

Galleywood Infant School

Monday 18th April, 2016

Dear Parents,

Welcome back

It is good to see everyone back in school after the Easter holiday, ready for the summer term. We are hoping for some lovely weather so that the children can enjoy the trim trail, pirate ship, willow dome and tree house. The class councils have been discussing play houses and we are pleased to have ordered three wooden playhouses to be installed as soon as possible using money raised by GIPA.

Learning this term!

Our new learning theme "Under the sea" is being approached in different ways across the school and has a history focus in Key Stage 1: Yr2 classes are learning about The Titanic and children in Year 1 have been finding out about seaside holidays in the past. Foundation Stage classes are learning about water safety and finding fishy facts! See the school

website for details of how the curriculum will be covered this term. Look out this week for details of school visits for all classes linked to the seaside! Next Thursday 28th April every class will take part in an exciting drama workshop based on Peter Pan!



News from the Gambia

Sue Read travelled to The Gambia on 10th March and sent the following:



"I have been to Kerewan School and given the children the box of trainers from Galleywood. They love them because they are such strong shoes and they really appreciate us sending them. Can they have more please?? They love the wellies too! The children who look

after the garden will use them first because it is hard work there once it rains. As for the toys, the whole school went wild and played with them outside. There were Frisbees flying everywhere, mostly thrown upside down! Balls were bouncing off the concrete steps (and that was the teachers!). Mr Sainy, the HT and Samba, the Deputy made us very welcome. The school cooks made us rice with peanut sauce, which was delicious. We visited Agape too. There are four classes there now and they were pleased to greet us. Pictures of Galleywood are over the walls of the head's office! Kerewan loved the number line and the letters from Squirrels and Rabbits. I have got some letters from the children we sponsor. "

Sue came into school on Thursday and has updated the board near the fish tank with photos from her visit. Please continue to bring in trainers and wellies as these will be collected and shipped when the next container is full.

Lark in the Park

On Thursday we welcomed Ken Edwards and Margaret Campbell to school to talk about an event happening in May as part of the annual Galleywood Festival. Both Galleywood residents have a passion for sport and were involved in the 2012 London Olympics. Ken showed us the torch he carried as part of the relay and invited us to make some torches in school to carry on Saturday 21st May. Lark in the Park is an event for families and you are invited to bring a picnic and join in a variety of



sporting races and competitions from 10:30am-2:30pm. Many of you will be able to walk to Jubilee Park but for families who live further away cars can be parked on St Michael's Junior school playground.

School photos

The photographer will be in school on Wednesday 20th April taking individual and class photos. Brothers and sisters in school will also have family group photos. If you would like to bring older or younger siblings to the early morning session please inform our office staff. Thank you.



GIPA and Smash

A meeting takes place this evening at Baddow Barn, 7:30pm, to plan the summer fair and inflatable event on Saturday 9th July. If you are able to join us for the planning meeting you would be very welcome.

Assessment Information meetings

Parents with children in Year 2 will receive today a leaflet about the new National Curriculum Tests (SATS) in reading, maths, spelling, grammar and punctuation. We would like to explain more about the new tests, show you some sample materials and offer you the opportunity to ask us any questions on Tuesday 26th April at 2:30 and 6pm, where parents of Yr2 children will be able to attend.

Parish Council Competition

We received a huge thank you from Jane Head, clerk to Galleywood Parish Council, for the brilliant entries to the garden competition. The winner in the 4-7 age range, chosen from 38 entries, was Pollyanna Gentry, who received her prize at



the Annual meeting on Thursday 7th April. Some of the entries have been displayed outside Badgers classroom for us all to enjoy.

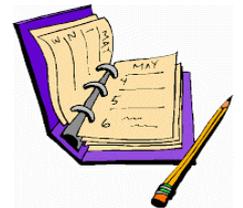
Diary dates for this half term:

Tuesday 26th April - SATs meeting for Yr2 parents 2:30 and 6pm.

Tuesday 10th May - Foundation Stage Coffee Morning looking at science and PSED in the Foundation Stage curriculum at 9am.

Wednesday 20th April - Individual and class photographs.

Friday 22nd April - GIPA Quiz night.



Friday 6th May 2pm - Rabbits and Squirrels Titanic Museum Open Afternoon.

Friday 13th May - Foxes class assembly at 10:15am.

Tuesday 17th May - Owls and Hedgehogs trip to Mersea.

Thursday 19th May - Rabbits and Squirrels trip to Mersea.

Friday 20th May - Badgers class assembly at 10:15 am.

Monday 23rd May - Family walk around Galleywood - details to follow.

Monday 23rd May - Foxes and Badgers trip to Shoeburyness.