

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2016

## Galleywood Infant School

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year!

We are delighted to announce the safe arrival of Mrs Holden's baby!



Bertie Holden was born on 30<sup>th</sup> December at 2:54am weighing 7lb 2oz and was home in time for breakfast! Our congratulations and best wishes to Stacey, Sam, and big brother Frankie!

### E-Safety Workshop

This is a reminder that on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January we will be holding an E Safety workshop and information session from 1:30-3pm in the school hall. Training will be led by Debbie Schofield, who has a great deal of expertise and knowledge to share about changing technology. Children at this school or older siblings may have received a tablet, laptop or phone for Christmas - how can you support your child to carry out research, play games, enjoy social media and send emails safely? Debbie offers:



- An overview of the current issues regarding keeping children safe online
- To raise awareness of the risks associated with online use
- To signpost further information

The content will be relevant to all primary age children- please come and listen, ask questions, find out more! The workshop is funded by the school as part of our Safeguarding programme and was advertised in November; we urge you to attend if you possibly can.

### Maths Games

We hope you have enjoyed playing the dice games that children in Year 1 and Year 2 brought home in November. Mrs Tindall would like these returned to class teachers by Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> January so that we can send out some new games and activities for the spring term.



Thank you.



### Crossing Patrol

Essex Crossing Patrol have informed us of the following:

The School Crossing Patrol Service wrote to notify St Michael's and Galleywood parents/carers/pupils that the afternoon School Crossing Patrol Officer is leaving on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> January. Please note there will be no afternoon patrol service from Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January until a new patrol is appointed.

If you know anyone who may be interested in the vacant position (Afternoon 2.55pm - 3.35pm) please advise them to apply online at

[www.workingforessex.com](http://www.workingforessex.com) or email [enquiries.essex@capita.co.uk](mailto:enquiries.essex@capita.co.uk) or telephone **08448006685**. Thank you.



### Grammar, Spelling and Punctuation

We hope parents found the information sessions on Monday and Wednesday really helpful and informative. Miss Williams has posted some information on the curriculum tab of our school website to help parents support their child's English.

### GIPA

A meeting of the GIPA committee took place yesterday 14<sup>th</sup> January. Lots of exciting plans were made- please look out for more details next week. We were very pleased to receive accounts from the Christmas Fair showing an overall profit of almost £1,500! What an amazing effort- thank you so much to everyone involved!

### Celebrations!

Some of you will know that this year, 2016, will be the 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Galleywood Infant School. We have started making plans for events and activities to include all our current pupils and their families, as well as past pupils.

