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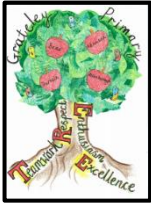
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Acting Head Teacher: Mrs A Norman

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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 8th December 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Wow, this has been a very exciting and busy week at school! The whole school had the opportunity to attend the Cinderella Pantomime in Winchester on Tuesday and the smiles, jumping up and down and waving arms of excitement was fantastic to see. Children were so keen to talk about Buttons and Cinderella on the way home and to share their thoughts with each other. Thank you to the PTA for this wonderful experience. It really inspired a lot of children this week as they then rehearsed for their nativity and practised their singing. Both EYFS/KS1 and KS2 have made us proud standing up in front of parents to act, sign and read parts out. Thank you to all the parents that were able to attend and enjoy watching their children. I am aware that due to many factors some parents cannot be with us in person for some or all of these events and this is something I am going to look into, to see if we can do things in a different way to include more parents.

Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day! – Tuesday 12th December

Menu is as follows:

Red option

Roast turkey with cocktail sausages

Stuffing, Yorkshire pudding

Vegetables and gravy

Green option

Vegetable wellington

Stuffing, Yorkshire pudding

Vegetables and gravy

Followed by Christmas iced biscuit



Here are some reminders for your diaries:

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

Wednesday 13th December – Christmas crafts

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

Safeguarding – Amnesty International – TikTok Study

This is written by Alan McKenzie an e-safety advisor

Now and again I'm asked whether these types of report are relevant to Primary schools and the answer is yes, definitely. Don't forget, to use most social platforms you have to state that you are 13 or older. Even if you're a Year 4 aged child, to that platform you are at least 13 years of age.

There have been countless concerns over recent years in relation to algorithms and the type of content that is fed to children and young people across the various platforms they use. This latest study from Amnesty International delves deeply into the very significant concerns around the algorithms used within TikTok specifically in relation to self-harm, where children who signal an interest into mental health are quickly led down rabbit holes of some very disturbing content which can heighten risk, exacerbate an existing vulnerability or act as a trigger. Quote - When you 'heart' a sad video that you could relate to, suddenly my whole 'For You' page is sad and I'm in a sadtok. It affects how I'm feeling - unquote.

The report is quite big but you will find a lot of useful information in the executive summary which can also be used to help with conversation starters with children. The full report is [HERE](#) and there is an accompanying report about the massive amount of personal/private information collected by TikTok called 'I feel Exposed' [HERE](#).



**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 with the Nativity performances.

Respect: Watching and supporting each other during the Nativity performances.

Enthusiasm: Showing curiosity when completing their topic work.

Excellence: Showing their capabilities during assessment week.

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 rehearsing their nativity.	This week, Darwin class have been bravely practising their nativity.	This week, Adamson class have been completing portraits based on the style of 4 artists.	This week, Attenborough class have been learning about the Mayan writing system.
<i>Well done, this week you have been amazing actors!</i>	<i>Well done, this week you have been amazing performers!</i>	<i>Well done, this week you have been amazing artists!</i>	<i>Well done, this week you have been happy historians!</i>

Current House Points		
St. Andrews	Oxford	Cambridge
10,923	11,565	10,595



Congratulations to all those children who have reached their first Dojo milestone.
Across the school **33,083 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: 100%

Adamson Class: 96%

Attenborough Class: 91%



Congratulations to
Darwin class
for fantastic attendance this week!





Tuesday 12th December	Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day – 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.