

Our school values are: Respect, Friendship and Peace

Our new learning values are: Resilience, relationship, resourceful and reflectiveness

***Our 2nd Newsletter - keeping parents informed of new events and important information***

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2016

Dear Parents,

### ***1. Leadership and Management***

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

"Please do complete and return our parent questionnaire at the end of this letter and can be accessed online see <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/> so we are able to gauge what you think about our school and how we can further address issues that are important to you. We welcome your comments; please keep them anonymous if you wish, and will do all we can to improve things for all, Thank you Lorna Ward "

**New Baby!** I'm sure you will join me in congratulating Mr and Mrs Ward our Chair of governors following the safe delivery of their baby daughter! Many congratulations to Lorna and her husband at this most wonderful time for them. With all our love and best wishes to Lorna and her beautiful baby daughter. We look forward to seeing you soon and maybe having a cuddle with her!

**Our Learning Leadership Partner Andrew Yeoman** visited the school on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September and discussed our teaching and learning and ways to further improve all that we were doing. This was a very successful day and one that has helped everyone move forward. Mr Yeoman will be returning soon to help us all further.

#### **Headship outcomes**

Following the interview day on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September, the Governing Body have not yet appointed a new head teacher. As soon as we have more positive news we will, of course, let you know.

### ***2. Teaching and learning***

**Parents in to help** – WE NEED YOU!!!! If you have any spare time to help in school, please see Mrs Davies our Admin Officer for a simple 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.

**Miss Bailey will be out of school** over the next week having parental leave to support her daughter. We wish the family every possible success and a speedy recovery for the little girl. Regular supply teachers will cover the class and I will oversee all proceedings – I have also sent a separate letter to all Yr 5 and Yr 6 parents.

**Golden Stars of the week for learning hard work and excellent behaviour - 16th and 30<sup>th</sup> September**

**Very Well done to:-**

Yr R	Maddie Amelia
Yr 1 / 2	Mia Jacob Charlie
Y 3 / 4	Jude Sophie Evan Ella Harrison
Yr 5 / 6	Charlie Jacob Ruby

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

#### **Traffic – Health and safety notice and reminder**

We are concerned about the considerably increased traffic especially lorries, buses and skips in and around the school buildings of late. Please may I respectfully remind you all to take extra care when dropping off and collecting your child from school?

**PARKING** - Please do not park on the bus stop area as this cause considerable inconvenience to the bus driver when they are trying to get as close as possible to our school entrance – also please do not park on continuous lines; these are meant to deter drivers as they signal a tight bend or corner and therefore aim to keep pedestrians safe.

**SAFETY** - As the winter evenings are also drawing in, and our village has no street lighting, may I suggest that you always carry a:-

- A bright Torch
- A Florescent jacket
- A fully charged Mobile phone

Also always walk TOWARDS the oncoming traffic when there is no pavement at the side of any road.

**RESPECT** - Please always park respectfully, taking into consideration other villages driveways and gardens – this makes for harmonious relationships with our neighbours – thank you.

We are keen to ensure all the children, adults connected to the school and the local community residents remain safe. Everyone's health and safety is our number one priority. Please look after your children, yourselves and others in order to remain safe as the winter draws nearer.

**Children's behaviour** has been better this past fortnight. Please support us by asking your child to '**LISTEN TO LEARN**' when in school. We have a new set of rules in school and we are finding that the two rules children choose to break most frequently are

1. *We work hard - We don't waste learning time*
2. *We listen - We don't interrupt*

Please encourage your child to listen and not waste time in interrupting the teacher – This will make a huge difference to everyone's learning experience in school! There are many very highly attentive children and we celebrate their success with praise and rewards. Thank you.

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

**Waitrose tokens** - We are collecting for our school sporting equipment for our youngest children in Waitrose in Andover. Please do support the school by putting your green tokens in our container! If we succeed in gaining the most token we get £1000 for the school!!!

**International peace day** – We had a wonderful day wearing blue and thinking carefully about being peaceful with each other and peaceful with the rest of our community our county and our world. We looked at ways we can celebrate peace and how we can care for our beautiful world.

**Macmillan Big Coffee morning** on Friday 30th September this was a great success and we raised £ 390.00. Thank you for all your efforts, in turning up to making delicious cakes for us all to enjoy together!

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

On **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2016 we 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

**Harvest festival on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October at 9am to 10am** Please do come and bring either a money gift or some food to give to give to the Andover Food bank.

**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 Mr Teeling will support us and give a short talk to the children. All parents are welcome to this special event.

## Dates for your diary

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  
Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November – School Photo Mop Up Session  
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

## Website of the week

Free online touch-typing for children <https://www.typingclub.com/typing-qwerty-en.html>

Book of the week - parent books helping children listen and talk from Amazon link

[https://www.amazon.co.uk/How-Talk-Kids-Will-Listen/dp/1848123094/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1475655800&sr=8-1&keywords=talk+so+your+child+will+listen](https://www.amazon.co.uk/How-Talk-Kids-Will-Listen/dp/1848123094/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1475655800&sr=8-1&keywords=talk+so+your+child+will+listen)

## PTA News

WAITROSE tokens are for OUR school. Please put your green token in the school box in Andover!!!

The Clothing Bin Collection is 30.11.16

New science equipment was purchased by the PTA, this is amazing equipment that the children really love using. It’s so lovely to have brand new things and this wonderful science equipment: magnet sets, wildlife and colour light, sound and earth activities that will really enhance children’s learning.

Thank you so much to a wonderful PTA.

## **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!*

*No one cares how much you know, until they know how much you care!*

Have a good week!

Kind regards,

**Trudie Cawthra**

**Acting Head teacher**

“Realising our children’s potential”

**PARENT QUESTIONNAIRE**

The School Governing Body seek feedback from parents to help inform their understanding of the performance of the School. The feedback reviews the effectiveness of leadership and management; the quality of teaching, learning and assessment; personal development, behaviour and welfare; outcomes for children and learners.

Please score the questions from 1 to 5; 1 being a poor score and 5 being a very strong score. Please add comment, positive and negative, to enhance your score or highlight your point.

My child is happy at School \_\_\_\_

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My child feels safe at School \_\_\_\_

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My child is well looked after at School \_\_\_\_

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My child is taught well at School \_\_\_\_

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My child receives appropriate homework for their age \_\_\_\_

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The School makes sure its pupils are well behaved \_\_\_\_

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The School deals effectively with bullying \_\_\_\_

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The School is well led and managed \_\_\_\_

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The School responds well to any concerns I raise \_\_\_\_

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I receive valuable information from the School about my child’s progress \_\_\_\_

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I receive valuable information at Parent Evenings \_\_\_\_

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I receive valuable information from the School Newsletter \_\_\_\_

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I receive valuable information from the School website \_\_\_\_

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I would recommend the School to other Parents \_\_\_\_

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Please let us know any of any improvements you would like to see in the School and your reason for it.

Should you have any questions regarding your child, please speak to the Class Teacher or the Head Teacher at any time.

Thank you for your ongoing help and support.

Grateley School Governing Body