

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 8th October 2021

Dear Parents,

I hope that this week's newsletter finds you all well.

Black History Month

October is the month in which we recognise and celebrate the role that black people have had in history, both nationally and worldwide. Monday's assembly was a chance to reflect upon this annual event and to think about how we, in what can be an intolerant world sometimes, can be more tolerant ourselves creating a ripple effect of tolerance throughout the school, our families and the community. This month I have asked each class to find out about a black person in history who has had an impact on our world or our country. They will create a fact file and I will share them via the newsletter throughout the month of October.



It is with great sadness that I have to announce that, Mrs Kingston, one of our wonderful teaching assistants, will be retiring at the end of this half term. Mrs Kingston has been working at Grateley for 25 years. Her wealth of experience and knowledge will be sorely missed. We wish her all the best for her next adventure and we are sure that she will enjoy spending more time with her family.



**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: we have worked as one big team this week exemplifying tolerance in class and on the playground.

Respect: through tolerance of each other's likes, choices and opinions, we have shown respect throughout the week.

Enthusiasm: the children have tackled every learning task with a smile and resilience.

Excellence: during our staff meeting this week, we spent time looking at the work in children's maths books- it was evident that 100% effort was put into the maths tasks across the school.

Well done team Grateley!





Congratulations to all of those children who have reached their next Dojo milestone!

Across the school, 8,189 dojo points have been awarded!

Go Team Dojo!



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 been working hard to learn letter sounds in phonics.</p> <p><i>Well done, this week you have been amazing readers!</i></p> <p>★</p>	<p>This week in Darwin class, the children have been writing poems linked to their dragon theme. They have used adjectives and some children have challenged themselves to use similes.</p> <p><i>Well done, this week you have been perfect poets!</i></p> <p>★</p>	<p>In class this week, Adamson class have been writing wanted posters for their own story characters. They have used descriptive techniques brilliantly.</p> <p><i>Well done, this week you have been awesome authors!</i></p> <p>★</p>	<p>In class this week, Attenborough class have been composing and learning music linked to their space topic this half term.</p> <p><i>Well done, this week you have been magnificent musicians!</i></p> <p>★</p>

Current House Points		
St. Andrews	Oxford	Cambridge
1,281	1,383	1,302



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: 97.7%

Bear Class: 95 %

Darwin Class: 95%

Adamson Class: 97%

Attenborough Class: 99 %

★ Congratulations to *Attenborough Class* ★
for amazing attendance this week!





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
Monday 11 th October	PTA Bags to school collection
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
Friday 17 th December	School closes at 3:30pm for Christmas
Monday 25 th April	INSET Day 4
Monday 6 th June	INSET Day 5



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.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

kindest regards,

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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.

