

Monday 9th November 2015

Galleywood Infant School



Dear Parents,

It was wonderful to have so much support for our Harvest Cafes just before half term.



Groups of children have been working with Miss Belmar and Mrs Harvey to count the money. We will announce a grand total for the Leprosy Mission as soon as possible.

GIPA project

At the request of several parents the Christmas fund raiser this year is a Christmas card designed by each child. Today you will receive a sample card, showing your child's art work. If you would like to order packs of Christmas cards, gift cards, tea towels or mugs with your child's design for family and friends, you will need to complete the order form and return it to school with payment by Monday 16th November. We can then prepare a whole school order and ensure items arrive in good



time for Christmas. **Cheques should be made payable to GIPA please, and not to the school.** Thank you.

Maths Workshop

We are delighted that so many parents attended the maths workshops and found them helpful. Some parents have asked about the base 10 apparatus (tens and ones) that we use in school to help children understand our number system. Mrs Tindall has made enquiries and this is available from Amazon and other online suppliers at reasonable cost. Please speak to her if you would like further information.

The Gambia

Sue Read visited all classrooms on Friday 6th November to show pictures of our link school and talk about the work she is doing with the charity Empower. The money we raised last year has paid for Kerewan library to be repainted, shelves to be made for books and for a librarian to work in the school library. This will eventually be open to the village

community when it is fully stocked. We need to collect both children's and adults' books for the library, particularly non-fiction.

The trainers which we have collected have been packed into 4 boxes and will be sent by container ship in November ready to be distributed when Sue and Steve visit in March 2016. The communities also need school shoes and wellies to wear in the rainy season. The box will stay in our entrance hall for another year to receive your donations of trainers, shoes or wellies, any size!

Through the charity "Empower The Gambia" we can send out boxes of equipment for schools- books, pencils, crayons, puzzles, all of which would go to the schools where we already have links: Agape Nursery School in Bansang and Kerewan Lower Basic School.

Each class has agreed to sponsor 2 children at Kerewan next year and raise £20 to buy their uniform and school equipment. Mrs Read will meet the children in March and take them each a goodie bag with stationery and other small items. Each class will have a photo of the children they are sponsoring.

What can families do now?

- Bring shoes, trainers and wellies, any size, for the box in the entrance hall
- Bring books you no longer need for the library in Kerewan. Both adult and children's books are welcome,



especially information books. Collecting box in the entrance hall until the end of November.

- Support the exit collections after our Christmas plays, as we always divide the money 50/50 between our Gambian link schools and a local charity.

Thank you for your support!