

Grateley Primary School

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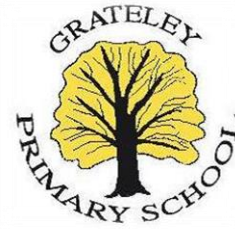
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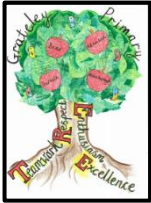
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A school where every child becomes a lifelong learner and realises their potential.

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



Grateley News



Thursday 8th February 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been a busy and exciting week with various activities in all classrooms linked to Children's Mental Health Week. This year's theme is 'My Voice Matters' and children have been exploring this in a variety of ways. We have had some of our KS2 children working with KS1 to explore ways to stay happy with art and puzzle activities whilst in Year R they have been considering their 'happy place' and exploring 'how to listen' making telephone cups.

We have organised for a parent, who is an artist, to very kindly come into school and lead Art workshops across the school - this is in the parent diary. Many children love art and we are trying to introduce more opportunities to develop this artistic flair, giving them more opportunity to engage in Art and learning new skills along the way.

Safeguarding

As it is Children's Mental Health week I have chosen to share information and advice on mental health this week. Mental health is a subject that many of us find difficult to discuss, primarily because of a fear of saying the wrong thing and making matters worse. Mental ill health is however a prevalent issue, with it being estimated that around 1 in 6 children will experience some form of mental ill health at some point in their childhood.

The definition of mental health is:

A state of mental well-being that enables people to cope with the stresses of life, realise their abilities, learn well and work well, and contribute to their community. It is an integral component of health and well-being that underpins our individual and collective abilities to make decisions, build relationships and shape the world we live in. Mental health is a basic human right.

Ways to help children with their mental health

For children to remain mentally well they need:

- good physical health (including good diet and regular exercise).



- to be able to explore and develop interests (through their environment, play and interaction with others).
- to feel part of a family (feeling as though they belong, get along with others, are loved, valued and safe).
- to be supported to learn, be optimistic and feel that they have a say.
- to feel part of a community (e.g. school / nursery / etc.).
- to be supported to cope when things do not go well.
- to be supported to learn how to problem solve.
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For further information, please click on this [link](#).



**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: sharing positivity and a smile with each other.

Respect: listening to each other and supporting each other throughout the day.

Enthusiasm: carrying out learning tasks with a positive attitude.

Excellence: welcoming and including everyone in everything that we do.

Well done team Grateley!

Current House Points		
St. Andrews	Oxford	Cambridge
		
17,733	19,101	17,275



Congratulations to all those children who have reached their first Dojo milestone.
Across the school **54,109 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: 91%

Bear Class: 85%

Darwin Class: 91%

Adamson Class: 94%

Attenborough Class: 93%



Congratulations to
Adamson class
for fantastic attendance this week!



Friday 9 th February	INSET Day
Monday 12 th February – Friday 16 th February	Half Term
Tuesday 27 th February	Author visit – M.P. Robertson Whole school
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day – details tbc
Tuesday 12 th March	Art Workshops in school – all classes
Thursday 28 th March	Last day of term
Friday 29 th March – Friday 12 th April	Easter Holidays
Monday 15 th April	INSET Day
Monday April 22 nd – Monday 17 th June	Swimming Lessons - Andover Leisure Centre Years 5 and 6
Friday 17 th May	Class photographs
Monday 20 th May	Portsmouth Historic Dockyard KS2
Monday 24 th June	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

I hope that you all have a lovely weekend.

Kindest regards,

Amelia Norman

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.