

Grateley Primary School

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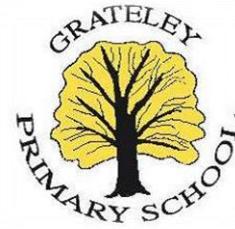
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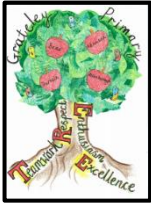
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Acting Head Teacher: Mrs A Norman

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**



Friday 15th December 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Christmas is nearly here and the children are very excited. It has been a busy last few weeks with the nativity performances, KS2 performances, coffee morning, pantomime, music concert, showcase of work and some parents' evenings. Hopefully, all of you have managed to join us in school and celebrate your child's achievements. If, for any reason, you have been unable to attend and would like to know more about how your child is doing and see their work, please speak to your child's class teacher on the playground at the end of the day or contact the admin office to make an appointment.

This week is also a sad week as we say goodbye to some members of staff. Firstly, we want to thank Mrs Thurley-Ratcliffe for stepping in and teaching Adamson class this last half term and wish her all the best on her next teaching adventures. Secondly, we wish Mrs Andrews well as she moves on to her next exciting journey and thank her for everything she has helped with and will very much miss her creativity. Finally, we are all sad to say a final goodbye to Mrs Dance. She came into school for an assembly earlier this week to say goodbye to all of the children, staff and governors and she will be missed. Mrs Dance has achieved a lot at the school and made a huge difference to lots of lives. Now she has moved on to other exciting challenges and we wish her all the best.

All the staff wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Enjoy the time with your families and we look forward to seeing all the children on the 2nd January 2024.

Message from the Governors

It has been a busy term in school and we have been very impressed with all the work and activities undertaken. On behalf of the parent community, we extend our heartfelt thanks to the staff who tirelessly and professionally educate and care for our children.

We would also like to thank the PTA for all their amazing fundraising efforts to improve the provision we offer our children. A whole school trip to the pantomime was an example of how the PTA contributions enrich our



children's experiences. If you aren't already involved, they always need volunteers and would welcome more help.

Our recruitment for a new head teacher will continue in the New Year and we will provide updates as appropriate. In the interim, Mrs Norman continues as Acting Head Teacher, providing the continuity that is so important to us.

The Governing Body would like to wish all our families a very Happy Christmas. We hope everyone will enjoy a well-deserved break and look forward to seeing you all in 2024.

Yr R applications for September 2024

The national closing date for Yr R applications to start next September, is Monday 15th January 2024. For more information, please go to www.hants.gov.uk/admissions.

Safeguarding - Roblox

With Christmas just around the corner here is a useful resource on how to keep your children safe, particularly as Roblox is one of the most popular games out there.

Roblox and SWGfL have collaborated and created a checklist for parents, which includes:

- How to report abuse.
- How to block users.
- Setting up a parent control pin.
- And more.

The resource can be downloaded [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 and helping each other with art and creative activities.

Respect: Open conversations within RE and PSHE.

Enthusiasm: Getting involved in all the festivities!

Excellence: Even with the Christmas holiday almost here, the children have carried on persevering with all their work.

Well done team Grateley!

Current House Points		
St. Andrews	Oxford	Cambridge
		
11,176	11,987	11,212



Congratulations to all those children who have reached their first Dojo milestone.
Across the school **34,375 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: 93%

Bear Class: 85%

Darwin Class: 98%

Adamson Class: 94%

Attenborough Class: 90%



Congratulations to
Darwin class
for fantastic attendance this week!



Monday 18th December – Monday 1st January 2024	 Christmas Holiday 
Tuesday 2nd January 2024	Return to school for Spring Term
Wednesday 3rd January 2024	Military parents discussion with Mrs Norman – 2pm
Friday 9th February 2024	INSET Day
Monday 12th February – Friday 16th February 2024	Half Term
Thursday 7th March 2024	World Book Day – details tbc
Thursday 28th March 2024	Last day of term
Friday 29th March – Friday 12th April 2024	Easter Holidays
Monday 15th April 2024	INSET



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.