

Grateley Primary School

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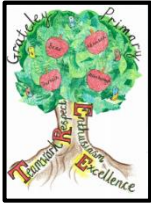
website: www.grateley.hants.sch.uk

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 22nd March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have continued with our theme of books, authors and World Book Day this month, by having a Sponsored Reading Challenge. Many thanks to all the children who took part; we raised a magnificent total of £350 which will enable us to purchase books to the value of £455! This will really make a difference to our resources and library so we do appreciate all your efforts and generosity.

Also this week, the whole school, along with other local schools, have been writing a narrative based on the Disney short called 'La Luna'. The children have shown off their writing skills, developing their punctuation and description. This has allowed us to see progression through the curriculum as well as comparing our work to that of other schools. The outcome of the children's work has really impressed us and we can't wait to display their efforts in the corridor.

Staffing

We are all looking forward to welcoming back Mrs Woodhead next week to Grateley, following her maternity leave. After Easter, she will be the main teacher in Adamson class.

Earth Hour

Please find below a link to the Earth hour website as information for families who would like to get involved at home, I am hoping that the children will go home enthused about the idea after this afternoon.

<https://www.earthhour.org/>

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.



PTA News

Please note the forthcoming Easter events as detailed in a recent communication and at the bottom of this Newsletter in the calendar.

In particular, the Easter Raffle: Do buy your tickets now! The draw will be on the last day of term, next Thursday 28th March. Prizes include a bottle of wine, a Lindt bunny, a bunny basket and a £20 voucher! £1 a ticket. Payment please via PTA BACS or cash into office. Message 07507 829815 to buy tickets.

PTA and staff volunteers are very kindly coming into school tomorrow to start our re-generation project of 'Grateley garden', behind the school. If anyone wishes to contribute towards this project with their time, resources, plants etc, please contact Harriet Murray or the school office. Thank you for your help and support.



**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: great teamwork in PE using ball skills.

Respect: using good manners.

Enthusiasm: engaged and produced lovely work on 'La Luna'.

Excellence: children have worked exceptionally hard to produce and share their work with other schools.

Well done team Grateley!

Current House Points		
St. Andrews	Oxford	Cambridge
		
24,923	26,092	23,298



Congratulations to all those children who have reached their first Dojo milestone. Across the school, **74,313 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: 95%

Darwin Class: 97%

Adamson Class: 96%

Attenborough Class: 93%



Congratulations to
Darwin Class



for fantastic attendance this week!



Friday 22nd March	ORCA webinar – Darwin class
Thursday 28th March	Last day of term  Easter Egg hunt Easter Raffle Easter Bake Sale Thank you to our PTA
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 3rd June	INSET Day
Saturday 22nd June	“Festival of Joy!”
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,

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

INSET DAYS 2024-25	
Inset Day 1	Monday 2 nd September 2024
Inset Day 2	Tuesday 3 rd September 2024
Inset Day 3	Monday 6 th January 2025
Inset Day 4	Friday 23 rd May 2025
Inset Day 5	Monday 14 th July 2025

[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.