Dance, our new head teacher, who will want to meet you all soon. Mrs Cawthra and Mrs Dance are working closely together to ensure Mrs Dance is up to speed on every child. Thank you. Amelia Bridges – Governor

Parent information board - We are currently in the process of creating a new "Parents Corner" Board in the reception area with current news, hard copies of newsletters and information for your perusal.

2. Teaching and Learning – Mr Yeoman our 'School Improvement Partner' is delighted with a recent visit when he observed the following good teaching and learning

1. There is a Positive learning environment throughout school, both promoting and celebrating learning inside and outside classrooms.
2. Good teaching observed in all classrooms – evidence of appropriate levels of challenge/small group teaching/effective support from TAs – for all abilities.
3. The vast majority of pupils display very positive learning behaviours – noticeable improvement since September 2016.
4. Learning walls and classroom materials are used well to support learning
5. Pupils display high levels of resilience in all classes – they clearly enjoy their learning and rise to a challenge
6. There is a clear sense of pride throughout the school – Pupils, Staff and Governors are clearly proud of Grateley School.

3. Behaviour, welfare and safety - Keeping your child safe online

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/>

Please be aware that the **Musical.ly app and the **Snapchat** app both have an age restriction of 13. It has been brought to our attention that several children may have these applications on electronic devices.**

It has been identified that a SELF HARMING on line GAME called **Blue Whale** encourages young people to self-harm for 50 days and then commit suicide on the last day. Young people carve a whale on their forearm. We understand it originates in Russia, and that there have been increased numbers of suicide in Russia and already two completed suicide incidents in Hampshire and two near misses. From Solent NHS Trust.

All staff have undertaken new safeguarding training, keeping your children safe at all times is of the most paramount importance to us all.

4. Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural Education –

Golden time (Thursday afternoons) Summer term until half term Thursday afternoons 2.15pm to 3.00pm

Mrs Woodhead	Pond nature
Mrs Cawthra and Mr. Shields	Sports
Miss Knights	Modelling
Mrs. Allonby	Film Club
Mrs Gray and Mrs Baysting	Art/crafts
Miss Bailey	Gardening

Before and after - school clubs – (please complete and return the slip below)

<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>When</u>
Mrs Neilson	Mindfulness/relaxation	Monday lunchtimes 12.30-1.00pm
Mrs Cawthra	Running/yoga/keep fit	Tuesday and Thursday mornings 8.10-8.40am
Mrs Allonby	Reading	Wednesdays 3.30-4.30pm
Mrs Tunnicliffe	Homework	Wednesdays 3.30-4.30pm
Miss Knights	Film club	Thursdays 3.30-4.30pm
Miss Bailey	Wellbeing	Thursdays 3.30-4.30pm
Mrs Woodhead	Chess/draughts	Thursdays 3.30-4.30pm

5. Overall effectiveness –

The first week back has gone really well. Class newsletters will be available on the website next week for your perusal.

Attenborough class have trips to look forward to this Summer term going to Portsmouth Dockyard and the Museum of Army Flying in Wallop. Details will follow.

Thought for the week - "Value and appreciate NATURE - animals, wild flowers and trees all we have left!" Anon.

Websites of the week – <https://www.parentsprotect.co.uk/>

Kind regards, Had a wonderful May Bank Holiday 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! 😊

Please Note:- our next Day closures for 2016 – 2017 are Friday 26th May 2017 and Tuesday 25th July 2017













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

4th June 2018 ****(Please note change as last date printed was a typo, I apologise for any inconvenience caused!)

Monday 1st May – Bank Holiday	
Yr 6 SATS 8 th ,9 th ,10 th ,11 th May Throughout May yr2 children will also be undertaking SATS exams Good luck to all the children taking exams!	
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	
Friday 16 th June – Father's Day tea and cake – 2:00 – 3:30pm ALL Dads welcome!	
Saturday 1 st July – School Fete. Lots of great fun for all the family. Held in the grounds of Grateley House School. Please contact Shelley Kellers if you are able to help in any way.	
Friday 21 st July Picnic Lunch at Danebury Ring 10am to 2pm Flying our kites (previously made in school)	
Monday 24 th July – Special sports day for Children from 9am – 2.00pm Leavers' Service at 2.00pm in the school hall.	
Tuesday 25th July - INSET Day school closed for children	
Wednesday 26th July – Summer holidays begin	

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My child's name: _____

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Miss Knights	Film club Film titles – <i>Monster vs Aliens (PG)</i> <i>Barnyard (PG)</i> <i>Horton Hears a Who! (U)</i>	Thursdays 3.30-4.30pm	
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Film club – Two of the planned films have a PG rating so only book your child into film club if you give your permission for them to watch all of these films.

Signed:- _____

Date:- _____