

Grateley Primary School

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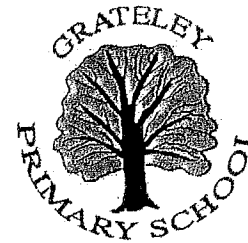
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"Respect ~ Friendship ~ Peace"

Resilience, Resourcefulness, Reflectiveness, Relationships.

Keeping parents informed of the School's new events and important information

Tuesday 16th May 2017

Dear Parents,

1. Leadership and management

The SATS for KS2 went really well last week. The children worked extremely hard and we are very proud of them all. As a "well done" treat from the school, Yr 6 enjoyed a swimming visit to Romsey Rapids .

KS1 children still have a bit longer time in which to complete all their SATs and again, the children have worked incredibly hard. Their resilience has been remarkable and we are very pleased and proud of all their efforts.

My special thanks to all staff for their unwavering support and care through this special time for the school.

Day Closure Friday 26th May 2017 – No school for children!

Mrs Dance the New Head teacher will be visiting our school again on Wednesday 28th June. You will have a chance to meet her at 6pm to 7pm that evening if you would like to. Mrs Dance will be available to answer questions and to start to get to know everyone within the school community. All most welcome for this special evening!

Annual reports of your Child's achievements will go out to parents on Friday 14th July 2017.

We have some new dates to share with you – these are added to our term at a glance sheet at the bottom of this letter

- **Queen Elizabeth's Sapphire Jubilee Day - Friday 9th June** - please come to the school field (weather permitting for a family picnic) and fun WEAR BLUE! The children will be given a delightful Sapphire Jubilee pin badge as a memento of this special occasion. All welcome.
- **Class Photos** – Thursday 15th June all day!
- **Father's Day in school** – Friday 16th June! All Dads welcome at 2pm until 3.30pm! Refreshments will be available and a chance to play some football or rugby with the children - an exciting opportunity for those who wish to join us.
- **Camo day Friday 23rd June** please dress your child in camouflage clothes and pay a £1 to support Armed Forces Week. Please do support this amazing event.
- **CHANGE OF DATE!!!!!! School Fete SATURDAY 15th July** in the grounds of Grateley House School at 12noon. All welcome! Please come and support this magnificent event in aid of school PTA. **MUFTY day on 14th July – Non uniform day - please send your child in with a bottle for the tombola or a cake!!**

2. **Teaching and Learning** You should now have access to the classes' curriculum overviews for parents which describe the topics and programmes of study for your child/ren over the next half term.
3. **Behaviour, welfare and safety - Keeping your child safe online**
 - Please make note of this second reminder that :- Call of Duty (18 years)– 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.
 - Solent NHS Trust have issues the following warning
"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".
 - All staff have undertaken new safeguarding training, keeping your children safe at all times is of the most paramount importance to us all.
 - School staff are also updating their First Aid training in order to keep all children safe.

Collecting your child arrangements

PLEASE INFORM US IF...

You are collecting your child and not wanting them to go on the bus

PLEASE INFORM US if you want someone else to collect your child instead of the normal person / you.

Unless we know of any changes **WE WILL NOT LET YOUR CHILD GO WITH SOMEONE ELSE!** **PLEASE** help keep our children safe by keeping us informed at all times. Thank you.

If you want to leave us a message ... We have a new message system in the office now so if the desk is unmanned because we are dealing with a child, you can write a message for someone in school and post it in the post-box provided. The post-box will be emptied once a day at 4pm.

Behaviours for learning Fewer children are now missing Golden Time, although we still have some children who persist in interrupting learning and being openly defiant. Please encourage your children to do as they are told the first time and not to interrupt teachers in school thank you. Our worship times are calm and peaceful and more children are learning to join in with celebration songs we have learnt. All children are familiar with our special school values of Respect, Friendship and Peace.

Several children have really turned a corner with their personal behaviours in school and we are delighted and proud of these children. *Well done children – you know who you are! You are golden!*



4. **Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural Education** – In worship, the children have been learning about London and important other cities of culture whilst studying fundamental British Values (FBV). Also Yr 5 and Yr 6 are visiting Portsmouth on Monday 15th May in support of FBVs and History. We hope they have a wonderful day! Yr 5 and Yr 6 are also visiting the Army Flying museum on **21st June** as part of their study of their 'Courage to Soar' topic (an introduction to flight!)
5. **Overall effectiveness** – We are all looking forward to the summer term with enthusiasm and excitement. There is much planned for and hopefully the children will all have a wonderful time as we hurtle towards the summer holidays. Please see our calendar below and read the rest of this newsletter for updates.

Road Safety Please remember; not to park on the bends around the roads of the school. Please also remember to drive slowly around school as children are small and cannot always be seen. I ask this to prevent accidents and children being hurt. Thank you.

We have organised for the **Bike Road Safety day** to teach our Yr 5 and Yr 6 children about road safety when out and about on their bikes. The children will need to **bring their bikes into school on Wednesday 14th June for the day**. This will be organised by Miss Bailey and me.

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!)

Friday 26th May – INSET Day school closed for children	
29th May – 2nd June – Half Term	
Queen Elizabeth's Sapphire Jubilee Friday 9 th June 2017 2pm to 3pm Weather permitting a BLUE party (Please can we all wear Blue!) and games in the school field from 2pm to 3pm then walking back for 3.30pm collection. Every child will be presented with a sapphire pin badge as a memento of this special day.	
Bike and Road safety Day for Yr 5 and Yr 6 – Bring your bike into school and Cycle helmet 14 th June 2017	
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!	
Friday 23 rd June Forces CAMO Day children to wear camouflage clothes and bring a £1 for Armed Forces Week www.ssafa.org.uk/fundraise/camo-day	
NEW DATE!!! Saturday 15 th 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	

Please note that I am out of school from 17th May until 25th May. If you have any issues that cannot wait for my return, please see the deputy head teacher Miss Allonby or one of our excellent governors.

Thought for the week - 'If a child lives with honesty and fairness, they learn what truth and justice are.'

Websites of the week – www.ssafa.org.uk/fundraise/camo-day

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.