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"Respect ~ Friendship ~ Peace"

Resilience, Resourcefulness, Reflectiveness, Relationships.

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

Friday 28th July 2017

Dear Parents,

I am sorry this newsletter is later than expected.

1. Leadership and management

From the Chair of Governors

Another year done and yet again so much has been achieved by the children and staff. Congratulations to all Years 1, 2 and 6 for their fantastic Phonics and SATs results, and a massive thank you to Miss Knights and Ms Bailey who worked so hard to teach and prepare them for the tests. Also thank you to all parents and carers for their support and help throughout the year. The school really could not deliver what it does without everything you put in. And we must not forget a big thank you to the PTA, led by Mrs Kellers, who work tirelessly behind the scenes raising money for the School and our children.

It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to 3 members of staff at the end of the academic year. Mrs Holland leaves us to take up teacher training and Mrs Neilson is posted to Yorkshire with her husband. They have been great additions to the school; we thank them and wish them the very best of luck with their future career.

As you will all know, we also say goodbye to Mrs Cawthra who has been an outstanding interim Head Teacher. The developments in the school, both pastorally and academically, have been fantastic and we are indebted to her for her commitment, energy, experience and care for everyone in the School. She moves on to another interim Headship within the County but I am sure she will stay in touch. From all of us - an enormous thank you and good luck.

All that is left to say is have a lovely, relaxed summer break. We look forward to seeing you in again September when I know Mrs Dance is looking forward to meeting you all and starting her tenure of Grateley. Happy Holidays! - Amelia Bridges

Miss Bailey's news **

We have found out this week the delightful news that Miss Bailey is expecting her third child in January 2018. Miss Bailey is expected back to school as usual in September 2017 and further plans will be communicated to you in due course. Please see additional letter outlining staff changes on our website.



Change of name

Mrs Tunnicliffe has requested we use her maiden name from September 2017 and is to be known as Miss Forsyth*.

2. Teaching and learning

The Golden Mile initiative aims to increase the amount of time each day pupils in schools by walking, jogging or running around a measured distance (the Golden Mile Track) within the safety of the school grounds. We took four children to this event to promote both the educational and health benefits of taking part in The Golden Mile. We met Gold Olympic Medallist Helen Richardson-Walsh MBE at the Energise Me Golden Mile Festival; Helen was joined on the stage by



Dr Tim Cotton, from NHS West Hampshire Clinical Commissioning group who promoted the benefits of being physically active. This event was held in partnership with Winchester City Council on Tuesday 11 July.

Next year we hope to do the Golden Mile in school, which will provide us with greater access to physical activity the wider gains of regular activity with improved health benefits, improved classroom behaviour and concentration levels, team work and leadership.

SPORTS day

We had a wonderful time and all children thoroughly enjoyed themselves this morning. After a wet weekend, the weather was ideal. Thank you to all the parent helpers who worked hard to make this special event such a success for everyone. The winning house was Oxford. Well done all children for taking part and giving your best.



Behaviour, safety, health and well-being

We had a wonderful time at the school field on Friday 21st July flying our homemade kites. The children had worked hard making them and we did at least manage to fly them in spite the threat of rain! It was a wonderful moment to see 90 children flying them. Please view our pictures on the school website. It was an exhilarating time; I thanked goodness for the windy conditions which enabled us the entire school to fly the kites well!

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

We have had the delightful pleasure of Miss Cavill helping on work experience in Yr. R. She has been a huge help to Mrs Woodhead and the children have enjoyed her cheerful smiling face in the mornings.

The children sang beautifully on Thursday 23rd July at my Leaving Party. It was a joy to listen to them. They were absolutely wonderful!

We all wish the Yr 6 children all the very best as they leave us to venture onto their next stage in formal education. They have been an amazing Yr 6 and we have loved having them all in school. To our brilliant children – have a wonderful time - stay safe and be happy!



Thought for the week –

‘What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us’ - Ralph Waldo Emerson

Books of the week -

‘Raising boys’ and ‘Raising girls’ by Steve Biddolph - available to borrow from school

Websites of the week – 101 things to do in the summer holidays with your children

<http://theboldlife.com/2008/12/101-things-to-do-with-children-on-holiday-break/>

Thank you

Thank you for this wonderful year with all your amazing children. I have loved their friendly, smiling happy faces. They have all worked so hard and been so good. I will miss your beautiful children beyond words. They are the best children in the world.

Thank you all who have cared and supported me. I really appreciate all your kindness. I will miss the daily interaction with you are the school gates and for all your thoughtful and considerate ways. It has been a lovely year for me personally when I have made good friends at this lovely school.

Thank you also for your most generous gifts and cards. I have been absolutely bowled over by your enormous generosity and love. You have amazed me. I was given a huge bouquet of flowers and a cut glass crystal vase, some ballet tickets for ‘Matthew Bourne’s Cinderella’, chocolates and wine as well as cards and individual presents from many children –thank you all.

I wish this wonderful school such success love and happiness. I know Mrs Dance will be amazing for you all and I wish her and you all the best as this school goes from strength to strength.

**Kind regards,
Trudie Cawthra**

Acting Head teacher - “Love is the answer”

The year 6 had a lovely leaver's service –sadly the music was unable to be played therefore I have included some links here

Yr 6 walking in music - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cVinrBnAWt4>

Yr 6 song - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jUe8uoKdHao>

Poppy's dance music - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VxNIIYdEleQ>

Walking out music <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RV-Z1YwaOiw>

Our Poem to the wonderful Year 6 children! - 'Life is an Assault Course'

Life is not a journey; it is not a roller coaster
It's not *that* simple but you need not be downhearted
There are highs and lows - and corkscrews;
there are backflips;
there are thrills . . .
But it doesn't bring you back to where you started.

Life is an assault course you will tackle quite uniquely
(Though there will be others with you on the path)
Don't worry what they're doing;
every course is different
And some just *look* like they had a head start.

Along the way, friends will drop out
- and new friends join in
Some make it look much easier than others
Some obstacles are *never meant to be tackled alone*
So face them with your teachers,
sisters,
brothers . . .

And we'll be there to help you; we will not let you fall
Our course will run beside yours for a while
We will lift you, throw you, catch you
by whatever we can grab!
Climb on us if it helps and makes you smile!

We will advise you when you ask us - and often when you don't
You're amazing; we get carried away
It isn't easy to keep quiet and watch you taking risks without us
Might be that challenge *one day comes your way!*

Every obstacle teaches something
and makes you stronger in some way
Enjoy the challenges (and rests) at your own pace . . .
It's a never-ending, twisting course (we never know how long)
Enjoy the fun; you do not always have to race.

You do not have to tackle every obstacle at once
You won't clear every challenge in one go
We've spent a lifetime scaling walls
and crawling through long tunnels
You'll work things out in ways we'll never know . . .

We're proud of you when you skip from one challenge to the next
We're proud when you try
and try and try
We'll love you the same in a terrible mess
Or when you're aiming for the sky.

Use your special gifts;
you're small - explore amazing places
(We're too big to squeeze in through that door)
You're an artist; find a way
That *no one's* seen before.

Laugh at your every mishap;
be distracted by wondrous beauty
And with confidence, choose whatever *you* choose to do
Gather love and ideas,

and believe in yourself
Like we'll always believe in you.

By Dr E. STACK (A friend of the school's)

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.

Day closures for 2017-18

1. Monday 4th September 2017
2. Friday 20th October 2017
3. Thursday 4th January 2018
4. Friday 5th January 2018
5. Monday 23rd July 2018 -

Dates for your diary – please note some slight changes

Tuesday 25th July - INSET Day school closed for children	
Wednesday 26th July – Summer holidays begin	
Monday 4th 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.	