

Grateley Primary School

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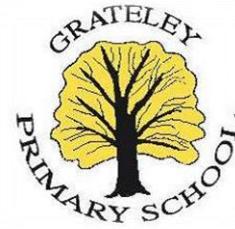
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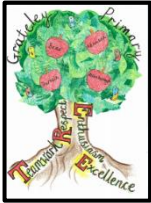
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**A school where every child becomes a lifelong learner and realises their potential.**

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



## Grateley News



Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another exciting week at Grateley, we have had children representing our school in cross-country and I have been teaching in every class at some point this week. Spending more time seeing the children learn and how far they have come with their learning has been a real pleasure.

### **Maths Curriculum**

I am excited to inform you that after half term we will be starting White Rose Maths across the school. The staff have been involved in training last term and this term in preparation and we are all excited to follow the new curriculum and use the new resources with the children. White Rose Maths uses a small-step, mastery approach to ensure children are secure in their knowledge and understanding of the mathematical concepts.

### **Celebration Assembly**

Since September, I have been encouraging children to reflect on their learning and achievements over the week and proudly share them in celebration assembly on a Friday. At the start of the assembly the children share with the school what they are proud of and it is lovely to hear the wide variety of achievements from writing in joined up handwriting, to playing with a new friend on the playground and learning a new concept in Maths. Please speak to your children and encourage them to verbalise what they are proud of achieving. I want all children to realise they should be proud and some achievements may seem small to some but big to others and it is important we all develop our self-confidence and reflecting to be proud is one way to do this. I have also encouraged children to bring in achievements from out of school so they can stand up in assembly and confidently speak about them. We have had children sharing achievements in swimming, a group of children working very hard to beat a world record, along with running marathons and completing reading challenges. If your child has something they would like to share then please encourage them to bring it in on a Friday. This is developing their public speaking, their confidence to stand up in front of a large audience and their pride in their achievements.

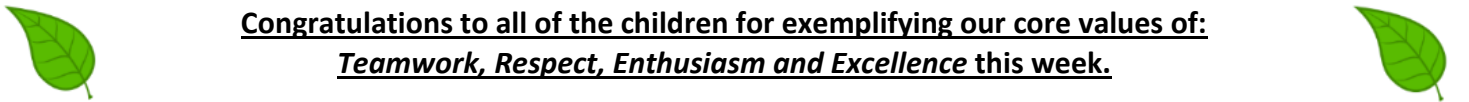


**Safeguarding**

As tech companies introduce new features, including safety features, it can be difficult to keep up. As it has the most features of any social platform, Facebook has always been the most frustrating to go through all the settings to make sure they are appropriate. Thankfully, the days of all the features reverting to their default settings after every update are behind us, but still there is a lot to go through.

SWGfL have updated their Facebook checklist for 2024. Given the age of our children, none of them should be on Facebook, but a lot of you as parents will be using it and some of you with older children may find it useful to share with them.

You can access the checklist [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:** including everyone in our games.
- Respect:** being polite and kind.
- Enthusiasm:** being proud of our achievements.
- Excellence:** demonstrating what we have learnt in different ways.

*Well done team Grateley!*

Current House Points		
St. Andrews	Oxford	Cambridge
		
16,779	18,150	16,428



Congratulations to all those children who have reached their first Dojo milestone.  
Across the school **51,357 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:** 95%

**Bear Class:** 93%

**Darwin Class:** 97%

**Adamson Class:** 96%

**Attenborough Class:** 94%



<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> -Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Mental Health Week Class activities
<b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February</b>	INSET Day
<b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Half Term
<b>Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Author visit – M.P. Robertson Whole school
<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March</b>	World Book Day – details tbc
<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Last day of term
<b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Easter Holidays
<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April</b>	INSET Day
<b>Monday April 22<sup>nd</sup> – Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Swimming Lessons - Andover Leisure Centre Years 5 and 6
<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Portsmouth Historic Dockyard KS2
<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Shooting Stars - circus skills



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](mailto:adminoffice@grateley.hants.sch.uk)

I hope that you all have a lovely weekend.

Kindest regards,

*Amelia Norman*

**Mrs A Norman**

**Acting Headteacher**

INSET DAYS 2023-24	
<b>Inset Day 1</b>	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2023
<b>Inset Day 2</b>	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> November 2023
<b>Inset Day 3</b>	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February 2024
<b>Inset Day 4</b>	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April 2024
<b>Inset Day 5</b>	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> 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.*