

*"Friendship, respect, peace"*

***Our 3rd Newsletter - keeping parents informed of the School's new events and important information***

Friday 21st October 2016 - *Have a happy and restful half term. Take great care if travelling on our roads!*

Dear Parents,

***1. Leadership and Management***

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

"Whilst on maternity leave, I have been keeping up with all the schools developments and am pleased with the progress the children and staff are making. Autumn is a time for working hard and looking forward to happy events ahead. I'm glad to hear that all the children are working well and getting on with their studies. Well done everyone! Thank you all for your questionnaires, these make good ready and will help the school improve our service to you.

The Governors are delighted that Mrs Cawthra will be staying with us as Head Teacher for another term. We are very pleased with the way she has settled in and grateful that her agreement to extend her contract will provide the continuity of leadership to our School that is so important for everyone, especially the children. We continue to work with County in the recruitment of a permanent Headteachers and will carry on providing updates to you as we progress."

***2. Teaching and learning***

**Parents/grandparents 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. We are looking for all sorts of help from hearing children read to sewing /cooking/gardening/exploring around the village/art work! Come and help. We will welcome you with a big smile and chocolate biscuits with your coffee! You will go a long way to find a better offer and a better group of wonderful children with whom to work!

**Super learning experiences for all! Well done everyone!**

Adamson Class Yrs. 3 /4 children organised a wonderful Harvest Farmers Market as part of their topic this term. This was excellent and the children worked hard to bake make and sell food produce with a profit of £54! Fantastic, well done everyone! Thank you to Yr. 3 and 4 parents for being so generous with your baking and buying!

Attenborough class Yr. 5 and Yr. 6 children produced a magnificent Greek market place showcasing all their learning achievements yesterday – excellent children – very well done!

Darwin class Yr. 1 and Yr. 2 children have been looking at healthy foods and learning about teddy bears picnics! Bear class our Yr R have been making spells in readiness for trick or treating at Halloween!

We have held two **Open Mornings with new parents** looking round our school. These have been successful and we received many compliments about how lovely our school is, how clean, tidy and organised it is, alongside polite and clever children. Well done everyone, particularly to Mrs Davies for all her support.

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

**Following an unfortunate and luckily not too serious accident, with a child getting off the School bus, we strongly advise that you teach your children how to cross the road safely especially between parked cars and moving traffic. We will be reiterating this important message in school too.**

Negative Behaviour and interrupting learning during lessons is certainly on the decline now with more children purposefully listening in lessons and not wasting learning time with low level disruptions. Well done children KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK! Let's all eradicate that kind of negative behaviour and focus of learning with **resilience resourcefulness reflectiveness** and excellent **relationships** – our new learning powers!

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

It is really sad to say Good bye to Abigail M who has moved away and will be starting her new school after half term. We wish the family very possible happiness. Also Grace and Michael F are leaving us; We wish the family well as they are posted to Washington DC America. Stay safe and look after each other

**Harvest** - Thank you all for your magnificent Harvest contributions. Andover food bank were very grateful for all your food items and say a huge thank you – thank you for coming to the Harvest

service which featured a real owl!

**Grandparents in school.** On Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2016 we invited the grandparents into school. It was a very special occasion and all the children and grandparents loved to see what their grand children learn now.



**The Parish Council** , with the help of our youngest pupil, Jack, unveiled a beautiful new board outside the school telling all about the Church of St Leonard the Saint of prisoners and the history of Grateley- do have a good look at this delightful reminder of Grateley's most interesting and unique past. Thank you, Rob and Vanessa for all your care.

#### 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 fathers will support us and give a short talk to the children. All parents are welcome to this special event. Please do join us all!



#### Dates for your diary

**24<sup>th</sup> October to 28<sup>th</sup> October - Half term**

**Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October – Height and Measuring for Year R & 6**

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

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November – Attenborough Class to Winchester Science Centre**

**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 – 4pm – 5.30pm**

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November – Parents' Evening – 5pm – 7.30pm**

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December – Last day for teacher led clubs**

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December – Pop Up 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**

<http://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/naturedetectives/?gclid=ClyqqIDa688CFQkSGwodC00HwA&gclidsrc=aw.ds>

**PTA News**

**PUMPKIN Competition!!! Pay £2 to enter per family! Please do participate in our pumpkin competition – with your child cut a pumpkin into an unusual shape and deliver it to school on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October. I will judge the best and give out prizes for the top three most uniquely decorated pumpkin! Thank you.**



**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 for the week – The best thing you can give your child is your time and your love! Slow down and concentrate!*

Have a good half term with your wonderful children.

Kind regards,

**Trudie Cawthra**  
**Acting Head teacher**