

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

Monday 12th June 2017

Dear Parents,

1. Leadership and management

Our new chair of Governors

Following the recent resignation of Lorna Ward as Chair of Governors, the Governors have voted for their new Chair who is now Amelia Bridges. We would like to thank Lorna Ward for all her hard work over the past 18 months or so as Chair. Lorna has been fantastic and really helped the school improve. Also we would like to thank David Shields who has stepped into Lorna's shoes when she went on maternity leave. Lorna will remain a governor. David has been a superb Acting Chair and worked very successfully alongside the other Governors, in particular Amelia Bridges.

We have a really good team of committed and experienced Governors now; they have been a tremendous support to me whilst I have been here at Grateley. I know the school will continue to grow from strength to strength as they all work tirelessly to help and support the new head teacher Mrs Rachel Dance, and the rest of the school team. We have also successfully appointed a new Co-opted Governor who is John Norman.

Saying goodbye to Mrs Pinnock

It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to Donna Pinnock our wonderful school cook on Friday 9th June. Donna has worked here with us for four years and we will miss her cheerful, wonderful ways hugely. We gave her some flowers, cards and a necklace with a tree symbol on it and a bracelet. Thank you for your contributions to this gift – she was thrilled with it all. We thank you Donna, for all your love, care and support to us all. We wish you well in your new ventures. Our new cook will be Jo Titakova and the children will know her at Mrs Jo or Jo.

Key Stage 1 SATs Results

We are delighted with our KS 1 SATs results as all the children did really well. All children tried really hard and have made excellent progress. My special thanks to Miss Knights particularly, for your inspirational teaching and Mrs Kingston and Mrs Gray for their hard work. We also had our results checked and moderated by County moderators today and so now feel very vindicated that we, in particular Miss Knights, are correct in our assessment of progress. Miss Knights was praised for her attention to detail, her record keeping and the thought she puts into ensuring her children are really engaged in their learning. This is fantastic news and an exceptional outcome. Well done everyone in KS1!

Phonics Testing

Next week the Year 1 children will undergo their Phonics test - we wish them well with this.

DON'T FORGET Camo day Friday 23rd June please dress your child in camouflage clothes and pay a £1 to support Armed Forces Week – please see internet link below.

Please note our 5 Day Closures for 2017-18. Governors have agreed these. We have tagged them on to school holidays.

1. **Monday 4th September 2017**
2. **Friday 20th October 2017**
3. **Thursday 4th January 2018**
4. **Friday 5th January 2018**
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Last day of school will be Friday 20th July 2018.

1. Teaching and Learning

The Gallery

"We are very excited to invite you to an exhibition of our Children's Artwork on Friday 7th July from 3pm to 4.30pm. The children are currently working on some amazing animal-themed art work in school; these pictures will be professionally mounted, framed and catalogued, and will be displayed on special boards, allowing you to stroll around our real "art gallery" in our school hall. Your child's framed picture will be available for sale at a cost of £8 (cash only please) providing you with an opportunity to take home a lasting memento or perhaps a gift for a family member. The professionally framed pictures will look wonderful. There is no obligation to buy, however funds raised will go towards new Art materials for our children, so please come along and help make this event special. If you can't attend the exhibition but would like to purchase your child's framed artwork, please complete and return the reply slip at the end of this letter and return it to the school office along with payment of £8 per picture, either before the exhibition or as soon as possible after. Thank you." from Mrs Tunnicliffe.

Year 5 visit

Some of our Year 5's have the opportunity to go to John Hanson Community School to participate in a sports event. More details will follow.

Moving up day

This will take place on Wednesday 28th June in the morning when the children will visit their new teacher in their new classroom and learn about the new routines for September 2017.

Class	Teacher	Teaching Assistants
Bear Class (Year R)	Mrs Woodhead	not required
Darwin Class (Year 1/2)	Miss Knights	Mrs Kingston (Monday Tuesday and Wednesdays) and Mrs Gray (Thursday and Fridays)
Adamson Class (Year 3/4)	Mrs Allonby and Mrs Tunnicliffe	Mrs Bennett
Attenborough Class (Year 5/6)	Miss Bailey	Mrs Baysting

2. Behaviour, welfare and safety

Rail Safety

It is really important we teach our children how to stay safe around railways and at train stations and this is particularly relevant to our children who are lucky to have Grateley train station in their local village so nearby. Key rules for children to remember:-

1. Never climb over or through a fence by the side of the railway tracks.
2. Never climb on a bridge over the railway tracks.
3. Never play with a ball or any other toy on a railway station platform.
4. Never play with a kite or balloon near electric cables over the railway tracks.
5. Never throw stones at a train or put anything on the railway tracks.

<http://www.juniorcitizen.org.uk/kids/railsafety/>

3. Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural Education and Fundamental British Values

General election vote in school

During our collective Worship, the children have been learning about democracy and the voting system in our country and the general election. To coincide with the general election, child friendly manifestos were produced and shared with the children to help them

understand what the different parties were proposing. We then held a mini-election in school yesterday, where all the children were given a voting paper (if they wanted to) We talked about choice and the importance of voting ; overall we voted the following outcomes :-

- Conservatives 46 votes
- Labour 26 votes
- Green party 15
- Liberal Democrats 3 votes

This was a super experience for the children; they all listened intently and responded with mature and interesting questions. We all really enjoyed the experience and learned a great deal. My only challenge was to then explain to the children what happened in the real election this morning. Not an easy task!

We celebrated the Queen's Sapphire Jubilee - 65 years on the British Throne by everyone wearing blue in honour of the Queen Elizabeth II. We watched a film clip of her work over the years and her family events. We all had some cake and the adults enjoyed tea in our school hall. Please enjoy the film clip we watched.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0lcoTwZ-dl0>



Thought for the week - 'The classroom within is where the true learning takes place' (Samantha Storsberg)

Websites of the week – <http://www.nationwide.co.uk/guides/news/articles/2017/05/explaining-an-election-to-kids>

Kind regards,

Trudie Cawthra

Acting Head teacher - "Be kind to one another" and "Just keep swimming!"

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 Amelia Bridges

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 Tuesday 25th July 2017

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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.	
Thursday 20 th July PM – Goodbye party to Trudie ☺ ☺ more details to follow from Mrs Allonby!	
Friday 21 st July Picnic Lunch at our School Field - 10am to 2pm Flying our kites (previously made in school) Please note changed location	
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	
Monday 4 th September – School opens Training day for staff - Day Closure for children	
Tuesday 5 th September - Children return for lessons	
Wednesday 6 th September – New Yr R children begin part-time – information about this has been sent out separately to those parents concerned.	

Reply – slip Children’s Gallery Art Work

If you cannot attend the event, please complete this slip and return to the school office

Name of Child Class.....

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Payment Enclosed: Your Name in capitals: