

Galleywood Infant School

Friday 19th May, 2017



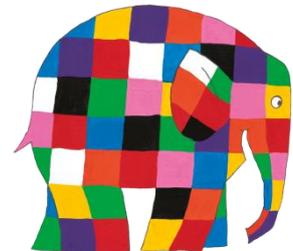
Dear Parents,

Everyone was very excited last week by the news that Miss Williams had had her baby! Congratulations to Chloe and Dan on the safe arrival of Isla, born on Tuesday 9th May and weighing 7lb 11oz. Miss Williams came home from hospital last Wednesday afternoon and popped in this Wednesday to see all the children in Rabbits class and to let lots of teachers have cuddles with her beautiful, tiny baby girl. We hope to see them both again very soon.



Half term library event

Galleywood Library will be holding an Elmer Day on Saturday 27th May from 10:30-12noon. Children and their parents will be very welcome to join in the fun with Elmer activities!



Play time safety!

It is lovely to see the children using all our climbing equipment at playtimes - we hope this will continue right through to the Autumn. As a reminder we have revisited our safety rules with all the children and have reminded them to:

- Go down the slides, never climb up them
- Always go feet first down our slides
- Wait until the person in front of you is out of the way before you go down the slides or pole
- Play "chase" and "it" on the playground, but not on the climbing equipment- it is not safe!
- Play inside the tree house and pirate ship and come down the slides or ladders- it is not safe to climb around the outside, to balance on the hand rails or to jump.



If children stay and use our play equipment at the end of the day, the same safety code applies.

Sponsored Event

All of our large play equipment has been bought using money raised by GIPA for the children at our school. Ten years ago we raised the money for our Pirate Ship - it is still used and enjoyed by children every day! Five years ago we had our "Fun House Challenge" to raise the money for our High Tree House. This year we are hoping to raise enough money to add some new activities to our Trim Trail - perhaps a bridge, or a tunnel? Perhaps a scramble net or spider log climber? We are hoping for some lovely weather next Friday afternoon for our annual sponsored event, which this year will be a Chocolate Challenge. The playground will be set up with 8 activities on a chocolate theme, linking to this term's learning for children in Yr1 and Yr2. We would like children to ask family and friends to sponsor them to complete the Chocolate Challenge. Parents or carers can arrive at 2:30pm, collect their children and take them out onto the playground for the first game. Children will be given a challenge card, which adults will stamp as each challenge is completed. We hope the early start will enable parents to get to St Michael's by 3:20pm if they have junior children to collect. The activities will not be cleared away until after 4pm, so there is plenty of time for the games if you cannot be here at 2:30pm.



We are looking for helpers too, both to set up from 1:30pm, to run the activities and to clear away afterwards. Thank you for your support!

Chocolate Cafe

Next Tuesday afternoon Rabbits, Squirrels, Owls and Hedgehogs children are inviting a visitor to come to school for their Chocolate Cafe to celebrate the end of this exciting topic! Please arrive at 2pm and go to your child's classroom, where there will be games and puzzles to work on together, chocolate to taste and lots of fun activities to do together. Please bring some change for refreshments at the café - we are hoping to raise the sponsorship money we need for the 8 children we support in rural Gambia, funding the uniform and equipment they need to continue in education. We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday!

