

Galleywood Infant School

21<sup>st</sup> December, 2016

Dear Parents,

### Goodbyes

Staff, Governors, family and friends from both schools gathered last night to wish Barry Foreman well on his retirement after more than 24 years. We were delighted to give him vouchers so that he can choose a green house in the New Year.



This morning we held a special assembly so that the children could give cards and a few gifts to remind him of our school. He received some paint brushes for that list of jobs he needs to tackle at home in January! We gave him some gardening tools and trays for his new greenhouse, a special Christmas decoration to remind him of the 24 years he has decorated our hall, and a very small key ring, as he can now hand over the huge bunch of keys which jangle and let us know whenever he is approaching!

Mrs Ohrland is moving to her new post from January 1<sup>st</sup>. We presented her with flowers and some jewellery to remember the staff and children of Galleywood.



We shall miss them both, wish them well and hope they will both be frequent visitors to our school.

### Call the Midwife

We enjoyed welcoming families to our Christmas presentations last week. As usual it has been a huge team effort, sharing responsibility for the dances, music, acting, costumes and art work. We are very grateful to the team of mums and two grandmas who helped to make over 100 headbands. Thank you for your very generous donations as you left the hall- we have an

incredible £465 to divide between Kerewan school and Diabetes UK.



### Christmas Dinner

Christmas dinner was served today to almost every member of the school! A huge thank you as always to Mrs Bond, Mrs Cordell and Mrs Pope, who arrived very early for work, remained calm, smiled throughout and finished serving in record time! It was a delicious meal, enhanced by Mrs Lacey's Christmas jokes. I think we may have heard them before.....

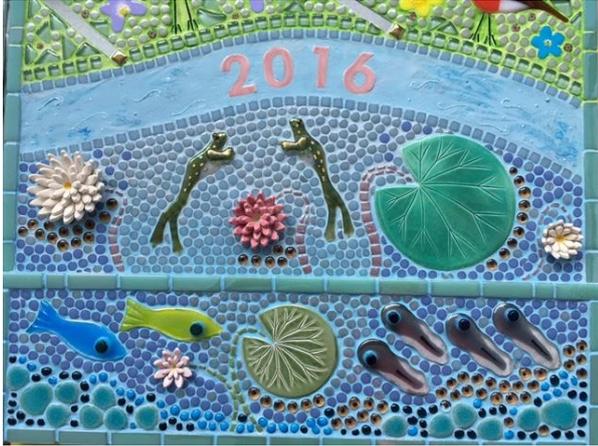
### Mosaic

We were thrilled to receive the mosaic for our entrance hall last Wednesday. Paula, the artist, came to our assembly and has emailed to say:

*"It was super to visit the School again last Wednesday. It was a real pleasure to be part of your special assembly and to hear the children sing their Christmas song. I am so glad the mosaic has received such positive responses. I did enjoy making this particular mosaic very much, and a little piece of my heart and soul will always remain firmly cemented within it. Thank you for the wonderful opportunity to create an art work for your School."*

*Wishing you, the staff, children, governors and parents, a very "Merry Christmas" and a "Happy New Year"*

Barry, assisted by our new site manager Jonathan, installed the mosaic on the wall in our entrance hall on Thursday. Paula has incorporated native flowers, birds, butterflies and other minibeasts, representing the flora and fauna within our school grounds. There is of course no big brown pike in the pond- we will be writing some stories about him in the New Year!



### **New Learning Theme!**

After Christmas our Learning Theme throughout the school will be called **"Space and Beyond"**. You will find more details on our school website.

We would like to wish everyone a happy and peaceful Christmas.



This year the spring term does not start with a non pupil day. We look forward to seeing the children on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2017 at 8:50am.**

A few lovely pictures from this half term!



**GIPA Christmas Fair!**



**Teddy bear sleepout!**