



# 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; as always we can't do the enrichment events in school without your support. This week we had a team from Hampshire in school to see the progress within our school.

The visit was incredibly positive. Some highlights of the visit:

- Learning behaviours in class were strong with good engagement by children.
- Consistent classroom environment, displays, behaviour and high expectations to support the children.
- Children that spoke to the visitors were articulate, knew what they were learning and explained the key vocabulary that they had explicitly taught.
- The leaders in school were able to demonstrate the changes in school linked to the progress the children are making.

We are so proud of your children and the progress they are making.

Have a great weekend!

Mrs Hill.

*Chill*

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

We welcome Miss Franklin and Miss Kitching to the team from Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December. Miss Franklin is an LSA and will be working in Darwin Class and Miss Kitching is an LSA working in Adamson class.

## Diary Dates:

New Yr R 2025 Open Day:

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> Jan 2025 5.00pm

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December – Panto, Theatre Royal, Winchester**

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day**

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Yr R & KS1 Nativity 2.00pm in school hall**

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

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

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> Dec 9.30am – Darwin Recorder concert

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025 – return to school

## INSET Days:

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  
*Adamson class*  
for fantastic attendance this week!

Current attendance percentages are:

**Whole school for the year: 96.7%**

**Whole school for the week: 97.3%**

**Bear Class: 91.1%**

**Darwin Class: 97.1%**

**Adamson Class: 99.3%**

**Attenborough Class: 97.8%**



## School Council news

We would like to make a 'Kindness Board' that will go in the hut, so children can put positive messages on there to celebrate the good things in school.

To raise the money we are holding a 'Wear Something Silly' day. This could be silly socks or silly hair or a hat – anything you like!

Please could children bring £1 to help us buy the board.

This will be on Friday 13th December.

Many thanks  
School Council

## Grateley School Choir



Some of the choir sang at Hilliers Garden Centre this week and they were brilliant. I was so proud of their behaviour and their singing. Thank you to Mrs Gray and Mrs Foley for organising this event.

## Goodbye!



**We sadly say goodbye to Mrs Gray at Christmas who has been with Grateley School for 6 years. Mrs Gray will be moving to another school and we wish her all the best.**

## School Uniform

With the colder weather upon us now, please note that the children may wear base layers under their normal uniform, to keep warm.

No hoodies of any description please.

Only red school fleeces or a coat on top.

Red Grateley School fleeces are available from:

<https://www.brigade.uk.com/>



Parents of Darwin class children are warmly invited to attend a Recorder concert in the school hall at 9.30am on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December.



## Lunch Clubs

From January 25, children will continue to attend Book Club, Choir and Lego Club. If you would like to join these clubs, please speak to Mrs Hill.

## New Clubs

Sewing Club will be for KS2 children with Mrs Hill.

Ball Games for KS1 children with Mr Stow or Mr Emans on the school field from 12.30pm.