



# GIPA

## Galleywood Infants Parents' Association

### Newsletter Spring 2017

#### Happy New Year from GIPA!

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2017! We have lots of exciting events coming up in the next few months and would love your help to make each of these a success.

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who helped make the Christmas Fete a huge success. From helping on stalls, planning games, donating toys, prizes and food and coming along to support on the night, we really couldn't have done it without you.

We're delighted to say that we raised just over **£2000**, which is **£600** more than last year and will be used for all children.

Special thank you goes to Abbey Wade for creating such a stunning Grotto, and to Stacey England and Kerry Allen for a fantastic raffle, with some incredible prizes!



#### Winter Dates for the Diary

##### February 2017

10<sup>th</sup> Cushion Club (Foundation)

##### March 2017

2nd World Book Day

10<sup>th</sup> Uniform Sale

24<sup>th</sup> Adult Quiz Night

24<sup>th</sup> Red Nose Day

##### June 2017

24<sup>th</sup> Camp Over (weekend)

##### July 2017

7<sup>th</sup> Leavers' Disco

15<sup>th</sup> Summer Fete (weekend)

#### Help needed – please!

We're very lucky to have a range of activities organised by the school and GIPA – not only do the children enjoy them, but each event raises money for the school, which benefits all our children. Unfortunately, we really cannot run these activities without more help from parents/carers. Please, if you are at all able to volunteer at one of the events coming up, we would be really grateful for your support.

## GIPA Meetings

We hold these once a month and more frequently in the run up to big events. Meetings are mainly held in the evening at the Baddow Barn (time and dates are posted on the GIPA Facebook page) and would love to see more people at the meetings – all suggestions are welcome.



## Red Nose Day 24<sup>th</sup> March 2017

The School Council have voted to have a bake sale and come to school in non-uniform (also for the teachers to come to school IN uniform!!). We will be asking for donations of cakes to sell on the day. The children will also be baking their own cakes in school to sell.

We will also be selling 200 official red noses from the office!

All money raised in this event will go to Comic Relief.

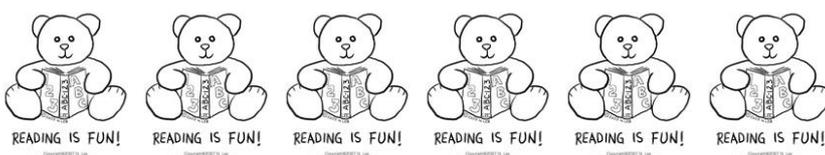


## School Uniform Sale 10<sup>th</sup> March 2017

We will be selling nearly new school uniform that has been donated or is unclaimed from lost property between 9-9.30am in the hall. If you have any uniform that is in good condition which no longer fits your child, please consider donating it to the sale. We're also planning a children's clothes swap event – so watch this space!

## World Book Date – 2nd March 2017

To celebrate WBD, we will be holding a Bring and Buy book sale after school, to celebrate WBD. Please bring in unwanted books in good condition and come away with some new ones! This is a great way to reuse books that your children have grown out of, and we will be donating any left-over books to The Gambia. In addition, children will be able to come in book-themed fancy dress for a small donation.



## Quiz Night – 24<sup>th</sup> March (Adults Only!)

Our highly entertaining quiz night is back by popular demand! Start getting your teams together (6-8 people per team) and get ready to test your knowledge. Tickets will be priced at £10 per person and will include fish or chicken & chips, with prizes for the winning team (as well as booby prizes for the losers...!). Bring your own drinks & nibbles and get ready to test your grey matter!

We hope that you found the newsletter helpful and informative. If you have any ideas or suggestions we would love to hear them – and don't forget to join the GIPA page on Facebook, as we often post information there as well as Home Contact emails. Alternatively, please feel free to chat to Lisa or Keshini in the playground! Thanks, Lisa and Keshini x