

Galleywood Infant School

Friday 5th February 2016



Dear Parents,

Hedgehogs Class presented a wonderful assembly this morning sharing some of the work they have been doing about bridges and retelling through songs the story of The Three Billy Goats Gruff. Next Friday Owls class will present their assembly at 10:15. We welcome parents, grandparents, friends and younger siblings to join us and stay for coffee and biscuits afterwards.

We are looking forward to a day of drama workshops based on The Billy Goats Gruff next Thursday- if you have not yet sent your £2 contribution we would be pleased to receive it as soon as possible to cover the cost of the day.



Crossing Patrol



As you are aware we continue to be without a crossing patrol at the end of the school day. The post has not yet been filled and I am advised that checks and training could take another 10 weeks once an appointment has been made. This is a particular concern for older children from St Michael's who walk home from school unaccompanied. I have asked about relief cover but this is only provided for short term absence and cannot cover a period of several weeks. We would urge parents and grandparents to take great care crossing Barnard Road with young children and avoid crossing between parked cars.

We have been informed by a parent that a pupil at St Michael's Junior School was approached by a man and offered money yesterday morning on the way to school. The child was very frightened and the incident has been reported to the police.

Science Week

The children are very proud and excited about the bridges they have been building for the troll! If your child has not yet brought their bridge to school we would love to see structures large & small on Monday. Please name the bridges and bring them directly to the hall on Monday. The troll will visit on Tuesday after school and has the difficult task of selecting a winner from each class. We hope to persuade him to pop in and present prizes on Wednesday morning!



Mrs Shiels and the teachers have planned exciting Forest Schools activities at Galleywood Common on Tuesday morning for Foxes and Badgers, Tuesday afternoon for Year 2 children and Wednesday morning for Year 1. We would be very grateful for additional offers of help- please speak to your child's teacher or contact us via email if you are able to help.

Parent Survey

In December we carried out a survey among parents in the Foundation Stage classes. This week we shared the outcomes, your questions and our responses with our Governors' Learning and Ethos Committee. See attached.

Parent View is an online tool that gives you the chance to tell Ofsted what you think about your child's school, from the quality of teaching to dealing with bullying and behaviour incidents. You are invited to complete a quick and simple online questionnaire to give your view about our school. The questionnaire can be accessed directly from the Galleywood Infant School website.

To access Parent View, please follow the instructions below:



- Log on to:
<http://www.galleywood.essex.sch.uk/essex/primary/galleywood>
- Select the 'Information' tab on the left hand side
- Select 'Ofsted'
- Click on the 'Ofsted' link
- Select 'Parent View' in the grey bar on the right hand side of the page
- Select the orange jigsaw piece "Give your views now" on the right hand side of the page
- From here select "Register now", you will then be able to log in and give your views by completing a form and submitting your email address.
- You will be able to update your views at a later time if by logging in again.

Thank you!

Dates for your diary:

Monday 8th February 7:30pm GIPA meeting at Baddow Barn- all welcome

Wednesday 10th February 5-7:30 Foundation Stage Parent Consultations

Thursday 11th February 3:30-6pm Foundation Stage Parent Consultations

Friday 12th February 10:15am Owls Class Assembly

Friday 12th February 3:10pm School closes for half term

Monday 22nd February 8:50 School reopens

Friday 26th February 5-6:30pm Final cushion club for this winter!

Thursday 3rd March 3:10-4pm Teacher led clubs for children in Yr1 and Yr2

Friday 4th March World Book Day and GIPA book event

Friday 11th March Reports out to parents of Yr1 and Yr2 children

Friday 18th March 4:30-6:30 GIPA children's disco

Monday 21st March 3:30-6pm Yr1 and Yr2 Parent Consultations

Tuesday 22nd March 5-7:30pm Yr1 and Yr2 Parent Consultations

Thursday 24th March 10am Performance of Rapunzel by Yr1 and Yr2 children