

Galleywood Infant School

Friday 1st July 2016

Dear Parents,

Summer 2016

The summer break is rapidly approaching and as always the term seems very full. In July the school will be saying goodbye to some members of staff who have worked at Galleywood for a long time. Mrs Window, teaching assistant in Rabbits class, is retiring. Mrs Shiels, Mrs Curley and Mrs Gilbert have worked at our school in a number of different roles but all currently work part time, teaching classes and groups of children each week. The children, staff, parents and Governors will miss them very much and of course we hope they will continue to be involved with the school and to visit for special occasions. If you would like to contribute to leaving gifts and to sign cards for these members of staff please pop into the office in the next 2 weeks.



Children's Challenge

We are looking forward to an afternoon of sport and fun on Thursday 7th July. The field will be set out with over 30 different activities for children to try. Helpers from St Michael's Junior School will explain what children need to do to gain a point at each base, and offer a challenge for 2 pts if they are successful. We hope you will be able to come and support your child. Activities commence at 1.15pm with races from about 2.30pm. Please ensure that your child has a water bottle - we hope the weather will be warm and sunny and that your child will also need a sun hat and some sun screen!



Summer Fair

Next Saturday 9th July is our summer fair with our theme "English Country Garden". This is a joint event organised by GIPA and by SMASH, St Michael's Parents' Association. To make the afternoon a great success we need some sunshine, we need everyone to come and of course we need lots of offers of help to set up, to run activities and to clear away. Please see the volunteer sheets on each classroom door and sign up for a half hour slot so that we can run all the activities we have planned! Older brothers and sisters might be happy to run a stall for half an hour? Set up is from 9am on Saturday morning.



The fair will be on the school field with entrance via the driveway. We are charging 50p for adults; children can come in free with an additional cost for an inflatables wristband.

Non Uniform day!



On Tuesday 5th July we are having a non uniform day - come to school in your choice of clothes and bring some chocolate items for our Chocolate tombola. Please take these to your classrooms - they will be collected by members of GIPA. Thank you!

50th Birthday

Our 50th birthday quiz booklet is ready! Please come and buy one for family and friends - all proceeds towards our 50th birthday celebrations. We would like to thank



Mrs Lacey for her work to find 50 questions and to office staff for producing and printing the booklet.

You might have seen our request for photos and memories of school days at Galleywood from former pupils on Facebook. Please forward this if you know of anyone who came to our school. Thank you.

A time capsule has arrived in school this week - we shall be talking to the children next week about the items we would like children to find in 50 years time to help them know what Galleywood Infant School was like in 2016! These will be revealed as part of an assembly at 2:15pm on Wednesday 13th July - everyone welcome. Please note the date.



Reports and School Organisation

On Friday parents will receive reports for children in the Foundation Stage and summary reports for children in Yr1 and Yr2. We try to make these as informative as possible so that you know how well your child is doing compared with the national

expectations for their age. If you have any questions or concerns about your child's progress please arrange a time to meet with the teacher after school, or by arrangement during the school day.

Open Evening

You will also have the opportunity to come to school on **Thursday 14th July between 4:30pm - 6:30pm** to look at your child's most recent work, to see a range of current work on display in the classroom and for children in FS or Year 1 to visit your child's new classroom and teacher. Children in Foundation Stage and Year 1 will spend two afternoons in their new classrooms with their new teachers on Tue 12th and Tue 19th July.



Play House

We are delighted with our new playhouse- thank you to GIPA for the funds enabling us to buy this equipment for all the children to enjoy. We have two small playhouses ready to install but the job needs some additional muscle power to position and assemble the houses. Is there anyone who could spare a day or part of a day to help Mr Foreman and ensure the children get a chance to play in these before the summer? Thank you!