

Galleywood Infant School

Friday 22nd July 2016

Dear Parents,

Good byes

Today we enjoyed a wonderful Leavers' assembly, which took us forward to 2066 and a group of 57yr old former pupils, ably managed by their Headteacher Georgie Ohrland, opening a time capsule buried at Galleywood in the year 2016. Thank you to the staff for a very funny script and for their hard work in supporting the children to do such an excellent job! We shall miss all our Yr2 children and their families and wish them well, wherever they will be starting Year 3!

We held a special assembly on Wednesday to say goodbye to Mrs Curley, Mrs Shiels and Mrs Window. We are very sad to see them go with over 58 years service in the classroom between them! We wish them all an enjoyable and relaxing summer and hope they will visit us often. Mrs Etheridge leaves our school today as Mrs Holden is returning from her maternity leave and will job share with Mrs Ray in September.



GIPA news

Thank you to Mr Foreman for putting together the play houses. These have been funded by GIPA and their location on the playground means that they are accessible even in the muddy winter months. Perhaps we can add to them and create a "village" of playhouses in time!

GIPA and Smash raised almost £1700 at the summer fair, which will be divided equally between the two schools. Thank

you again to everyone involved, and to Gavin for his work before, at the event and afterwards to ensure all the finances are accurately recorded to help us plan for next year!



Annual Governors' Report

Rob Peters, Chair of Governors, has written our Annual Newsletter from Governors. This is attached, and is available on our school website.

Play in the Park

Play in the Park is a series of free two-hour multi-activity sessions for children aged 3-11 years at various community and parish venues during the Summer Holidays. Each two hour long session is packed full of sports, games, arts and crafts. Selected sessions will also feature special 'Extras' such as; cycle awareness, soft play and parkour lessons with qualified professionals!

Conditions for taking part:

- Under 6s must be supervised by an adult parent/guardian throughout the whole session. *Maximum 3 children per adult*
- Under 8s must be dropped off and collected by an adult (a password will be required).
- Skip the registration queue; pre-register your child's details online!
www.chelmsford.gov.uk/playinthepark (Deadline for each week is midday the previous Friday.) *Pre-registration essential for children arriving alone*
- Please ensure that your child wears suitable clothing for playing games, that they bring a drink, and that they are prepared for any weather.



Sessions are free and take place in parks around Chelmsford from Tuesday 26th July to Friday 26th August. Play in the Park will be based in Chelmer Park, Galleywood on:

Thursday, 4 August 2016 - 1:30pm to 3:30pm

Thursday, 18 August 2016 - 10:00am to 12:00pm

Cake sale

Frankey's family thank you for supporting the cake sale they organised to raise money for Luna Lily's treatment and thank you for your generous response. They are holding a charity event at Galleywood Heritage Centre on **19th August**- look out for details on posters and Facebook.



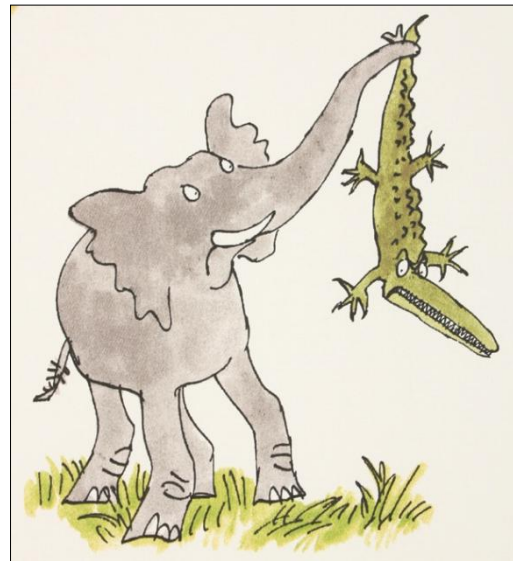
Big Friendly Read

If you haven't yet signed up for the Big Friendly Read you can go along to any library and join for free.

Children will have a scumdidlyumptious time in Essex Libraries this summer by taking part in the Roald Dahl-themed Summer Reading Challenge. The Big Friendly Read will let children meet and rediscover many of Dahl's best loved characters.

The Summer Reading Challenge is open to all children and runs from Saturday 16 July to Saturday 3 September in all Essex Libraries and mobile libraries.

Children just need to read six books to earn their Big Friendly Read certificate and medal, and they'll be collecting fabulous postcards – illustrated by Quentin Blake - along the way. They can read any library book of their choice – fiction, non-fiction or picture books – they all count.



The under threes are not forgotten with a special version of the Big Friendly Read just for them. There will also be a treasure hunt linked to an app so bring your smart phone or device to scan the special posters and bring them to life.

Message from Andy Griffiths, vicar at St Michael's Church in Galleywood:

Since the EU referendum, there have been communities and families at odds with one another, right here in Galleywood. Worse than that, we are aware of a rise in hate crime in the local area. We felt we needed to do something to bring the village together.

And so we've created "love your neighbour Galleywood". It's a group

endorsed by the parish council and the parish church, but this goes way beyond party politics and religion. We're proposing five tips to local residents:

Smile: Smile and say hello to someone
Connect: Introduce yourself to some of your neighbours
Reach out: Buy a gift or make some food and give it to someone you don't know well.
Bridge the gap: Invite someone of a different generation. It could be to an event or just for a cup of tea.
Pay it forward: Think of a random act of kindness to do every day. This could be anything from giving a compliment to anonymously paying a bill for someone.

No one will have to "sign up" for the campaign, and no contact details will be collected – but we hope people will take to social media to post pictures of themselves holding handwritten pledges to do one of the top tips. On Sunday July 24th from 3-5pm, we'll be gathering in Jubilee Park with a bouncy castle, football, classic racing cars and much more; we've

also launched a facebook page (www.facebook.com/LYN.Galleywood).

Attendance Awards

With the end of term approaching rapidly we are delighted that 17 children have not missed a single day of school this year! In addition 53 children have a 100% record for the summer term. Well done!



We wish everyone a happy and safe summer holiday.



School reopens for children on Monday 5th September 2016