

Grateley Primary School

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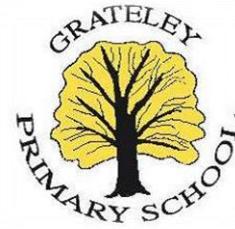
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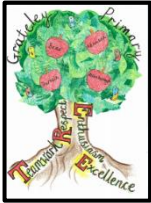
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A school where every child becomes a lifelong learner and realises their potential.

Keeping parents informed of the School's new events and important information



Grateley News



Friday 6th October 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

October already, only two weeks left of this first half term! Where has the time gone? There is so much happening in school from drumming, to writing, sports and conker hunting. I walked out on to the playground earlier this week at playtime and was very confused where the children had gone. Hearing little excited squeals, I continued down the steps and found all of KS2 under the horse chestnut tree desperately in search of all the conkers. There have been children with pockets full, some collecting conkers in tubs and others creating pictures on the floor using conkers and other natural materials. It is fantastic to see such happy children exploring the outside areas and making the most of them.

Healthy Snacks

Just a reminder that we are a healthy school and therefore ask that snacks are healthy, such as fruit, vegetables, crackers or breakfast bars. We are seeing an increase in chocolate, crisps and, at times, sweets as snacks. These will give your child a sugar rush but then equally cause a sugar low, which is not ideal for a child to be able to learn in class. Please could we ask that any unhealthy snacks such as chocolate, crisps and sweets be kept for after school.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast club prices have changed over the summer. Please see the attached flyer for further information. We have a large number of children attending breakfast club now, which is great to see.

Volunteers to hear readers

We are looking for volunteers to come and listen to our children read in school. If you would be interested to spare some time, anything from 15 minutes to a few hours, please contact Sarah Kitching in the admin office. If you know of anyone in the village or have a grandparent, aunt, uncle etc. that may be interested then please



encourage them to get in contact. The more opportunity our children have to read with adults the more their reading, and consequently their writing, will improve.

PTA upcoming activities

The PTA have been working extremely hard to organise several events over the next term for the children in order to raise funds.

Every Friday – Tuck shop on the playground after school

Sunday 15th Oct 23 - Sponsored Junior Park Run (2km); 9.00am; Charlton Lakes park

Tuesday 31st Oct 23 - Halloween Fancy Dress - £1 donation to PTA

Friday 10th Nov 23 - YR, Y1 & Y2 Movie Night (3.30-5.30pm)

Friday 17th Nov 23 - Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6 Movie Night (3.30-5.30pm)

Tuesday 5th December - School trip - Pantomime in Winchester

Safeguarding

[Childnet](#) has developed [guidance for parents and carers](#) to begin a conversation about online safety, as well as [guidance on keeping under-fives safe online](#).



**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 across the curriculum.

Respect: being considerate of each other's opinions and beliefs.

Enthusiasm: engaging in activities in the classroom.

Excellence: demonstrating kindness and compassion to all.




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 exploring floating and sinking.	This week, Darwin class have been recognising coins and adding them to find totals.	This week, Adamson class have been designing and making volcanoes.	This week, Attenborough class have been matching rhythms to different planets.
<i>Well done, this week you have been super scientists.</i>	<i>Well done, this week you have been marvellous mathematicians.</i>	<i>Well done, this week you have been decisive designers.</i>	<i>Well done, this week you have been magical musicians.</i>

Current House Points		
St. Andrews	Oxford	Cambridge
		
3649	3841	3546



Congratulations to all those children who have reached their first Dojo milestone. Across the school, 11036 **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: 95%

Bear Class: 96 %

Darwin Class: 97%

Adamson Class: 93%

Attenborough Class: 96%



Congratulations to
Darwin class
for fantastic attendance this week!



Sunday 15th October	Sponsored Junior Park Run (2km)
Monday 23rd – Friday 27th October	Autumn Half Term
Tuesday 31st October	Halloween Fancy Dress
Monday 6th November	Flu Vaccinations – whole school
Friday 10th November	YR, Y1 & Y2 Movie Night (1530-1730)
Monday 13th November	Inset Day
Friday 17th November	Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6 Movie Night (1530-1730)
Tuesday 5th December	Christmas Pantomime – whole school
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

I hope that you all have a lovely weekend.

Kindest regards,



Mrs A Norman
Acting Headteacher

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

[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.