

## Galleywood Infant School

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2016

### Rain!

We know lots of children are very tired today after being woken by thunder and lightning! For our new Foxes and Badgers it has been their first full week



in school. We hope you can all enjoy some "down time" this weekend. Although rainy lunchtimes are never a favourite with staff, our school field

and gardens really need some rain. We still have our 50<sup>th</sup> birthday time capsule to bury when the ground allows us to dig a deep enough hole!

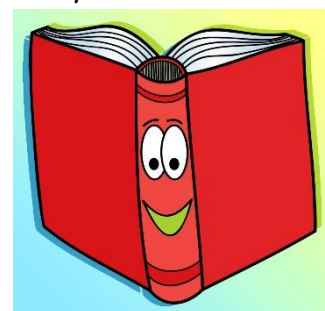
### Learning Themes

If you were able to come to Meet the Teacher, you will know that our learning theme this half term is "If you go down to the woods today....." Children in Year 1 and Year 2 are looking forward to a walk to Galleywood Common on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September. If you are able to accompany the walk and have not yet let us know, please speak to your child's teacher on Monday. Our learning theme for the second half of the term will be "Sticks and Stones" with lots of opportunities for children to learn about building materials, to hear about The Great Fire of London and some favourite stories including Stick Man

and various versions of The Three Little Pigs!

All our learning themes this year include a mixture of traditional and modern stories.

Research shows time and time again that reading stories to children makes such a



difference- it helps them to talk in complete sentences, gives them a wider vocabulary when you stop and talk about new words, helps them develop the skills they need for reading more quickly and gives them lots of ideas to use in their own writing. Shared stories are lovely at any time of the day and we aim to do this every day in school. Longer, darker evenings are perfect for cosy bedtime stories!

Look out for a letter in your child's book bag- we have arranged for author Chloe Inkpen to come into school and share some of the stories she has written. If the name is familiar, she is the daughter of Mick Inkpen, creator of Kipper and many other favourite storybook characters.

### Help with reading

Three parents have offered to help us with reading- please could you spare an hour a week on a regular basis? It would make a huge difference to children's confidence!

### Messy Church

The next Messy Church takes place next Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September at St



Michael's Church on Galleywood Common. Children of all ages welcome. The Valley of Dry Bones is the

theme, with noisy games, activities, a story and a meal - 4.00-5:30pm.

### Clubs this term

After school sports clubs have started this week. If your child has missed the letters or would like a taster session before joining any of the clubs, please speak to the office. The clubs we offer are:

Pass Soccer on Mondays, gymnastics on Tuesdays, basketball on Wednesdays and tennis on Fridays.

### Milk

Just a reminder that if your child would like a carton of cold milk at playtime each day you can order this and pay online at [www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com).



Children receive this free until their 5<sup>th</sup> birthday.

### GIPA news

We are delighted that Kesh and Lisa have agreed to remain as chair people for our parents' association for another year. They did a brilliant job last year, working incredibly hard to ensure that children and families were able to enjoy a wide variety of events and activities. It was wonderful yesterday to hear that GIPA raised £5,300 last year- what an amazing achievement! Well done to everyone who contributed to this, and especially to the people who supported Kesh and Lisa with the big events. We had the first meeting for this year on Monday at 9am and set the dates for cushion clubs this autumn/

## Newsletter

winter. Please see the GIPA newsletter next week for full

details. Remember if you have not already done so you can receive regular updates and information via the GIPA facebook page.

**We are pleased to pass on the following information from Provide:**

Are you worried or do you have concerns about your child's health?

Come along to a 'Drop In' Session, where you can meet a member of our Chelmsford School Nurse Team.

We can offer support and advice on the following topics and any other health issues which may be concerning you.

- \* day and night wetting
- \* hearing and vision
- \* weight and dietary issues
- \* general physical and emotional health problems
- \* Sexual Health issues, c-card's available

**Details as follows:**

**Time:**

15:30 - 16:30

**Date:**

Every other Monday term time only:  
5th September, 19th September, 3rd October, 17th October, 7th November, 21st November, 5th December, and 19th December 2016

**Venue:**

Kings Road Children's Centre  
Chelmsford

For further information call 01245 397766

No appointment necessary.

## **Pupil Premium Funding**

Can our school claim extra funding to help your child?

If you are claiming one of the following benefits, we may be able to claim extra funding (known as Pupil Premium), for your child, enabling school to provide extra resources.

Benefits which qualify:-

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The Guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by HM Revenue & Customs) that does not exceed £16,190

You will not normally be eligible if you receive any amount of Working Tax Credit

Please come to the school office, with paper confirmation (e.g. letter from benefit office) of your benefit, showing your National Insurance No and the type of benefit you are receiving. This must be dated within the last 6 weeks.

Thank you.