

Grateley Primary School

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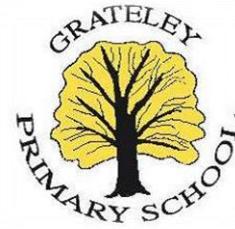
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**A school where every child becomes a lifelong learner and realises their potential.
Keeping parents informed of the School's new events and important information**



Friday 15th September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

A busy second week with lots of learning here at Grateley. The weather has certainly changed this week, although being much cooler in school is nicer for all the children. It has been lovely seeing smiley faces in the morning and spending some time walking through the school seeing the calm focussed learning taking place. Out on the playground it has been wonderful watching the creative games the children have thought of to play; we even had a large conga line sweeping around the playground earlier in the week!

Little Wandle Phonics Meeting

A reminder that Mrs Knights will be holding a Little Wandle Phonics Meeting after school on Monday 18th at 4pm. This is aimed at EYFS (Year R) and KS1 (Year 1 and 2) parents so you can understand how phonics is taught here at Grateley and how best to support your child's learning at home. Any parents of KS2 (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6) children that would also find this informative are welcome to attend.

Volunteer readers

Reading is an essential skill in life and we aim to grow our children into fluent readers with an enthusiasm for reading. We are looking for volunteers that would like to come into school and listen to children read, helping develop their love of reading and understanding of the texts. If you or someone you know (grandparent, uncle, aunt etc) would be interested in volunteering then please contact the admin office directly.

Safeguarding

Online safety is so important and can be tricky for all ages. The NSPCC have safety guides that offer advice related to online games, social media, internet-connected devices, live streaming and video apps, parental controls and much more. Please click on the link to find out more: [NSPCC Online Safety](https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/)



Roles and Responsibilities

Over the last few weeks, the children have been considering who they would like to vote to take on some important roles and responsibilities in school. This week the final votes are in and I am pleased to announce who will be taking on these various roles and responsibilities.

Head Boy: Zak
Head Girl: Milly

House Captains

Oxford – Astrid and Georgia
Cambridge – Rebecca and Oliver
St Andrews – Thane and Rose

School Council:
Year 1 – Amaya
Year 2 – Elissia
Year 3 – Spencer
Year 4 – Scarlett
Year 5 – Ellie
Year 6 – Milly

Eco-Council:
Year 1 – Franco
Year 2 – Acacia
Year 3 – Ethan
Year 4 – Olivia
Year 5 – Noah
Year 6 – Zak

Congratulations to all of these children and to all of the children that put their name forward.



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: working together to solve problems in class.

Respect: listening in assembly and listening to our friends in class.

Enthusiasm: playing with a variety of equipment on the playground at break and lunch time.





Excellence: trying to do our best in our learning.

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 counting and exploring their number of the week. <i>Well done, this week you have been magic mathematicians!</i> 	This week, Darwin class have been learning about the properties of different materials. <i>Well done, this week you have been super scientists!</i> 	This week, Adamson class have begun their learning of the Samba drums. <i>Well done, this week you have been marvellous musicians!</i> 	This week, Attenborough class have been learning about addition and subtraction; applying them to multi-step problems. <i>Well done, this week you have been motivated mathematicians!</i> 

House Points

Our house point system has changed slightly this year. The children really enjoy receiving dojo points so these now go towards points for their house each week. The children will still be able to earn house points during sport events and house activities in school. All new children have been allocated to a house. If your child is unsure which house they are in then please speak to your class teacher. Well done to **Oxford** this week!!

Current House Points		
St. Andrews	Oxford	Cambridge
		
1128	1174	1092



Congratulations to all those children who have reached their first Dojo milestone.
Across the school, **3,394 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: 97%

Whole school for the week: 98%

Bear Class: 100%

Darwin Class: 99%

Adamson Class: 96%

Attenborough Class: 100%



Congratulations to
Bear and Attenborough classes
for fantastic attendance this week!





Friday 22nd September	Fire Safety Visit for Yr 1/2 and Yr 5/6
Thursday 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



All dates are available on our website and on the google calendar link: [Parents Calendar](#)

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.