



# Grateley Primary School Newsletter

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

Dear parents/carers,

Thank you for your continuing support. Even when times have been more difficult we really appreciate that you are a supportive community around the school. I have had some really positive communication from families this week. Thank you!

We have had teacher parent consultations this week for most classes. Thank you to you all for attending, speaking to your teachers and me about your child/ren's progress as well as completing the school questionnaires.

There was a common thread from the questionnaires and this was around communication. I am going to set up a forum this half term to try and tackle the concerns regarding communication. If you have mentioned communication as a concern, it would be great if you could attend the forum. I am proposing Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 2.45pm at school. Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Hill.

*Chill*

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

## Diary Dates:

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

Muffi Days:  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov – PTA Colour Raffle donation

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

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Yr R & KS1  
Nativity 2.30pm in school hall**

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December – Nativity 10am**

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December – KS2 Carol  
concert at church**

25<sup>th</sup> Nov @ 2.45pm – HT 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 Days:

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  
*Bear class*  
for fantastic attendance this week!

Current attendance percentages are:

**Whole school for the year: 96.8%**

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**Bear Class: 97.2%**

**Darwin Class: 96.7%**

**Adamson Class: 92.7%**

**Attenborough Class: 97.0%**

This is Mr Pritchard.

Mrs Pritchard will be the class teacher in Adamson from next week.

Mr Pritchard specialises in P.E and he enjoys going to the gym outside school.



## Preloved Christmas clothes

We would like to set up a stall for the Winter Fayre with preloved Christmas clothes and sell them for £2.00 an item. We would welcome any donations into the school office.



### Local resident:

This week I was talking to a local resident about the amount of runners and people I have seen wearing dark clothing in the dark and she sent me a link to a website about keeping children visible when it's dark.

I have put the link below.

[https://search.app?link=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.irwinmitchell.com%2Fnews-and-insights%2Fexpert-comment%2Fpost%2F102ir6g%2Fchild-pedestrian-visibility-a-matter-of-life-and-death&utm\\_campaign=aga&utm\\_source=agsad1%2Csh%2Fx%2Fgs%2Fm2%2F4](https://search.app?link=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.irwinmitchell.com%2Fnews-and-insights%2Fexpert-comment%2Fpost%2F102ir6g%2Fchild-pedestrian-visibility-a-matter-of-life-and-death&utm_campaign=aga&utm_source=agsad1%2Csh%2Fx%2Fgs%2Fm2%2F4)

### Anti- Bullying Week:

It has been anti- bullying week and the focus has been on 'respect.' We have been learning about the difference between a child/ren being unkind and targeted bullying behaviour. The children in assembly were confident in the different behaviours but knew that both were inappropriate and should not be tolerated. We focussed on the value, 'respect' and linked this to the British Values.

### Staffing update:

As you may have heard, unfortunately Mrs Norman is absent from school and unlikely to return to school before the end of term. We all wish her a speedy recovery.

Mrs Linwood and Mrs Britton have been teaching Adamson class this week with the support of Mrs Hill and Ms Heaps.

From Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November we are excited to welcome Mr Pritchard to the team

### Congratulations:

Yesterday myself, Mrs Rutherford (Chair of Governors) and Mrs Bridges (Governor) interviewed candidates for the Business Manager and Senior Teacher roles in school. We are excited to announce that, from January 1<sup>st</sup> 2025, Mrs Kitching will be the new Business Manager and Ms Heaps will be the new Senior Teacher. The Head Teacher, Business Manager and Senior Teacher are your new Leadership Team from January 2025.