

Friday 13th February 2015

Galleywood Infant School



Dear Parents,

Learning Stars

Thank you for returning the surveys- we have been interested to read how often children talk about Try Hard Trevor and Bella Bee at home! If you have not done so yet please let us have your views by Wednesday 25th February.

Stars of the week

For not giving up when something is tricky:

Elliot Curtis, Jia-Li Brookes, Rylee Snowball, Finley Cullen, Jack Dufosee, Leo Latifi

For working well in a team:

Millie Bacon, Ava Maidman, Fatima Zia, Olivia Mendham, Mia Maddox, Finlay Rogers, Harry Lakin, George Lepley, Jack Hornsby, and Oscar Cheesman.

For asking good questions that help us learn:

Jackson Heinz, Ben Brown, Dilan Ali, Oliver Wakeling, Oliver Wallbank, Tajai Knights

Cycle and Scoot to school!

We hope for some sunshine over half term so that children get a chance to play on bikes and scooters. We are taking part in two competitions between 3rd and 20th March to get children active and reduce the number of cars outside school. See letter from Kathy Shiels below. Last year we were very successful and many children won tee shirts, wrist bands and other prizes from Sustrans. Good luck!

Maths Week

We have a whole school problem solving week after half term with lots of activities in classrooms and outside when children will need to use and apply key maths facts.

On Monday 23rd, Wednesday 25th and Friday 27th February we would like to invite you join us at the end of the day to play a range of maths games with your child in their classroom. These sessions will run from 2.35pm– 3.05pm. You may wish to come to all three sessions or just one! We hope to introduce you to some exciting new games that you can play together at home.

On Friday 27th February we will be taking each year group to Parklands Farm. At the farm we are hoping to find out how maths can be used in real life contexts. Look out for a separate letter with exact times for each class and reply slips. We would love you to join us!

Red Nose Day

GIPA will be holding a cake sale to raise money for Comic Relief after school on Friday 13th March. Donations of home made or shop bought cakes would be very welcome. We will have tables in the hall to receive your donations. Thank you!

In addition we will be selling the official red noses in school from Monday 2nd March until we sell out!

Staff led clubs

We had planned to start staff led clubs, which are offered to children in Yr1 and Yr2, from 26th February. As four teachers will be writing reports on 26th February staff clubs will begin on Thursday 5th March and run for 4 weeks. The last club will now be Thursday 27th March. We apologise for the change. Letters with offers of clubs will be sent out on Thursday 26th after half term.

Messy Church

St Michael's Church are holding another of their popular activity afternoons on Saturday 28th February from 4-5:30pm. There will be arts and crafts, a keep fit obstacle course, interactive stories, refreshments and the chance to create a marshmallow and fruit person! Yum! This is a free event for all ages, just go to the church on Galleywood Common at 4pm on Sat 28th February and have fun!

We wish you all a very happy half term holiday and look forward to seeing everyone on Monday 23rd February.



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Dear Parents/Carers,

Get set... we're taking part in The Essex Eco Race and The Big Pedal 2015, two inter-school cycling and scooting challenges that inspire pupils, staff and parents to choose two wheels for their journey to school.

Powered by Sustrans and funded by the Bike Hub, **the challenge runs from 2 to 20 March**. It's free to enter and we would love everyone to be involved.

The details

On each day of the challenge schools compete to see who can record the greatest number of pupils, staff and parents cycling or scooting to school. We'll be competing against other schools right across Essex and the UK, and if we clock up the most bike and scooter journeys we'll win!

Why we're taking part

It's a great way to get more of our pupils travelling to school on their bikes and scooters. We will be competing to become one of the county's top schools for two-wheeled journeys and will be in with a chance to win prizes including bike and scooter stunt shows, exciting days out with the YHA and fantastic cycle and scooter storage.

Journeys made by parents, guardians and siblings, known as supporter journeys, are also eligible for prizes. Schools with the most supporter journeys will be entered in to a prize draw to win one of 10 family passes from The National Trust. There is also a prize draw to win a family cycling holiday from Saddle Skedaddle. Enter the competition at bigpedal.org.uk.

What's next?

All you need to do is encourage your child(ren) to cycle or scoot to school every day during the event, and join them on their way – parent and sibling journeys count too!

For more information about the event and details of prizes, go to www.bigpedal.org.uk or www.ecoracessex.org.uk Please get in touch if you have any questions.

Enjoy the ride!

Kathy Shiels PE Co ordinator