



Galleywood Infant School

Monday 6th June, 2016

Dear Parents,

Congratulations!

We hope you all had a lovely half term break. We are hoping for some summer weather so that we can enjoy the remaining 7 weeks of this school year, including the school's 50th Birthday celebrations. Our Learning Theme for this half term is "Let's Celebrate!"

As an exciting launch event we have a Circus day in school on Thursday, when every child will take part in a workshop and performance. We will be asking each child for a small contribution towards the cost of this day, which is partly funded by the school.



It is of course the 90th Birthday of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth and representatives from Galleywood Parish Council will be visiting this week to present each child with a commemorative medal. We will use Espresso, our online learning resource, to help the children understand the significance of this special event and to get a flavour of the many celebrations taking place throughout the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth.



Congratulations

Well done to all the children who took part in the Baddow Fun Run on 15th May- we had a long row of children who were very proud to display their medals.



Well done to Mrs Daly, who took the enormous challenge of training for, and running the London Marathon. Mrs Daly raised over £1,500 in sponsorship for Click Sargent, a children's cancer charity.



Well done to all the families who supported Lark in the Park on Saturday. There were lots of sports on offer and the children had a great time trying new activities such as quick cricket, volleyball, hockey, tag rugby, athletics and an assault course. Oscar Cheeseman and Katie Cox were awarded certificates for good performances - well done!

School Visits

The weather was kind for all three school trips! The Year1 and Year 2 children had a fabulous time at Cudmore Grove on Mersea Island, collecting shells, paddling in the sea, visiting a World War 2 pill box and exploring the beach. Foxes and Badgers went to Shoeburyness and had a wonderful day exploring a different beach with sand and rock pools.

Thank you to the large number of parents who took time off work and made other arrangements in order to accompany the trips. We really appreciate your time and support, enabling the children to benefit from working in small groups.

Sponsored event on Friday 10th June



Each year we hold a sponsored event to raise money towards our GIPA project. This year Galleywood Infant School is 50 years old and we are working with a mosaic artist to create a mosaic for our school entrance hall. Every child will have the chance to take part in our 8 Circus themed activities. Adults are invited to arrive a little early on Friday 10th June from 2:30pm in order to complete the 8 activities. If you cannot get here until 3:10 that is fine, the activities will be available until 4pm. Every child is able to take part and we hope you will support our Parents' Association by sponsoring your child 10p, 20p or 50p for each activity. This is a very valuable pot of money for the school and enables us to do additional activities that would otherwise not be possible. We hope the afternoon will be a lot of fun! Thank you for your support.

Kesh and Lisa would really appreciate some help to set up the 8 activities - please let one of us know if you can arrive from 1:15 on Friday afternoon and ensure all is ready for the fun at 2:30! You will of course be able to collect your child and enjoy the activities together. Thank you.

After school play

Miss Williams and I are quite concerned that some children are not playing safely on the pirate ship, trim trail and tree house between 3:10 and leaving school. The children know our expectations for safe play because they are reminded every day at playtimes and lunchtimes. We are delighted to see families choosing to stay and play; please ensure that

you can see your child at all times and that you are close enough to supervise them properly. We do not want anyone to get hurt.

Thank you.