

Galleywood Infant School

Friday 9th December, 2016

Dear Parents,



Christmas Fair!

A massive thank you to everyone involved in organising our amazing Christmas Fair last Friday, and to all the helpers. It was a spectacular event, which I know took many weeks of planning. Although we do not have an exact total yet we know that the fair raised just over £2,000, which is an incredible amount and significantly up from 2015! We still have one raffle prize left to collect, the winning ticket is 388. Please come to the office to collect your prize! Thank you to everyone for supporting us so generously.



Call the Midwife

Children and staff have been working very hard this week to get ready for our Christmas Play and we are looking forward to welcoming as many visitors as possible next week. A wonderful team of parents and grandparents helped to make headbands and props on Monday and Tuesday.

As usual we will not be charging anyone for tickets, but we do have an exit collection at each performance and donate every penny we collect to our 2016 charities.

Goodbyes

At the end of this term we shall sadly be saying good bye to Mr Foreman, who is retiring after 24 years as site manager, and to Mrs Ohrland, who is moving to a new post from January.



Chelmsford Chess Teddy sleepout

Our Teddy Bear sleepout raised £181 for Chelmsford Chess. We have sent some beautiful photos to Chessney Bear - look out for a press release in the Essex Chronicle soon!



Dance Festival

On Tuesday 29th November seven Yr1 children took part in a dance festival at Melbourne Athletic Stadium. This was the first time we have been part of this event and we were not sure what to expect! To start the morning off there was an energetic warm up and then the children took part in three dance workshops:

- Learning how to cha cha cha
- A puppet dance
- Musical theatre dance to Hakuna Matata from The Lion King.



Finally, they watched each school perform their Christmas themed dance routines. Our Galleywood Infant School team were fabulous, remembering every step and keeping in time with each other and with the music. Laura, our dance coach, Mrs Lacey and the parents who were able to attend felt very proud of Tommy, Jayden, Zachary, Lily B, Mia, Ella M and Ella S. Well done!

Posada

This year St Michael's church are taking part in some celebrations called Posada. This tradition originates in Mexico, where Posada means "inn". Each day during advent three beautiful crocheted figures travel from house to house reminding people of Jesus, who is coming. Householders and other organisations including the two schools have been asked to give the family room for a night in the lead up to Christmas. Mary and Joseph will be back at St Michael's church before the Messy Church Christingle

Messy Church

Messy Christingle with Martha and Mary

Christmas Eve

St Michael's Church at 4pm



Carols, Christingles, Christmas Pomanders, Angels, Last minute present wrapping! Baubles, Prayer gift tags and light refreshments.

Mosaic

Some of you will remember that we commissioned Paula Rosalind, a mosaic artist, to design a mosaic panel for our entrance hall to commemorate the 50th birthday of Galleywood Infant School. She worked with some Yr2 children last summer and the panels are now finished. We are excited to see the finished piece, which arrives on Wednesday and hope it will be installed before the end of term in 2016!!