

Grateley Primary School

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A school where every child becomes a lifelong learner and realises their potential.

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

Thursday 1st April 2021

Dear parents and carers,

I hope that this week you have found some time to enjoy some of the sunny weather; spring is certainly here! Despite all of the challenges in spring 1 and the start of spring 2, it has been a successful end to the spring term here at school. Once again, the children have returned to school with enthusiasm and resilience, which has had such a positive impact on their learning and progress. They continue to thrive and it has been a real joy to watch them enjoy their learning and being with each other again. The staff here at Grateley have once again risen to the challenge and ensured that they support the children, the parents and each other not only academically but emotionally as well. Thank you to you as well, I know that it has not been easy since January; sending your children back to school when there is uncertainty around the pandemic and all that that entails. Your continued support of the school and your child's learning is really appreciated- thank you.



**Congratulations to all of the children for exemplifying our core values of:
Teamwork, Respect, Enthusiasm and Excellence this week.**



This week the children have demonstrated all our core-learning values:

Teamwork: Collaborative work and play, both inside the classrooms and outside on the playground, have been observed by the teachers and myself.

Respect: Children have been taking turns, listening to others and sharing their thoughts and ideas.

Enthusiasm: The children have shown great engagement with their learning across all of the curriculum; from bug hunts to Roman days; tadpole releasing to Easter nest baking; lemon battery experiments to newspaper reporting and explanation writing to animal art.

Excellence: With only four days of the school week this week, the children have continued to focus and work really hard.

Well done team Grateley!

NHS Test and Trace

For the purposes of contact tracing staff, parents and carers need only inform the school of a positive case if the symptoms develop within 2 days of being on site. If symptoms develop after 2 days, you do not need to inform us directly but please do work with NHS contact and trace. This means that, if your child develops symptoms between Thursday 1st April and Saturday 3rd April and receives a positive PCR test result, that you contact us using an online form. The link to this is: https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=QLY0u193IkKuY6V5Z-33DVGpNeSyCxVGVrm_12ALYa5URE9XSTFRQIBXSk1VVkIzSjhCUFIWTRBUy4u

I am required to be on call for 6 days and so will be checking this form every day (11am and 4pm) up until Wednesday 7th April at 4pm. If I receive notification of a positive case where symptoms have occurred within 48 hours from today, I will use Parent Mail to communicate the required information to those who may be affected.





Today we say goodbye to Mrs. Owen. I would like to take this opportunity to thank her for her hard work over the last two terms. I am sure that you will join me in wishing her all the best in her new school.

We have also said goodbye to some of our military families over the past week who are moving to different areas of the country. We will miss you all. Good luck in your new adventures!



Congratulations to all of the children for their hard work this week.



Bear Class	Darwin Class	Adamson Class	Attenborough Class
<p>Bear class, this week you have created wonderful springtime paintings as part of your RE learning.</p> <p>Well done, this week you have been perfect painters!</p> 	<p>Darwin class, you have written some excellent explanation texts that linked to your science topic.</p> <p>Well done, this week you have been amazing authors!</p> 	<p>Adamson class, your Roman day today has been brilliant. You all looked like you were having fun travelling back to the Roman era! I really enjoyed watching your soldier formation session!</p> <p>Well done, this week you have been terrific time travellers!</p> 	<p>Attenborough class, you have written fantastic newspaper reports based on your key text 'Shackleton's Journey'.</p> <p>Well done, this week you have been brilliant reporters!</p> 

School Matters!



Attendance:

It is vital that children attend school regularly. We monitor children's attendance weekly to ensure that we are supporting all of our families and children; enabling them to attend school. Our expectation is that the children achieve an attendance percentage of 97% or above (which is above the Government expectation of 96%). In the current situation, if your child is not in school awaiting a test and result or has to self-isolate due to coronavirus their attendance will be monitored and measured differently.

Current attendance percentages are:

- Whole school:** 99%
- Bear Class:** 100%
- Darwin Class:** 97%
- Adamson Class:** 99%
- Attenborough Class:** 100%



Congratulations to

Everyone for coming back to school every day with a smile on your face!



Current House Points		
Cambridge	St. Andrews	Oxford
		
6,340	6,928	7,415





Dates for your diary



These dates can also be found on the school website.

Date	Activity
Thursday 1 st April	School Closes for Easter at 3:30pm
Friday 2 nd April to Monday 19 th April	EASTER HOLIDAY
Monday 19 th April	INSET DAY
Tuesday 20 th April	School opens for the summer term
Tuesday 27 th April	Parental Consultations (4-6pm)
Thursday 29 th April	Parental Consultations (4-6:15pm)
Monday 3 rd May	Bank Holiday (school closed)
Tuesday 4 th May	Parental Consultations (4-6pm)
Friday 28 th May	School closes for Half term at 3:30pm
Monday 31 st May to Friday 4 th June	HALF TERM
Monday 7 th June	INSET DAY
Tuesday 8 th June	School opens for summer 2
Friday 18 th June	Fire Service visiting Darwin class (rearranged from spring term due to national lockdown)
Friday 9 th July	Reports sent home
Friday 23 rd July	School closes for the summer holiday



Thank you to our fantastic PTA!

They have given every child in the school an Easter egg!

(We followed our secure COVID management system, quarantining the eggs for 48 hours in school, before distributing them.)

Happy Easter everyone!



If you have any questions, queries or concerns, please contact the school office to speak to either myself, your child's class teacher or the office team.

I hope that you all have an amazing Easter break. **We all look forward to welcoming the children and you back to school on Tuesday 20th April.**

Kindest regards,

R.Dance

Mrs R Dance
Head teacher



[Safeguarding Children at Grateley Primary School](http://www.hampshiresafeguardingchildrenboard.org.uk/professionals/)
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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 R Dance – Head Teacher
Miss D Knights – Class Teacher

Safeguarding Governor is:
Mrs Victoria Rutherford

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.

