

Grateley Primary School

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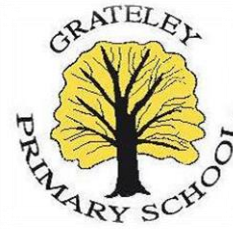
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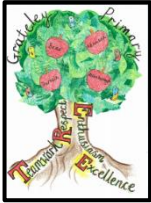
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Acting Head Teacher: Mrs A Norman

Admin Officer: Mrs S. Kitching



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 September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school. It has been a lovely sunny start to the new school year. Walking around school I have seen happy children in class following our golden rules **'Ready, Respectful, Safe'** and demonstrating our school values **'Teamwork, Respect, Enthusiasm and Excellence'** (TREE).

Bear Class 2023-2024



I would like to take this opportunity of welcoming our youngest children to school. Miss Knights, Mrs Gray and I have really enjoyed seeing the children find their way around their new classroom and settle in to the new routines so quickly. They are a real credit to all of their families. So a big welcome to: **Harriet, Henry, Georgia, Logan, Penelope, Dyfrig, Oliver, Otilie, Erin, Michalina, Amelia, Zachary, Quinn and Elena**

Also a big welcome to the new children and families in Darwin and Adamson classes 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.

RAAC

You may have seen recent media coverage regarding Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC) and its use in educational settings. RAAC is a lightweight form of concrete; because it is weaker than regular concrete, concerns have been raised about its long-term durability. The Department for Education (DfE) has recently changed its guidance to education settings on the management of RAAC to take a more precautionary approach and as a result areas in affected spaces will be vacated.

We wanted to inform you that we are not affected by this decision as we do not have RAAC in our building and therefore we will continue to function as normal. We appreciate that parents may wish to understand more about the support to educational settings to manage RAAC safely. You can read more through the article published by the DfE on the Education Hub:

<https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2023/09/04/new-guidance-on-raac-in-education-settings/>

I hope that this offers reassurance.



After School Clubs

We have full wraparound provision available; breakfast club from 7:30am with PH Sports and after school club until 5:30pm with 360 Sports Coaching. If you would like further details then please look on our school website under 'Key Information – Before and After School Care at Grateley'.

Safeguarding

In order to keep children safe we must ensure all adults entering the building sign in through the office. It is important that parents **do not walk into the school building** from the playground when dropping off or collecting their children. If your child is feeling anxious about going into school alone there will be an adult around, usually myself, that will show them the way and ensure they are safe and happy. Please drop children off at the gate, on the playground or at the bottom of the steps into school, not at the top of the steps. This is our main fire escape route so we need to keep it clear.

As a reminder we are a **nut free school**, please can you check the ingredients of your child/children's snacks and lunches before sending them in so that there are no traces of nuts in school.

Car Parking

The pub has kindly given us permission to park in the car park at the start and end of the day. Please be mindful of children walking and crossing roads around school.

If you are parking on the roads near school, please note we have a disabled space outside the front of the school which must be kept clear so it is available for those that need it. There are yellow markings outside the front of the school that should be kept clear at all times to allow the school bus to drop off and collect, as well as access in case of an emergency. The school is on a junction and a corner, which can be dangerous if people do not follow the Highway Code and drive safely. Please help keep all of our children safe by parking considerately.

Calendar

We have a new google calendar for parents that is on the school website. This will be updated with new events as they are organised. If you have a google account the calendar can be accessed via the link below and added on to your phone / tablet / computer calendar. [Parents Calendar](#)



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



This week we all have demonstrated our core-learning values by:

Teamwork: playing and working with new children in our new classes.

Respect: listening in class and walking sensibly around the school.

Enthusiasm: being keen to learn and working hard.





Excellence: being determined to try our best.

Well done team Grateley!



Congratulations to all the children for their hard work this week



Bear Class	Darwin Class	Adamson Class	Attenborough Class
This week, Bear class have been settling into their new class and learning the new routines.	This week, Darwin class have been writing poetry using rhyming words based on Dr Zeus 'I wish I had Duck Feet'.	This week, Adamson class have been learning about volcanoes and how to use an atlas.	This week, Attenborough class have been exploring the planets in our solar system.
<i>Well done, this week you have been terrific team players!</i>	<i>Well done, this week you have been amazing writers!</i>	<i>Well done, this week you have been great geographers!</i>	<i>Well done, this week you have been super scientists!</i>
			



Congratulations to all those children who have reached their first Dojo milestone.
Across the school, **1651 dojo points** have been awarded so far this year!

Go Team Dojo!



Attendance:

It is vital that children attend school regularly. We monitor children's attendance weekly to ensure that we are supporting all 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 for the year: 95%

Whole school for the week: 95%

Bear Class: 94%

Darwin Class: 95%

Adamson Class: 98%

Attenborough Class: 95%



Congratulations to
Adamson class
for fantastic attendance this week!





Friday 22nd September	Fire Safety Visit for Yr 1/2 and Yr 5/6
Friday 5th October	Photographer – individual photos
Monday 23rd – Friday 27th October	Autumn Half Term
Monday 6th November	Flu Vaccinations – whole school
Monday 13th November	Inset Day
Monday 18th December – Monday 2nd January 2024	Christmas Holiday



As always, if you have any questions regarding the information in this week's newsletter, please contact the office team on adminoffice@grateley.hants.sch.uk

INSET DAYS 2023-24	
Inset Day 1	Friday 1 st September 2023
Inset Day 2	Monday 13 th November 2023
Inset Day 3	Friday 9 th February 2024
Inset Day 4	Monday 15 th April 2024
Inset Day 5	Monday 3 rd June 2024

I hope that you all have a lovely weekend.

Kindest regards,

A Norman

Mrs A Norman
Acting Headteacher

[Safeguarding Children at Grateley Primary School](#)

<http://www.hampshiresafeguardingchildrenboard.org.uk/professionals/>

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 and Safeguarding 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 A Norman – Acting 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.