

Grateley Primary School

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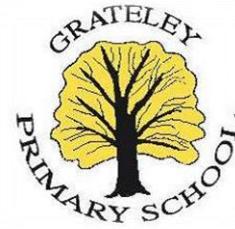
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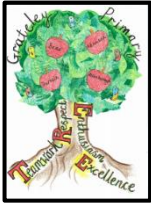
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Acting Head Teacher: Mrs A Norman

Senior 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 1st March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

All the children were so excited about our author visit to school on Tuesday! Mark Robertson made a fantastic impact on all the children, starting the day with the dragon chasing the teachers on the playground and then reading stories and teaching the children how to draw the dragon. This has combined well with our Go Draw festival that started this week and will continue next week, as well as a nice introduction into our Book Week next week.

To further celebrate Book Week, our Sponsored Reading Challenge starts tomorrow which we are running alongside Usborne books. Our school will directly benefit from all sponsorship raised so please encourage your child to ask family and friends to support them. A selection of reading challenges is included in the pack which your child has brought home but, of course, you can use your own ideas. Please return your form and money raised by Friday 15th March. If you need another pack or sponsor form, please contact the school office. As always, many thanks for your support.

Finally, remember we will be dressing up on Thursday for World Book Day, as our favourite characters! There is no need to go and pay for expensive costumes; many book characters wear 'normal' clothes and some outfits may just require a label or an accessory to finish them off. If you are unsure as to what your child could wear please speak to their class teacher for ideas.

Parents Evening

Parents' evenings are next week and the following week (only next week for Bear class); please make sure you book your slot on Arbor so you can see your children's books and celebrate their achievements and the progress they are making.

Eco-Council

Please remember we have an ink-cartridge recycling bin in reception – please recycle all ink cartridges to protect our environment and raise money for the school.



Safeguarding

Palworld is a new game similar to Pokemon and Digimon with a PEGI rating of 12 for fantasy-character-style violence. Given its similarity to Pokemon there's every likelihood that younger children will be playing this game. Internet Matters have compiled some advice and guidance for parents about the game: what it is, how it works, safety settings etc.

You can find the article [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: communicating with each other to share ideas and opinions.

Respect: actively listening in class.

Enthusiasm: listening and participating enthusiastically to Mark Robertson.

Excellence: trying their best to achieve and succeed their personal goals.

Well done team Grateley!

Current House Points		
St. Andrews	Oxford	Cambridge
		
20,631	22,117	19,838



Congratulations to all those children who have reached their first Dojo milestone.
Across the school, 62,586 **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: 92%

Darwin Class: 94%

Adamson Class: 98%

Attenborough Class: 84%



Congratulations to
Adamson Class
for fantastic attendance this week!





Saturday 2nd March – Sunday 10th March	Sponsored Reading Challenge! Whole school 
Thursday 7th March	World Book Day Children may dress up and bring in their favourite book to share 
Monday 11th March	SATS meeting – 4.00pm Year 6 parents
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 3 and 4
Friday 17th May	Class photographs
Monday 20th May	Portsmouth Historic Dockyard KS2
Tuesday 21st May	Bear Class trip to Quarley Farm
Monday 24th June	Shooting Stars - circus skills
Tuesday 23rd July	Last day of 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

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

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

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.