

Grateley Primary School

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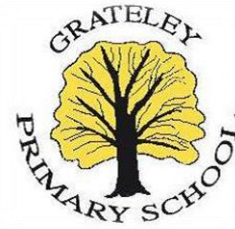
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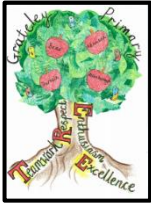
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Admin Officer: Mrs S. Kitching



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



Grateley News

Friday 22nd September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all had an enjoyable week. Despite the start with torrential rain, we are now ending with beautiful sunshine! This week I have walked around all the classes and seen very engaged and enthusiastic learners.

Fire Safety

We were very lucky to have Hampshire fire service in school with us today teaching our Year 1/2 and Year 5/6 class about fire safety. The children really enjoyed the sessions and had many questions to ask. I am sure some of them will be coming home and checking the fire alarms work and their houses are fire safe.



Welly Walk



Bear class went on their first welly walk up to the field and forest today. They walked very sensibly along the road and really enjoyed exploring the wooded area seeing what they could find. They came back with big smiles on their faces so please ask them about their adventure this morning.

Safeguarding

More and more children are using AI (artificial intelligence) and it is essential parents know and understand what they are using and what they are using it for. Surveys have shown that, unsurprisingly, the majority of those who said yes they use AI are using ChatGPT (plus a very small number for image-based AI). Concerningly, the majority of those who said they were using ChatGPT for homework believed 100% what ChatGPT was telling them. There will be a lot more research released over the coming academic year regarding AI plus DfE guidance but the fact that more and more children are using it at home means that parents need to understand what it is and the shortfalls. Internet Matters have put some guidance for parents together which includes the terminology, a guide to some of the more popular software tools and also an interactive guide. You can access these resources [HERE](#).



Free School Meals

If you want to find out if you are eligible for free school meals then please apply via the link below for an instant decision. [Free school meals](#)



**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 in lessons.

Respect: treating each other as we would wish to be treated.

Enthusiasm: engaging in lessons and being keen to ask questions.

Excellence: being ready to learn each day.

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 fantastic phonics learners – we have started to blend and read some words.	This week, Darwin class have been building houses for our 1666 Great Fire of London project.	This week, Adamson class have been writing descriptive sentences of a volcano using our senses.	This week, Attenborough class have been creating diagrams and understanding how the earth, moon and sun move to create days, weeks and years.
<i>Well done, this week you have been resilient readers.</i>	<i>Well done, this week you have been amazing artists.</i>	<i>Well done, this week you have been wonderful writers.</i>	<i>Well done, this week you have been super scientists.</i>

Current House Points		
St. Andrews	Oxford	Cambridge
2086	2275	2038



Congratulations to all those children who have reached their first Dojo milestone. Across the school, 6,399 **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: 96%

Bear Class: 98%

Darwin Class: 95%

Adamson Class: 99%

Attenborough Class: 95%

Congratulations to
Adamson class
for fantastic attendance this week!



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