

Galleywood Infant School

15th July 2016

Dear Parents,

Children's Challenge

Thank you for supporting our Children's Challenge last Thursday. Miss Usher and Mrs Harvey worked very hard in the morning to prepare the field with 36 activities and once again we were lucky to have a day that was dry but not too hot! We will be talking to the children and to sports coordinators in other schools to evaluate the day and see what we could improve for 2017. Your views are always welcomed:

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Please remember our school policy: if you took photos at the event these should not be shared on social media if other children are in the picture. Thank you.

Summer Fair

Our English Country Garden summer fair on Saturday was a lovely occasion. We owe a huge thank you to Lisa and Keshini for working so hard behind the scenes coordinating the event and organising helpers both in advance and on the day. Thank you to parents, staff, friends and family who helped in any way- once again the weather favoured us and although we are awaiting final totals the event was a great success!

50th Birthday

It was lovely to see so many parents, grandparents, Governors and friends at our 50th Birthday assembly on Wednesday. Mrs Tilsley, Mrs Moles, Mrs Stedman, Mrs Saunders, Mrs Hutchison and Mrs Roscoe joined us as former members of staff at Galleywood, and our Facebook



message brought a number of former pupils who remember their days at this school.

We have a great collection of photos including a class photo taken in 1966! These will be displayed in the hall until the end of term- there might be some faces you recognise! Mrs Bond baked 6 delicious large cakes for each class to decorate in a different way. We invited friends of the school including Mrs Holland, former cook at Galleywood Infant School, to cut the cakes before they cut into tiny pieces for all our children and visitors.



The School Council have been thinking about items to put in a time capsule, which we hope will be buried under the front lawn of the school until 2066, when the school will be 100! To give children of the future some understanding of Galleywood Infant school the children chose to include:

A school jumper, a white board and pen, a school prospectus, a photo book "Day in the life of Galleywood Infant School", a menu and some photos of school dinners, letters from every child in Year 2 describing aspects of school life, a local and national newspaper for 13th July 2016, a selection of three reading books, an English book and a Maths book, a tag for each Learning Star and an explanation. We plan to bury the capsule on 6th September, exactly 50 years after the school opened its doors.



Yesterday we all went onto our school field and Mr Blunden, grandfather to James and Sophie, used his drone to take an aerial photograph of us all in the shape of 50, with the school in the background. We hope to have these available to order before the end of term.

Thank you for your support in dressing children with a 60s theme- every class looks amazing and we will be enjoying sounds of the 60s all day! Miss Mildin hall has been taking photos as part of the 50th celebrations, of the assembly, the amazing cakes, children and staff in fancy dress and of the exciting activities in all parts of the school today. We will aim to display these, too, before the end of term.



The children were excited to receive a 50th Birthday medal from GIPA, which we hope will become part of their special memories of Galleywood Infant School!

We are working with a mosaic artist to create a new mosaic in our entrance hall. Paula has visited twice and most children in Yr2 have worked on the mosaic panels. She will be back in the autumn term!



Parent Feedback

Thank you for the yellow feedback forms. If you haven't had time to do this yet, we would be very grateful if parents could complete this over the weekend so that we can read and act on your responses. We will send reminders early next week!

Gardening Success!

Our vegetable garden and polytunnel give all children the chance to be involved in planting seeds, caring for plants, harvesting vegetables and understanding where our food comes from. Peter Seabrook, Sue Read, Andy Window and others make a huge contribution to the school in keeping this aspect of the curriculum going throughout the year. We were delighted in June that sweet peas grown by our children were part of an exhibit at Chelsea Flower Show, which won a silver gilt medal!



Last week at the annual Galleywood Horticultural Society Show in the Keene Hall the school won 1st prize in 4 classes: for mixed flowers (including our beautiful sweet peas!), a pot plant, for a basket of vegetables and for 3 spectacular onions! The remainder will be harvested for Mrs Bond to use in the autumn.



Cake Sale

A parent of a child in Foxes Class has asked to hold a cake sale after school on **Monday 18th July** to raise money for a specific medical condition.



Notice for Parents of Children in Year 3 from September 2016

Free School Meals

Automatic entitlement to a free school meal finishes at the end of Year 2 and only children from **low income families** are eligible from Year 3.

If your household income is less than £16,190 per year, or you receive Income Support or an equivalent benefit, you will need to make an application in August if you want your child to receive a free school meal from September.

Applications can be made from 1 August 2016 online at www.essex.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals or by calling 0345 603 2200.

End of term arrangements

Monday 18th July: Children's Choice school dinner

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Tuesday 19th July: Children in FS and Yr1 spend the afternoon in their new classes. After school parents of children moving to Owls class can pop in and say hello to Mrs Ray and Mrs Holden, who will be their teachers in September.

Wednesday 20th July: 2:30pm Goodbye assembly to say farewell to Mrs Shiels, Mrs Curley and Mrs Window. Everyone welcome :)

Children will bring PE kits home on Wednesday 20th - please check so that we can follow up anything that is missing, or has been put into the wrong bag!

Thursday 21st July: Our final Birthday and Achievement assembly will take place today. If your child has any certificates to share, please bring these to Mrs Manning by Thursday at the latest.

Lost property will be displayed outside before and after school. Some items such as water bottles, gloves, umbrellas may have been in school for many weeks. Please check even if you are not aware of anything missing!

Friday 22nd July: Yr 2 present their Leavers' assembly at 10am. Families including grandparents and younger siblings very welcome to join us and stay for refreshments afterwards.

3:10pm School closes for the summer break. Final newsletter for the year out today.

