



Galleywood Infant School,
Friday 25th November, 2016

Dear Parents,

History Off The Page



We had two wonderful days led by History Off The Page, helping our Yr1 and Yr2 children to learn a little about what it would have been like living in London in 1666. The children tried writing with a quill, making bread, dipping candles, weaving, making pomanders and even handling some of the tools the surgeon might have used! These days are led by an expert and give the children a range of experiences we cannot easily provide. We do, however depend on contributions from families as our school budget is tighter than I can ever remember. If you have not yet paid the £8:50 that was requested, please pop the money to the office as soon as possible. We would be very sad to lose these days from our curriculum, but cannot subsidise them from our very limited pot of money.

See the screen in the entrance hall or our website for more photos!

Physics Fest

We have been notified of a Family Fun Day hosted by the Institute of Physics on Sunday 4th December from 1-4pm at King Edward V1 Grammar School. The event is an “afternoon of interactive and educational engagement for children of all ages.” It is free, but you will need to collect tickets from the school office. We have 100! First come, first served!

CHESSEDdy Bear Sleepout!

We had such an amazing response to the teddy bear sleep out! We took photos of every class with Chessney Bear and will display these in school and print copies as a thank you for your £2 donation to CHESSED. Lindsey and Chessney Bear are hoping to put some of our photos onto the CHESSED website to encourage even more schools to take part next year. Thank you for your support.



Birthday Cards

As you probably know the birthday cards we give to children each week in Friday assembly are “recycled”. If you have any used cards suitable for boys or girls age 5-7, I would be very pleased to replenish my collection! Thank you.



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

Countdown to Christmas!

Thriftwood 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 next Friday 2nd December, 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: Call the Midwife!

Our Christmas presentation involving all the children will be held on **Tuesday 13th, Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th December** with our dress rehearsal on Monday 12th December. Please send ticket requests to the office as soon as possible!

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 today by the class teacher.

We always have a long list of headbands and props to make for the play. If you would be able to help on **Monday 5th or Tuesday 6th December** from 1.10-3.10pm 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 2 December 4.30pm – 7.00pm

Thank you for the amazing filled jars the children brought in today- they look spectacular!

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 and gifts for the "Secrets Room". (Cakes should be brought on **2nd December** please!) Thank you!

Christmas Post Box

The School Post Box will be in the entrance hall from **Wednesday 7th December** until **Friday 16th 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

Tuesday 20th December

Children will have their parties in the afternoon. Classes will be choosing a theme and you will receive more information from your child's class nearer the time. We will not be requesting donations of food.

Christmas Dinner

Wednesday 21st December

We are looking forward to this very special occasion! Please 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.

