

# Grateley Primary School

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A School where every child becomes a lifelong learner and realises their potential.

*Keeping parents informed of the School's new events and important information*

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2017

Dear Parents,

## 1. Leadership and management

It's been a great start to the term which has included a few tweaks by Mrs. Dance to improve the way we do things. I know change can sometimes be difficult but everything the staff and Governors do is with the children's safety and learning in mind. Thank you for your continued support and adherence to these changes. In the last Newsletter, I outlined the projects that the Governing Body has planned for this year. Whilst the majority of funding for these projects comes from external sources, there is always a proportion that the School has to raise itself. We do this through various fundraising events normally organised by the PTA. Whilst the work they do is hard, and at times thankless, a small school such as Grateley could not provide much of the extra circular activities without the money they donate to the School. And to do this we need you, your friends and family to support the events they put on both volunteering to help and attending. The PTA are looking for a new Chair, so if anyone has great fundraising ideas and wants to get stuck in to help the School and our children then please speak to Shelley Kellers by the end of the month.

**Amelia Bridges (Chair of Governors)**

## 2. Teaching and learning

Over the past two weeks, I have had the pleasure to spend time in all of the classes and observed first-hand the fantastic learning behaviours of the children. They are all engaged and motivated to learn in lessons that are skilfully and carefully planned by our excellent team of teachers. *Please note that the children have two PE sessions a week; which are an essential and statutory part of the curriculum that we provide. Please ensure that your child/ren have their PE kit in school every week so that they can participate in this important part of our curriculum.*

Unfortunately, Miss Bailey has suffered complications with her pregnancy and on medical advice is taking immediate rest. I have written to the parents of Adamson class today to explain how I am ensuring that the children in the class continue to receive the excellent teaching that they deserve. I am sure that you will join us all in sending Miss Bailey our best wishes and hope that she and her baby remain well.

## 3. Behaviour, safety, health and well-being

The children are responding brilliantly to the house point rewards and Grateley Leaves. Cambridge received the highest number of house points in week one and Oxford won last week. Cambridge has

succeeded again this week achieving a magnificent 357 house points! St Edwards are not far behind and I am sure will be in the running next week!

On Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September we have invited the NSPCC to come into school and talk to the children about how they can keep themselves safe. They have asked us to carry out a fundraising activity to support them. On Monday we will send out a letter from the NSPCC detailing what the whole school assembly and Y5/6 workshop will cover and a little bit about the fundraising event. If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to come and ask me.

#### 4. Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural Education and Fundamental British Values

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September we successfully carried out our Grateley School Council elections. The children thoroughly enjoyed the democratic process and were exemplary in their behaviour throughout the week. Congratulations to the children who became our new School Council Representatives:

**Darwin:** Nula and Jamie

**Adamson:** Olivia and Ben

**Attenborough:** Cian and Seren

**Bear Class:** once the children have settled into school, they will have the opportunity to vote for their class representatives.



Congratulations to those children who have been awarded Grateley leaves for exemplifying our core values of: **Respect, Resilience, Resourcefulness, Reflectiveness, Relationships:**



Bear Class	Darwin Class	Adamson Class	Attenborough Class
Jacob	Jude	Amelia	Matthew
Rebecca	Izzy	Jacob	Callum
Oliver	Millie	Ben	Hermione
Georgia	Angus	Archie	Emily
	Nula	Sophie	Harrison
	Theo	Lexi	Eleanor
		Thomas	James
			Ruby
			Betsy

#### **Attendance:**



It is vital that children attend school regularly. We at school monitor children's attendance weekly to ensure that they are attending. Our expectation is that the children achieve an attendance percentage of 96% or above (which is in line with Government expectations). To celebrate this essential part of their learning, from next week we will be celebrating excellent attendance in Celebration assemblies each week.

## Dates for your diary

<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September- School photos will be taken.</b>
<b>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September-</b> NSPCC assembly and KS2 workshops Information to
<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September at 6-7pm-</b> Cursive handwriting parents meeting.
<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October and Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October -</b> Parental Consultations Details will be sent out to you nearer the dates, so that you can make an appointment with your child's class teacher.
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October</b> PTA School Disco (Harvest) 6pm-7:30pm
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October</b> INSET DAY

Kindest regards,

Mrs R Dance  
Head teacher

### Safeguarding Children at Grateley Primary School

<http://www.hampshiresafeguardingchildrenboard.org.uk/professionals/>

*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 R Dance – Head Teacher  
Miss D Knights – Class Teacher*

#### *Safeguarding Governor is:*

*Mrs Sarah Jarman*

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

*Mrs Amelia Bridges*

*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.*