

Galleywood Infant School

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2015



Dear Parents,

It is lovely to welcome everyone back after the Easter Holiday and to hear that so many families enjoyed the chance to be outdoors enjoying the sunny weather! New learning themes have been launched with children in Yr1 and Yr2 learning about Chocolate; Foundation Stage children are exploring traditional and modern stories with a theme of Jolly Giants!

The summer term is always very busy so we would like to remind you of a few key dates in May:

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May Foxes class assembly at 10:15am

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May Badgers class assembly at 10:15am

Family visitors including younger siblings are very welcome to join us for these occasions, and to stay after the 15 minute assembly for refreshments.

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June is a non pupil day for staff training.

### **Term Dates for 2015-16**

Our Governors have agreed the 5 Non Pupil Days for next year. The autumn term in Essex begins on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September; together with St Michael's we have decided to use Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> for training in our individual schools and Friday 4<sup>th</sup> as a joint training day for teachers and TAs in both schools. The first day of term for all children will be Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September. We hope that this is helpful to some families, allowing a complete week away at the end of the summer.

### **Bug Club**

Some parents have reported difficulties logging on to the new Bug Club site. Details were sent via Home Contact but in case you missed this the web address is now [www.activelearnprimary.co.uk](http://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk) The user name and password for your child will not have changed (see Reading Record Books) but the school code is now **gain**. Books allocated for your child are under the My Stuff tab. Happy reading!

### **Forest Schools**

Mrs Shiels is in Cumbria this week undertaking her Level 3 Forest Schools Assessment. She will be lighting fires, campfire cooking, den building and demonstrating her skills with knots and woodcraft. This half term until May Bank holiday Forest Schools sessions will be on Tuesday morning for Badgers, Tuesday afternoon for Owls and Friday morning for Foxes. We welcome offers of help- please speak to your child's teacher.

### **Sports News**

On Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 11 children took part in a cricket competition at Great Baddow High School, putting into practice the skills they have learned in the weekly cricket sessions in March.

On Monday 24 Yr1 children took part in a mini Olympics competition at Melbourne Stadium and yesterday we entered two teams into a Tag Rugby tournament at our school. We are very pleased that Galleywood Infant School have been awarded the KS1 Physical Education and Activity Mark for the range of sport offered both in lessons and after school clubs as well as opportunities for competitive sport within and between schools. Well done!

### **Help in school**

Do you have an hour (or more!) once a week that you could offer to listen to children read or to help children learn and practise key maths facts? We would welcome offers of help, perhaps from 9-10am or 2-3pm on a regular basis. Please speak to Mrs Manning or a member of the office team.

We would also welcome some help on Thursday mornings with gardening. Mrs Read and members of Galleywood Horticultural Society work with small groups of children to plant seeds and prepare our vegetable beds for the spring and summer.

### **School Nurse Drop-in sessions**

If you have worries or concerns about any aspect of your child's health the Chelmsford School Nurse Team run Drop in Sessions at Moulsham Lodge Clinic every Wednesday from 3:30-4:30. No appointment necessary. For further information call 01245 459380