



Galleywood Infant School

Friday 13th May 2016

Dear Parents,

Trainers for Africa

Last Thursday Sue Read led an assembly for the whole school talking about her visit to The Gambia in March, when she took books, uniform, toys, pens and other school equipment to schools where the children have little or nothing to support learning. Many of you have donated outgrown shoes and trainers using the box by the front door. Sue described the excitement amongst children and their teachers when the box of shoes was opened. Footwear that we no longer need can make a huge difference in these remote villages; if you have any welly boots or trainers for children or adults please bring them to the entrance hall and they will be collected to go into a container sailing to The Gambia at the end of June. Thank you!



Family Walk

We hope lots of families will be able to join us for a walk around Parklands Farm on Monday 23rd May.

We will have drinks and biscuits available in the hall



from 3:15 to enable children from St Michael's to join us. John Turkentine will lead the walk, leaving school at 3:45 and returning by 5pm.

Lark in the Park

We are hoping for some sunshine next Saturday 21st May for Lark in the Park. This week in school children will be designing and making Olympic torches for the parade on Saturday morning. We would like families to join us for the Torch Welcome when children can carry their torches and follow the Olympic torch! We will be leaving school just after 10am, walking along footpaths to Jubilee Park. Bring a picnic and enjoy a wide range of sports and activities between 10:30am-2:30pm. Please note: children must be accompanied by an adult.

Seaside Museum

We would like to welcome parents and visitors to the Year 1 classes on Tuesday 24th May from 2-3pm to share in some of the work your children have been doing this half term. There will be a seaside cafe with drinks and biscuits, a chance to look through some lovely work and some activities to try with your child. You will receive a personal invitation next week and hope you can save this date!



Home Learning

Children in Year 2 will not be having extra homework activities over the next 2 weeks as we are undertaking assessments at school and do not want to add to the pressure some children may be feeling. We hope children will continue to practise for their mental maths challenges and to read each day, either to themselves or with an adult.

The new maths challenges in Year 1 have been enthusiastically received by the children in Owls and Hedgehogs classes! These are designed to be fun, to boost children's confidence to calculate mentally, and to lead into the well established challenges they will meet in Year 2. It is good to see the children so eager to demonstrate their maths skills- we will do our best to share the limited time we have fairly and give a little time to everyone who brings their challenge book to their teacher.

E-Safety Computer games

The school are concerned about the number of children who talk regularly about playing video and computer games intended for a much older audience. Please check the age restrictions on games your child plays; well known games children have mentioned this week include scenes that are violent, sexually explicit or involve drug taking and it becomes a child protection matter if parents allow this, even when the child is with friends or older siblings.

