

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

Friday 10th September 2021

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school. As always, the summer has flown by. I hope that you all had a fantastic time. The children have come back to school brilliantly and have started learning with great enthusiasm and determination.

Bear Class 2021-22



I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our youngest children to school. Miss Knights, Mrs Trevelyan and I have been amazed at how confidently and sensibly, the children have started their time with us. They are a real credit to all of their families. So a big welcome to: **Acacia, Henrik, Iris, Elissia, Marco, Oscar, Caliope, Samuel, Jasper, Felix, Freddie, Alexandra, Perrie, Peyton and Felix.**

Also a big welcome to the new children and families in Darwin and Adamson class that have started school this week. We are really looking forward to working with all of you and cannot wait to see all that you achieve.

Attendance



We will continue to monitor the children's attendance weekly. The government expectations for attendance continue as normal. The national expectation is 96% attendance across the year.

If you have any concerns or difficulties then please do not hesitate to contact the school office to make an appointment to see me.

School Council

Over the next two weeks, the children will be voting for Head boy and Head girl, new school councillors as well as house captains. When all the voting and counting has been completed, they will introduce themselves to you all.



Curriculum Update



Your child came home this week with this half terms class newsletter. This document can also be accessed via your child's class page on the school website, by navigating to the class page on the website and accessing the newsletter from the newsletter tab. The class teachers have also uploaded the Long Term Plans across all subjects to the front page of each class page on the website.

This half terms knowledge progression documents for each year group for the foundation subjects within the primary curriculum will be accessible on the website in the next few days. These pages will be updated each half term as we progress through the academic year and the taught curriculum.

If you would like hard copies of the above documents, or any school documents, please contact the school office.



Welcome from the Governing Body

The Board of Governors is delighted to see everyone back in school, and extends a warm welcome to all new pupils and their families. Mrs Dance and the staff continue to put the health and wellbeing of the children at the forefront of everything we do, so we would ask you to follow the guidance and direction provided to ensure that the school remains open throughout the school year.

We will provide an update on our focus for the year towards the end of this half term but if you have any questions, please direct them to Mrs Dance in the first instance. Finally, if anyone is interested in joining the Governing Body please let us know through the School Office. We can give you more information on what is involved in this rewarding role.
Amelia Bridges, Chair of Governors

GRATELEY PRIMARY SCHOOL BOARD OF GOVERNORS			
			
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Grateley becomes a Dojo school!



You will have received, via email on Wednesday of this week, a letter from Mrs Norman regarding a change to our positive behaviour incentives this year, as well as a copy of the updated and reviewed school positive behaviour policy.

The dojo points are going down brilliantly with the children! We have already seen the positive impact that they are having across the school; enabling us to congratulate every child whenever they are showing positive social and learning behaviours. If you have any questions

regarding this new element to our positive behaviour policy, please contact either your child's class teacher as a first point of contact or Mrs Norman via the school office.



A gentle reminder, that we request that children do not bring juice, carbonated or fizzy drinks into school. Please encourage your child to bring water in their bottles into school every day.



Thank you for your support in this matter.





**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: The children have come back to school including everyone and showing that there is no 'I' in team.

Respect: Through their words and actions, all of the children have shown great respect to their peers and adults.

Enthusiasm: The children have returned to school with smiles on their faces, eager to learn.

Excellence: Walking around the school, I have observed; perseverance, resilience and hard work across all ages and subjects.

Well done team Grateley!



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



Bear Class	Darwin Class	Adamson Class	Attenborough Class
<p>This week in Bear Class, the children have painted wonderful self-portraits to introduce themselves to the school.</p> <p><i>Well done, this week you have been amazing artists!</i></p> <p>★</p>	<p>This week in Darwin class, the children have been engaged and focussed in all subjects this week.</p> <p><i>Well done, this week you have been terrific learners!</i></p> <p>★</p>	<p>In class this week, Adamson class have been furthering their understanding of place value and the number system.</p> <p><i>Well done, this week you have been marvellous mathematicians!</i></p> <p>★</p>	<p>In class this week, Attenborough class have begun their journey into space! They have learnt about the different planets and created a time-line of space exploration.</p> <p><i>Well done, this week you have been awesome astronomers!</i></p> <p>★</p>

Current House Points		
St. Andrews	Oxford	Cambridge
101	99	81





Date	Activity
Wednesday 29 th September, Friday 1 st October, Tuesday 5 th October, Thursday 7 th October, Wednesday 13 th October, Thursday 14 th October	New year R 2022 open mornings (10 am to 11am) All information can be found on the school website under the tab Parents- New Year R 2022
Friday 22 nd October	School closes at 3:30pm for half term
Monday 25 th October to Friday 29 th October	Half Term
Monday 1 st November	INSET Day 3
Tuesday 2 nd November	School opens for Autumn 2
Weeks beginning the 22 nd and 29 th November	Parent Consultation Further information to be communicated in due course.
Friday 17 th December	School closes at 3:30pm for Christmas



Music Club

For 5-11 year olds - no prior experience required!
Games, activities, singing, playing and discovering new music.
Saturday mornings in term time at St Pauls Church & Community Centre, Smannell Road.

Apple Tree Rocks

For 7-12 year olds who play a rock instrument (guitar, bass, drums, voice) to a basic standard.
Play in a real rock band straight away and improve your instrumental and band skills!
Saturday mornings in term times at St Pauls Church & Community Centre, Smannell Road.

1 to 1 Lessons

For all ages (dependent on instrument)
Piano · Guitar
Violin · Singing
Cello · Music Theory
Lessons available weektays in Andover

Visit www.appletreemusic.co.uk for more details!

INSET DAYS 2021-2022
Monday 1 st November 2021
Monday 25 th April 2022
Monday 6 th June 2022

Anna Mullins our peripatetic music teacher will be continuing her lessons in school from next Thursday the 16th of September.

If you would like your child to start taking piano, violin or cello lessons, please contact the school office.

Anna has also started a new music club that takes place on a Saturday morning. Please see the information in the adjacent flyer to find out more.



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%).

Current attendance percentages are:

Whole school: 98%

Bear Class: 100%

Darwin Class: 100%

Adamson Class: 99%

Attenborough Class: 96%



Congratulations to
whole school

for brilliant attendance this week!



If you have any questions, queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact either myself, the office team or your child's class teacher via the school office.

I look forward to a fantastic year working with you all. Have a great weekend.

Kindest regards,



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.

