

Grateley Primary School

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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 23rd February 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Spring 2. Seeing the daffodils is making it feel like spring and the sun this morning is very welcome. Although it is meant to get colder next week so please can you make sure children still have coats in school for playtime.

ECO Council

Mrs Britton and the eco-council set up an ink cartridge recycling scheme a few years ago and recently sent off the ink cartridges and have raised £42.06 for the PTA. An excellent way of both protecting our environment and raising funds for your children through the PTA. Thank you to all that have recycled your ink cartridges. The ink bin is in our front office so if you do have any cartridges at any point please bring them in to the office or send them in with your child to come and put them in the ink bin themselves (children always love this part). Mrs Britton has also put a collection bin in the post office shop in Wallop if that is easier for you.



Clubs

I am excited to announce that for this half term we are able to start up 3 new Key Stage 2 lunch time clubs. These will be shared with the children and limited to 8 children in a club initially. We will have creativity club, eco club and wellbeing club all run by our wonderful TA's. We appreciate some children may not get a chance this half term with their chosen club due to having to limit numbers, but we are going to do the best we can to ensure everyone that wants a club has a chance or is put on a waiting list in case someone changes their mind. My hope is to then continue clubs or change the clubs after Easter, this will need to be confirmed nearer the time.



Safeguarding

I want to share this article on parentzone titled, 'It's not easy being a parent in the digital age', which is very true. It is a 2-minute read and contains some useful information with links to further reading if you are interested. [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: working together in a variety of ways so that everyone succeeds.

Respect: showing random acts of kindness throughout the week.

Enthusiasm: showing an interest on all aspects of learning.

Excellence: striving for the very best in all that they do.

Well done team Grateley!

Current House Points		
St. Andrews	Oxford	Cambridge
		
18,486	20,565	18,854



Congratulations to all those children who have reached their first Dojo milestone.
Across the school **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: 97%

Bear Class: 99%

Darwin Class: 97%

Adamson Class: 99%

Attenborough Class: 92%



Congratulations to
Bear class
for fantastic attendance this week!





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

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.