



Galleywood Infant School,

Friday 20th November 2015

Dear Parents,

This newsletter includes a summary of our main School Development priorities for this year. We continually evaluate our work, gather feedback from children, parents and colleagues and spend a long time looking with our staff and Governors at a whole range of performance data to identify next steps for the school. We are sharing this summary with parents as our Governor visits, the work of our School Council and our displays within school link to these priorities. Please speak to us if you have any questions, would like see a copy of our full development plan or would like to be more closely involved in with our work. We will tell you about our progress towards these priorities later in the year.

Parent Governors

The ballot for 2 parent Governor vacancies closed on Friday 6th November. 80 slips were returned and the outcome of the ballot was extremely close with only 6 votes separating the three candidates. At our Full Governing Body admin meeting on Tuesday 10th November Christopher Fawcett and Lisa Bone became Parent Governors and Komel Bajwe has joined our Governing Body as an Associate Governor. We hope they will enjoy their close involvement with the strategic work of the school. We welcome the new skills and knowledge all three will bring to both support and challenge our School Leadership Team.

Children in Need

Thank you for supporting the Pudsey Bear wrist bands- these sold out very quickly and we are sorry that children who had hoped to buy 2 or 3 bands were disappointed. We will order 5 boxes next year!



Leprosy Mission

Our final total for the Leprosy Mission project is £271.81. Thank you for your support.

PE kits

We have enjoyed a long, mild autumn but the weather is turning much colder. All children will have at least one session of outdoor PE, often two sessions each week. Please ensure that your child has a full PE kit in school including warm jogging



trousers. Much valuable time is lost by teaching and office staff finding kit for children- a fully named kit needs to be in school every day. Thank you.

School Council Corner!

The School and class councils have talked about safety, keeping one another safe. They have told us that sometimes there are too many children using the corridor toilets at lunchtimes. With the help of Miss Belmar they have devised a system of bands, so that the Midday Team know how many children from indoors and outdoors have asked to use the toilets. Class councils talked about staying safe and why children should not be in classrooms at lunchtimes without adult supervision. The children asked us to make the corridor toilets a bit nicer- they were painted last year but Mr Foreman has suggested wall tiles and more powerful ventilation fans in both the boys and girls toilets. Currently the School Council are focusing on playtime toys and investigating why the stock of toys, replenished each term, diminishes so quickly, leaving very little for children to play with.

Remember! Paper copies of newsletters are always available from the display in our reception area if you prefer a printed format.

Countdown to Christmas!

Christmas Shopping

Every year we are pleased to welcome students from Year 11 at Thriftwood School & College. As part of their curriculum they run an enterprise project making items to sell in the local area. This gives their students experience of serving customers, handling money and giving change. They will be coming to school on Friday 27 November bringing a selection of items which our children can buy as Christmas presents for family members. Classes take turns to go into the library and shop, and children will need a small amount of money to spend. We suggest £3.00 max as items will cost from 50p.



Christmas Presentation: 3 Grumpy Camels



The school concert involving all the children will be held on **Tuesday 8, Wednesday 9 and Thursday 10 December**

with our dress rehearsal on Monday 7 December. Look out for your invitation later this week and send ticket requests in promptly!

We have a supply of costumes in school from previous productions. If we need you to provide items for your child you will be notified by Wednesday this week.

We always have a long list of headbands and props to make in school. If you would be able to help on **Monday 30th Nov or Tue 1st Dec** from 1:10-3:10 with painting, cutting, stapling, glittering, we would be very grateful. We supply tea, coffee, biscuits, toys for younger siblings and all the templates! It becomes a bit of a production line, the more the merrier! Please speak to Mrs Manning or to your child's teacher. Thank you!

We take photographs of groups of children on our dress rehearsal day and display these in our entrance hall for you to order.

GIPA Christmas Bazaar: **WE NEED YOU!**

Friday 4 December 4.45pm – 7.00pm



Please, please come and sign up to help on a stall or refreshments for ½ hour. We want a fantastic event but cannot do it without a little help from a lot of people. We look forward to seeing you all as both helpers and supporters on the day. We are ready to welcome your contributions, especially chocolate items, raffle prizes, gifts for the "Secrets Room" and decorated filled jars. (Cakes should be brought on **4 December** please!) Thank you!

This **Friday 28th November** will be a non uniform day, when we ask children to bring items for the Christmas Fair, especially decorated jars and chocolate items.

Christmas Post Box

The School Post Box will be in the entrance hall from **Monday 7 December** until **Wednesday 16 December**, when collections and deliveries by the children will take place daily. Please help your child address cards to friends by writing **both names and the class** of the recipient clearly on the envelope.



Christmas Party

Thursday 17 December



Children will have their parties in the afternoon. If they wish to change into party clothes – please send them in the morning. You will receive more information from your child's class nearer the time but we will not be requesting donations of food.

Christmas Dinner

Friday 18 December

We are looking forward to this very special occasion! See the letter coming out next week! Please don't forget to return your child's slip, so that the food can be ordered in plenty of time.

