

*"We value friendship through tolerance responsibility courage and respect"*

**Our 1<sup>st</sup> Newsletter - keeping parents informed of new events and important information**

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2016

Dear Parents

### 1. Leadership and Management

**I am delighted to be here at your lovely school for this coming term.** The staff have all been most welcoming and the children have all worked well this week. I have delighted in getting to know them all and I have already learned some of their names! I have also enjoyed meeting some of you face to face in the mornings and I shall be out at the gate most days; please do come over for a chat with me if you have time. Following Mrs Thomas's most excellent 'handover' during the holidays, I feel very confident of a positive and successful term ahead.

I have been a head teacher for twenty years having just left Brockenhurst C of E Primary School in the New Forest after fourteen years. I have always worked in schools across Hampshire. I love children and want to work hard to get the best for them. I shall look forward to working well with everyone in the Grateley Community.

**My newsletters** will be monthly or as necessary. I have organised the texts under the 'OFSTED headings' so you will see that we are covering every aspect of school life – the brightly coloured bold headings are numbered 1-5.

### **A word from the Chair of Governors – Mrs. Lorna Ward.**

"I am delighted to welcome you back after the summer holidays. I trust you all had a wonderful rest with your children. We are interviewing two candidates and, hopefully, appointing a new Head Teacher, the week beginning 26<sup>th</sup> September and will inform you of the outcomes as soon as we are able. Thank you for your patience. It has not been easy, however we are hopeful of a positive outcome."

We have our **Leading and Learning partner**, Mr A. Yeoman, from County visiting this term to monitor teaching and learning and support me in this role. Mr Yeoman will also be supporting the Governors throughout the interview process.

The Schools attainment and KS 1 and KS 2 SATs results 2016 are as follows:

**Many congratulations to Grateley Primary children and staff for these EXCELLENT results, higher than many local and national schools and must be celebrated! VERY WELL DONE!!**

#### **EYFS: Good Level of Development at end of EYFS**

	2014	2015	2016
School	80%	94%	93%
National	60%	66%	69%

#### **Key Stage One: Year One Phonics Screen**

	School	National
2014	100% (top 2% of all schools nationally)	74%
2015	92% (13 out of 14 pupils passed)	77%
2016	100%	Not yet published

2016 Key Stage One Results	At age related expectations or above Grateley School	National
Reading	Expected 92% Greater Depth 53%	Expected 74% Greater depth 23%
Writing	Expected 85%	Expected 65%

	Greater Depth 38%	Greater Depth 13%
Maths	Expected 85% Greater Depth 31%	Expected 72% Greater Depth 18%
<b>2016 Key Stage Two:</b>	At age related expectations or above Grateley School	National Higher standard not yet known
Reading	Expected 80% Higher standard 47%	66%
Writing	Expected 93% Higher standard 40%	74%
Maths	Expected 87% Higher standard 40%	70%
Grammar, spelling and punctuation	Expected 93% Higher standard 53%	72%

**School Closures/ INSET days** this term are on child protection/ safeguarding/ planning the term ahead and the Maths day is on **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2016.**

**School Action Plan 2016-17** The School team and the Governors are focusing on the following as part of their Action Plan 2016-17. The aim is always to be an outstanding school, or as near to outstanding as we can get, during the next OFSTED inspection which is due this coming year.

- A. Monitoring and improvement on the quality of teaching and learning assessment - with a particular focus on maths and English in line with the New Primary Curriculum updates.
- B. We are looking at clearer identification of children with needs from children who find learning difficult to the children who are Higher Attainers.
- C. Safeguarding/child protection training and implementation including PREVENT training
- D. Personal and social development, welfare and behaviour of pupils training and development

## **2. Teaching and learning**

The children have all settled down and there is a healthy learning buzz around the school. The teachers are in the process of meeting with you to give you information about class routines; curriculum over-views will be coming out to you next week. The teachers have been busy planning some wonderful learning activities for them and I look forward to working alongside them whenever I can.

**Parents in to help** – If you have any spare time to help in school, please see Mrs Davies our Admin Officer for an application pack. This will also require you to carry out a DBS check. You look forward to welcoming some of you in school to help the children with their learning.

## **3. Behaviour, wellbeing and safety**

The safety and positive welfare of children is **always my top priority** and I'm pleased to note that we have had a very positive and successful week so far. The children have been well behaved and are now trying hard to be outstanding role models in all they do! The children are most helpful and kind to each other. They walk into Assembly beautifully and they all listen really well.

## **4. Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural education**

We welcomed the Rev. Vanessa Cole into school again who told us the story of the Lost Sheep!

The children are looking forward to various school visits this term. Please see below the **'term at a glance'** and please make sure you make a note of the dates for your diary.

**There are a few new and exciting occasions ahead; please make a note of them in your diary :-**

**International peace day** – please could you child wear pale blue on **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September** we will be thinking about peace in school and what it means around the world. <http://internationaldayofpeace.org/>

**Macmillan Big Coffee morning on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September** you are warmly invited into school for 9am to buy and have coffee and cakes to raise money for this very worthwhile charity Cancer research. Many of us know of people with cancer or survived cancer. Raising funds for Research is vital for continued treatments your support is most valued. Thank you and see you there. If you would care to donate cakes /biscuits / pastries I would be most grateful! The Year 5 and 6 children will help with this special event, so please do come give them your encouragement!

On **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2016 I would like to invite into school all Grandparents** from 1.30pm to 3.30pm to look at the work of their grandchildren in classes. There will be refreshments on offer throughout the afternoon and a short assembly at the end of the day to encourage the children to say what is special about grandparents and value their input in their lives. Please do come to the school main office in the morning and sign in. Please do let us know of any grandparents with any disability or allergy if this might impinge on their time with us. All grandparents are welcome

**On Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2016 at 10.45am Remembrance Service in school.** We are holding a special Remembrance Day Service. One of our military serving governors will support us and give a short talk to the children. All parents are welcome to this special event.

#### **Dates for your diary**

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September – Sports Day for Year 1 – 6, 1.30pm at the field, all welcome**  
**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September – International Peace Day – non uniform - wear pale blue**  
**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September – Macmillan Big Coffee Morning 9am**  
**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October – School Photographer Portraits (please note - date changed by photographer)**  
**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October – Open Morning 9.30 – 11.30am**  
**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October - Harvest Festival 9am, school hall – all welcome**  
**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October - Open Morning 9.30 – 11.30am**  
**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October – Inset Day school closed for children**  
**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October - Grandparents Afternoon 1.30pm-3.30pm**  
**24<sup>th</sup> October to 28<sup>th</sup> October - Half term**  
**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November – Flu Vaccines 9.00am Year 1 – 3 (Letter explaining all will be sent out in October)**  
**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November - 10.45am Remembrance Service - all welcome**  
**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November – Parents’ Evening – time to be confirmed**  
**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November – Parents’ Evening - time to be confirmed**  
**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December – Last day for teacher led clubs**  
**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December – PTA Christmas Fayre – 3.30pm – 5pm**  
**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December - KS 1 Nativity Performance 2.30 – 3.30pm – School Hall**  
**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December - KS2 Christmas Christingle Service at St Mary’s Church, Andover, 6 – 7pm**  
**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas lunch for children in school**  
**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December - school’s last day**  
**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January – Inset Day school closed for children**  
**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January – First day back for children**  
**20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> February – Half Term**  
**10<sup>th</sup> April – 21<sup>st</sup> April – Easter Holidays**  
**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May – Bank Holiday**  
**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May – Inset Day school closed for children**  
**29<sup>th</sup> May – 2<sup>nd</sup> June – Half Term**  
**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June – School Photographer – class photos 1pm**  
**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July - Inset Day school closed for children**  
**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July – Summer holidays**

***Well done to :-***

***Emily B well done for passing Grade one Ballet exam***

***Stars of the week - 9<sup>th</sup> September***

***Benjamin G - Darwin Class***

***Grace F - Adamson Class***

***Jamie R - Aittenborough Class***

### **Safeguarding Children at Grateley Primary School**

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 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 T Cawthra – Head Teacher

Miss D Knights – Class Teacher

#### **Safeguarding Governor is:**

Mrs Sarah Jarman

#### **Our Chair of Governors is:**

Mrs Lorna Ward

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.

*Thought of day*

*-Everyone is fighting a battle you know nothing about - be kind, always! -*

Kind regards,

**Trudie Cawthra**

**Acting Head teacher**