

Grateley Primary School

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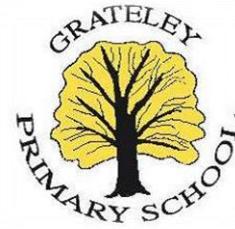
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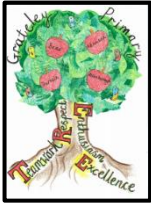
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A school where every child becomes a lifelong learner and realises their potential.  
*Keeping parents informed of the School's new events and important information*



## Grateley News



Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2024

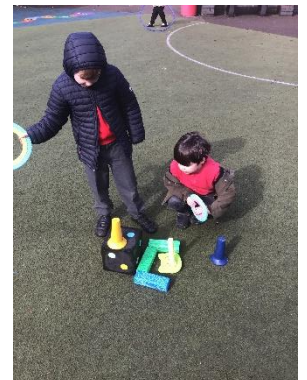
Dear Parents and Carers,

A fun filled week with the continuing Go Draw festival and World Book Day. Thank you for helping your children enjoy the day with the costumes and accessories. It is important to remember World Book Day is about books and reading, and not the costumes, so it was lovely that every child I spoke to could confidently tell me which book their character was from or their favourite book to read. A really fun day for everyone.



### PTA – Play Equipment

A big thank you to the PTA (and parents) for raising the money to fund some new play equipment for our school. The children have been having a great time exploring it all and have been very creative in some of the ways they have chosen to use the equipment. Lots of laughter, challenges and excited questions!!



Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March

'Something funny for money...' is the theme of Red Nose Day this year, so please feel free to encourage your child to dress as they please whilst trying to be funny and comfortable! If they would rather not dress up, be in casual clothes, and make a joke instead, that is fine. Dressing up is not for everyone.



We are collecting online for Red Nose Day. Please use the following link to donate, which is already active – [here](#).


Following on from the Go Draw art drawing festival, next Tuesday 12th March we are very excited to welcome a local artist to our school. Sally Newton, a parent and artist, will be working with all our classes throughout the day, creating art masterpieces to be entered into the Royal Academy of Arts Young Artists’ Summer Show 2024! The theme for the day will be ‘Mythical Creatures.’ We can’t wait to see what the children create. Please return your permission slip regarding entry to the competition by Tuesday 12th March, if you haven’t done so already. If you’d like to see some of Sally’s incredible art work, do have a look at her website: <https://www.sallynewtonart.co.uk/>

**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**

Parents often hand down out of contract devices to their children. This is great, it can save a lot of money, but there needs to be consideration before handing older devices to children. You can find lots of useful information, things to consider and guides to second-hand devices from Internet Matters [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:** supporting each other when times are tough and when times are great!
- Respect:** understanding the strengths and challenges we all have and being kind.
- Enthusiasm:** coming into school with massive smiles and enthusiasm for books on Thursday.
- Excellence:** working hard in all subjects.



*Well done team Grateley!*



Current House Points		
St. Andrews	Oxford	Cambridge
		
21,792	23,835	20,885



Congratulations to all those children who have reached their first Dojo milestone.  
Across the school, **66,512 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:** 94%

**Bear Class:** 91%

**Darwin Class:** 98%


**Adamson Class:** 92%

**Attenborough Class:** 93%



Congratulations to  
***Darwin Class***  
for fantastic attendance this week!



<b>Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March – Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Sponsored Reading Challenge! Whole school 
<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March</b>	SATS meeting – 4.00pm Year 6 parents
<b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Art Workshops in school – all classes
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March</b>	
<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 3 and 4
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Class photographs
<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Portsmouth Historic Dockyard KS2



<b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May</b>	Bear Class trip to Quarley Farm
<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June</b>	INSET Day
<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Shooting Stars - circus skills
<b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	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](mailto: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	
<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.*