

Friday 29th April, 2016

Galleywood Infant School

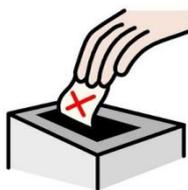
Dear Parents,

Attendance

We are delighted that attendance in the spring term was 96.8%, slightly above our school target of 96.5%. We are particularly pleased that 71 children, more than 1/3 of our school, had 100% attendance last term! We recognise that there are a variety of reasons for absence such as prolonged illness or a period in hospital and these are always carefully recorded by our admin team. We are currently arranging meetings to discuss the small number of children where attendance is below 90% so that we can work together and try to ensure that every child has the chance to make a much progress as possible this year.

Polling Stations

Next Thursday 5th May the Police Commissioner Elections in Essex are taking place and St Michael's Church of England Junior School will be used as a polling station.



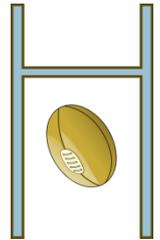
The school will be open as usual, with polling taking place in the demountable classroom behind the school.

On Thursday 23rd June the demountable classroom at Galleywood Infant School will be used for the EU Referendum. Our school will also be open as usual. In order to prevent disruption to your children's learning both schools have chosen not to enforce a closure day. Additional fencing and clear signage is being delivered to mark access routes clearly for members of the public coming to vote. Additional staff will be on duty at playtime and lunchtime.



Tag rugby

Last week a group of 12 children from Year 2 took part in a Tag Rugby tournament hosted at our school. There were 16 teams in the competition, organised by Great Baddow High School for the Sports Partnership. Children have been enjoying Tag Rugby with Mrs Gowers on Fridays throughout the winter and it was good to see them use their marking, tagging and passing skills in competitive games. Well done!



Parking

We have been asked by Linda Coker, crossing patrol, and by her supervisor Sharon Wallace to include the following in our newsletter:

Cars that park on the yellow lines and Zig Zag areas in Barnard Road can increase the risks for the pupils, pedestrians and for the crossing patrol officer. The yellow lines are there to identify areas which should be kept clear to enable the patrol to see approaching traffic and for traffic to have clear vision of the pupils crossing up ahead. Please do not allow children to disembark from vehicles on the yellow lines as other drivers passing are then distracted and often accelerate whilst overtaking these vehicles very close to the patrol and pupils.

South Essex Parking Partnership Enforcement Team have been requested to regularly monitor Barnard Road

School Crossing

There remains a vacancy for an afternoon crossing patrol as follows:

School Crossing Patrol Office required from 14.55-15.35 daily. Please contact the **Working for Essex** team stating job number: WE-EC18473 on: **0844 800 6685** or www.workingforessex.com



If you know of anyone who may be interested in this post, please contact Sharon for information.

Photographs

We hope you were delighted with the school photographs – don't forget to look at the full size class picture in your child's classroom. If you are ordering via school and the proof system, please return the order form and payment to school by Friday 6 May.



Cake Sale – Wednesday 11th May at 3.10pm

On Wednesday 11th May we will be holding a cake sale to help raise funds for a charity called J.A.C.K. (Joining Against Cancer in Kids). This charity was set up 11 years ago by a group of Essex police officers after a young boy called Jack was diagnosed with a type of cancer called neuroblastoma. No treatment was available for Jack in the UK so money was raised to send Jack to the USA for experimental treatment. This treatment extended Jack's life by five years but sadly Jack is now no longer with us.

Every year 100 police officers go to New York, at their own expense, run a half marathon in uniform and pull a plane to raise as much money as possible. They are currently sponsoring another child like Jack for experimental treatment and money raised will hopefully prevent other families going through what Jack's did.

Lost Property

We have a large amount of lost property in the school office and classrooms. Please check to see if you have any missing items of school uniform, coats, shoes etc.

Any items not claimed by the end of this half term will be given to local charity shops.

Thank you.