

Grateley Primary School

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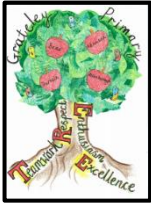
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Acting Head Teacher: Mrs A Norman

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**



Grateley News



Friday 1st December 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

December already!! It is definitely feeling like winter and Christmas now with the icy cold mornings and the festive singing in school as the children are practising for their performances. We are excited for next week when we will have lots of you join us to watch the KS1 nativity and KS2 performances.

Next week we have the whole school trip to the Pantomime and the community coffee morning organised by the School Council. The coffee morning is not an event for parents, but for the wider community. We are very lucky to have 7 volunteers coming into school each week to read with the children, one parent, one governor and 5 members of the community. We really value all the support we have for the children and we want to be a place where we can bring the community together.

Here are some reminders and extra dates for your diaries:

Saturday 2nd December – Christmas Fayre 12 – 2pm

Tuesday 5th December – Whole school Pantomime Trip

Thursday 7th December – Community coffee morning

Tuesday 12th December - 🌲🌟 Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day 🌟🌲

Wednesday 13th December – KS2 Christmas crafts

Wednesday 13th December – Show case work for parents 3pm

- Christmas Rainbow Raffle 🌈



Safeguarding

Parents and carers are being urged to consider the risks of the online world in the excitement of receiving new games and gadgets this Christmas. With technology gifts high on wish lists, it is important to make sure children can navigate the internet safely. The online world is an exciting resource, which gives children and young people the opportunities to safely play, learn, be creative and socialise. The amount of time families have spent online for work, school, socialising and just for fun has increased significantly during 2020 due to the Covid-19 pandemic and lockdowns. If you need any help or advice with how to keep your children safe on the internet please visit this [link](#).

Attendance

Attendance at school is a requirement and it is important that children attend school regularly so they do not end up missing learning and fall behind. Your child must attend every day that the school is open, unless:

- Your child is too ill to attend.
- You have asked in advance and been given permission by the school for your child to be absent on a specific day due to exceptional circumstances.

The government expectation for average attendance is 96% overall for individual pupils and overall across the school. The school's current attendance as a whole is 96% so is in line with this.

Letters are going to be sent out to parents of children whose attendance falls below 93%. In addition, letters will be sent out to parents when their child's attendance falls below 90% to organise a time for a phone call or meeting.

I want to support all families and appreciate there are many factors that may have resulted in low attendance. Receiving these letters can cause anxiety and feel like you are 'being told off'; that is not its purpose. The letters are to make sure you are aware of how much education time your child has missed and then any subsequent meetings are to try and work together to understand the reasons why and if any help can be put in place we will do that.

If you do receive a letter and have concerns or questions please contact the admin office to make an appointment with myself to discuss this further.



**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: supporting each other on the playground to ensure everyone is having a great time.

Respect: sitting quietly during Nativity rehearsals so that the performers can concentrate.

Enthusiasm: enjoying the sense of festivity!





Excellence: working incredibly hard across the school to secure our number facts.




Well done team Grateley!



Congratulations to all the children for their hard work this week



Bear Class	Darwin Class	Adamson Class	Attenborough Class
<p>This week, Bear class have been solving addition and subtraction problems.</p> <p><i>Well done, this week you have been marvellous mathematicians.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"></p>	<p>This week, Darwin class have been learning about workhouses.</p> <p><i>Well done, this week you have been heroic historians.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"></p>	<p>This week, Adamson class have designed science experiments with magnets.</p> <p><i>Well done, this week you have been super scientists.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"></p>	<p>This week, Attenborough class have been exploring primary and secondary sources relating to magnets.</p> <p><i>Well done, this week you have been hardworking historians.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"></p>

Current House Points		
St. Andrews	Oxford	Cambridge
		
10,206	10,823	9,931



Congratulations to all those children who have reached their first Dojo milestone.
Across the school **52,606 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: 96%

Whole school for the week: 96%

Bear Class: 97%

Darwin Class: 96%

Adamson Class: 97%

Attenborough Class: 95%



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





Saturday 2nd December	Christmas Fayre – 12pm – 2pm
Tuesday 5th December	Christmas Pantomime – whole school
Monday 18th December – Monday 1st January 2024	🌲 Christmas Holiday 🌲
Tuesday 2nd January 2024	Return to school for Spring Term



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,

Amelia 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.