

Galleywood Infant School
Friday 6th October 2017



Dear Parents,

A few reminders!

Our Harvest appeal for Chelmsford Food Bank runs from Monday- Wednesday next week. Please bring items to the hall and receive a thank you sticker. The items we need are:

Urgent food items

Tins of soup
Tinned potatoes
Readymade custard
Tinned rice pudding
Tea bags (160 or 240)
Packets of mashed potato

Other items

Coffee
Cereal
Tinned Fruit
Tinned Meat
Long life milk
Long grain rice
Tinned tomatoes
Bottles of squash
Tinned vegetables

Personal Items

Toothpaste
Shaving cream
Washing up liquid



Foundation Stage coffee morning

On Wednesday 11th October 9am-10:15am we have our Foundation Stage Coffee morning. Please join us for tea and coffee, see some pictures and hear about what the school day looks like for your child. We would also like feedback from you about the best & perhaps trickiest bits of our induction and settling in process for your child. Help us make it even better! Younger brothers and sisters will be very welcome at the coffee morning.



Foundation Stage parents will be invited to stay and join our short Harvest assembly which follows the coffee morning from 10:15-10:30am.

Cafe week

All year groups will be preparing to welcome visitors next week. Our lunch cafe will be open as follows:

Rabbits and Squirrels 12noon on Tuesday 10th October

Owls and Hedgehogs 12noon on Thursday 12th October

The children will not need packed lunches on these days as they will be making rolls, soup and apple crumble to share with visitors. A selection of other foods such as cheese, ham, crisps and cookies and ice cream will ensure all the children have a filling and nutritious lunch. We are catering for one visitor per child and look forward to seeing you. Personal invitations to you are on their way!



Foxes and Badgers are cooking some treats too! They are looking forward to welcoming visitors at 2:20 pm on Thursday 12th October.

Yr2 Reading workshop

You have worked really hard with your child to learn the sight words and to practise phonics. Maybe you helped your child with the summer holiday library challenge. Now they can read on their own! What happens next to build their reading skills? What sort of reading activities do children have in school? How can you encourage a child who may be a little reluctant?



How can you help your child to love reading, to get really engrossed in books? What sort of books should Yr2 children be reading at home? Come along to the school library next Friday 13th October at 2:15pm. We will show you what we do in Yr2 and try to answer these, and any other questions you might have about reading skills.



Save the date GIPA disco & party

The first event for this year will be a children's party with entertainer Mr Happy on Friday 3rd November. Tickets will be on sale from next week.

Open mornings and tours

Thursday 12th October is our first Open Morning for parents interested in applying for a place at this school for September 2018. If you have a child due to start school next year your letter about school application is due to arrive from the Local Authority on 7th November and online applications open on 13th November 2017.

There are some 1hour tours of the school for groups of prospective parents who were unable to make the open mornings. If you know other families who may be interested in booking a place on one of these tours please let them know and see our website for information.

Certificates & achievements

Each Friday we hold our Birthday and Achievement assembly. When it is your child's birthday they receive a card and birthday sticker in assembly, and have the chance to tell us something about their birthday, or birthday plans! We "recycle" birthday cards and welcome any unwanted cards suitable for boys or girls age 5-7 to replenish our supplies. Thank you.

We love to hear about things your children achieve as part of an out of school club or activity; certificates and badges for swimming, park run, ballet, karate, gymnastics, etc are shared in our Friday assemblies so that everyone can say "well done!"



Parent Consultations

Our autumn parents' evenings take place on 16th and 18th October. Letters will go out on Monday 9th so that you can book a convenient appointment time. Please check your child's book bag.