

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 14th January 2022

Dear Parents,

I hope that this week's newsletter finds you all well. This week the children have had many exciting and engaging learning opportunities.



Working with Hampshire Library Service, we were able to give each class the fantastic opportunity to find out all about the children's author Smriti Halls. Smriti Halls is an award-winning, critically acclaimed children's author. Since her first picture book was published in 2012, she has been published in more than 30 languages worldwide. Her books include #1 bestseller *I Love You Night and Day*, *I'm Sticking with You*, *Elephant in My Kitchen* and most recently *Not That Pet!*

Smriti put together three videos for the children: a 15-minute video discussing her work and books, a short story video, followed by a further 30 minutes of their questions, which she kindly answered.

If you or your child would like to find out more about Smriti, please click on the link to her website:

<https://www.smriti.co.uk/>

Let us hope that this opportunity may have inspired some budding authors amongst our Grateley community.

COVID-19 UPDATE

Changes to the self-isolation period for those who test positive for COVID-19

From Monday 17 January, people who are self-isolating with COVID-19 will have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative with a lateral flow device (LFD) test on both day 5 and day 6 and they do not have a temperature. For example, if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to their education or childcare setting immediately on day 6. The

first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day. All test results should be [reported to NHS Test and Trace](#).

If the result of either of their tests is positive, they should continue to self-isolate until they get negative results from two LFD tests on consecutive days or until they have completed 10 full days of self-isolation, whichever is earliest. **Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests or anyone who continues to have a temperature will need to complete the full 10 day period of self-isolation.**





**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: working together to ensure that each classroom is a hive of learning.

Respect: being respectful of each other's differences.

Enthusiasm: actively listening in class and engaging in their learning.

Excellence: trying their best, even when it gets a bit tricky.



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 designing and building houses that the Big Bad Wolf cannot blow down.</p> <p align="center"><i>Well done, this week you have been amazing architects!</i></p> <p align="center"></p>	<p>This week in Darwin class, the children have started to learn how to play the recorder. They were brilliant for their first lesson- not one of them squeaked whilst playing!</p> <p align="center"><i>Well done, this week you have been magnificent mathematicians!</i></p> <p align="center"></p>	<p>In class this week, Adamson class have been problem solving and reasoning with fractions and decimals.</p> <p align="center"><i>Well done, this week you have been marvellous mathematicians!</i></p> <p align="center"></p>	<p>In class this week, Attenborough class have been exploring the tropics of cancer, Capricorn as well as the North and South hemispheres.</p> <p align="center"><i>Well done, this week you have been great geographers!</i></p> <p align="center"></p>

Current House Points		
St. Andrews	Oxford	Cambridge
4, 564	6, 606	5, 315



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:

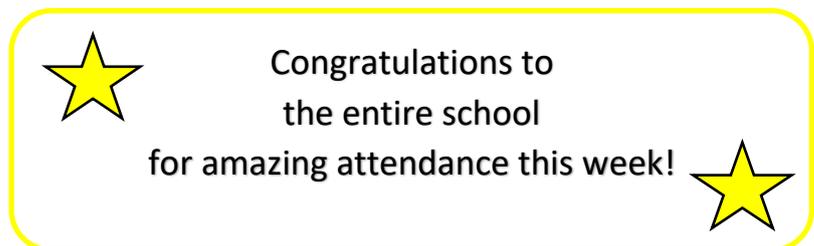
Whole school: 96%

Bear Class: 96%

Darwin Class: 96%

Adamson Class: 96%

Attenborough Class: 96%





Congratulations to all of those children who have reached their next Dojo milestone. Across the school, **24, 643** dojo points have been awarded so far this year! *Go Team Dojo!*



Date	Activity
Friday 18 th February	School closes for half term at 3:30pm
Monday 21 st to Friday 25 th February	Spring half term
Monday 28 th February	School opens for spring 2
Week commencing 28 th February	Year 6 Bikeability
Friday 8 th April	School closes for Easter at 3:30pm
Monday 11 th to Friday 22 nd April	Easter Holiday
Monday 25 th April	INSET Day 4
Tuesday 26 th April	School opens for summer 1
Monday 9 th May to Thursday 12 th May	KS2 SATS week More information for Y6 parents to follow
Monday 6 th June	INSET Day 5

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
Mrs T Woodhead – 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.

