



# Grateley Primary School Newsletter

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**'A school where everyone becomes a lifelong learner and realises their potential.'**

Dear parents/carers,

It has been an awesome half term and you should be so proud of your children. They have been fantastic and so have the team around your children.

They are making school irresistible for your children through the engaging curriculum and enrichment opportunities.

Year R have engaged in their weekly welly walk to the school field and their local field study project around the village.

Year 1 and 2 have been on a welly walk to the school field to support their learning in Science.

Year 3 and 4 have been reading Charlie and the Chocolate Factory and writing in the style of Roald Dahl.

Year 5 and 6 have had a really busy half term with the residential to Runways and the recent DT project where they have used saws and glue guns.

We now only have spaces in year R and Year 6 which is fantastic. Please keep communicating to the wider community about the school so we can fill these spaces.

Next half term the focus of the School Improvement Plan continues to be on High Quality Inclusive Practice, the learning journey in Maths and Writing and making school irresistible.

Have a wonderful half term. Make sure you rest and relax.

Mrs Hill.

**'We are all in this together.'**

## Diary Dates:

New Yr R 2025 Open Days:  
Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> Jan 2025 5.00pm

Parents' Evenings:  
Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> Nov 3.50pm  
Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> Nov 3.50pm

Muffin Days:  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> Nov – Bring a Bottle  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov – Colour Raffle

## **Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November – WINTER FAYRE**

15<sup>th</sup> Nov – Children in Need  
25<sup>th</sup> Nov – Headteacher Coffee Morning  
26<sup>th</sup> Nov-2<sup>nd</sup> Dec - Winter Book Fayre  
Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> Dec - Panto, Theatre Royal

## INSET Dates:

INSET Day 1: Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 24  
INSET Day 2: Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 24  
INSET Day 3: Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 25  
INSET Day 4: Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 25  
INSET Day 5: Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July 25

## Attendance:

### **'Every minute counts!'**

Congratulations to  
*Darwin and  
Attenborough classes*  
for 97% attendance this week!

Current attendance percentages are:

**Whole school for the year: 97%**  
**Whole school for the week: 94%**

**Bear Class: 78%**  
**Darwin Class: 97%**  
**Adamson Class: 94%**  
**Attenborough Class: 97%**

## Thank you

We say a HUGE thank you to Mr Brendan Holmes who has been committed to teaching P.E to the children over the past year. The school community are incredibly grateful for your support. We wish you luck on your next adventure.



At Grateley we are developing **High Quality Inclusive Practice**. We have developed 6 characteristics;

1. Relationships
2. Learning Environment
3. Learning Journeys
4. Modelling
5. Adaptive Teaching
6. Assessment for Learning

Our vision and values underpin the characteristics and the characteristics underpin the Grateley curriculum. We believe that strong, trusting connections between staff and children, children and staff and children and children is paramount. Children learn in a safe and trusting environment.

We also believe that everyone is a lifelong learner and so we are a school that reads and we use the research and information to develop ourselves and our practice.

We are on the journey to be exceptional and we want school to be **irresistible!**

**You can find these on the website under the tab, 'Our Learning' to find out more.**

#### **Parent Mail**

Some of you have been talking to the team about the APPs we no longer use in school. Parent mail is an APP you can now delete as no communication will be coming from school through this communication.

If you still use this to notify us of children being absent from school, please email or call school.

Over time all communications will come through email or Arbor. This is a BIG job for the team so the merge will take some time.

#### **Head Teacher Coffee Morning**

Thank you so much to the parents who were able to attend the session. During the session, I communicated with parents about; current staff structure, Teams around children, why we have chosen to use HLTAs to cover our classes, WhatsApp (pros and cons) and the parent forum. The slides have been added to Google classroom for you to look at if you were unable to attend.

*The next Head Teacher coffee session will be on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November at 2.45pm.*