

Grateley Primary School

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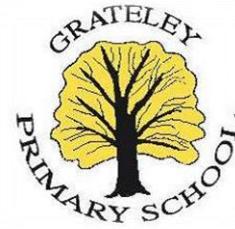
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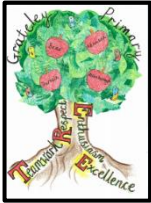
Acting Head Teacher: Mrs A Norman

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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 13th October 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been another busy week in school with all classes involved in activities to recognise World Mental Health day, which was on Tuesday 10th October. In Bear class the children learnt some mindfulness breathing exercises and made a wheel of emotions. In Darwin the children made self-soothe boxes after talking about mental health day. In Adamson they worked through '10 it's ok', which explored ideas such as 'it's ok to cry'. Whilst in Attenborough they had a physical and mental well-being session.

It is vital that everyone recognises how important it is to look after their own Mental Health, this includes staff, students and parents/carers in our community. If you would like to find out more about mental health conditions and how mental health can affect parenting, along with tips of coping strategies please visit the link:

[Mental Health for Parents](#)

Harvest Festival

We have already received some generous donations for Andover Foodbank and look forward to receiving more. Please can all donations be handed into the school office by Monday 16th October.

Year 6 applications for secondary schools

Applications for transfer to Secondary School in September 2024 opened on 11th September and will close on **31st October 2023, immediately after the half-term holiday**. It is very important that all families apply **before** the closing date, through their home local authority, to ensure that their children have the best chance of a school place offer at their local or preferred school.

Late applications will not be considered until after all on-time applications, which will significantly reduce the chance of gaining a place at any of your preferred schools.

Football – After School Club

We are pleased to confirm that Football Club (after school) will recommence on the Wednesday after half term – 1st November. We will provide further details about signing up, payment, timings, next week.





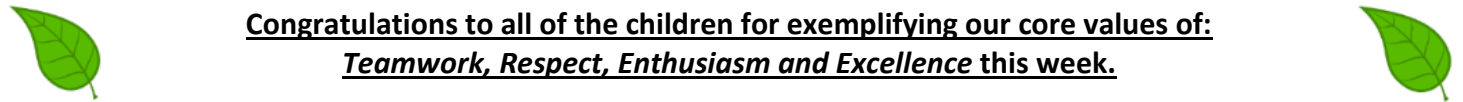
A reminder from the PTA that the whole school is invited to take part in the Junior Park Run (2km) at Charlton Lakeside on Sunday - this is very much an event for all, please come in your Grateley PE shirts - we will get a picture of all those taking part at the end!

The event starts at 0900 and parking is walking distance to the start point on the football pitches (you'll see people in hi vis jackets)! We look forward to seeing you.

All donations will be used to buy new playground equipment, chosen by the School Council: https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/harriet-murray?utm_term=mVyB8kp7Z

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: by sharing in each other's successes.

Respect: walking sensibly around the school, holding doors open for staff and children.





Enthusiasm: engaging brilliantly in lessons and wanting to talk about their learning at the end.




Excellence: building on their prior knowledge to develop their writing.

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 learning about 1 more and 1 less.	This week, Darwin class have been exploring the history of flight and exploring the children's own interests.	This week, Adamson class have been writing newspaper reports about the Hancock red diamond.	This week, Attenborough class have begun making their planets considering the texture and features.
<i>Well done, this week you have been marvellous mathematicians.</i>	<i>Well done, this week you have been heroic historians.</i>	<i>Well done, this week you have been wondrous writers.</i>	<i>Well done, this week you have been determined designers.</i>
			

Current House Points		
St. Andrews	Oxford	Cambridge
		
4661	4836	4758



Congratulations to all those children who have reached their first Dojo milestone.
Across the school, 14255 **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: 96%

Adamson Class: 97%

Attenborough Class: 94%



Congratulations to
Bear 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
Tuesday 14th November	Parental Consultation – All classes (4pm – 7pm)
Thursday 16th November	Parental Consultations – Darwin, Adamson and Attenborough (4pm – 7pm)
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.