

Galleywood Infant School

2<sup>nd</sup> January 2018

Dear Parents,

### Goodbyes

Staff, Governors, family and friends gathered on Monday to wish Jacky Fraser and Sandra McSweeney well on their retirement after 24 and 20 years respectively. We were delighted to give them each gift cards so that they can enjoy some New Year shopping. On the last day of term we held a special assembly so that the children could give cards and a few gifts to remind them both of our school. We will miss them both enormously; they are such a central part of our Galleywood team! We wish them every happiness, with more time to do the things they enjoy and hope they will be regular visitors to school.

After two terms working in Yr2 Miss Cameron is moving to her new post from January 1<sup>st</sup>. We presented her with an orchid and a gift card to say thank you for all her work with the children and staff at our school.



### GIPA News

The Christmas Fayre on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December was a wonderful event, well supported by families and friends of the school. Thank you to everyone who supported GIPA and especially to the committee for their great organisation and very hard work. Thank you for all your contributions; we had an amazing collection of decorated jars this year! We are awaiting a final total and will let you know as soon as possible.

On Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January our **Spider Log Climber** with safety surfacing is being installed next to the school playground. We owe huge thanks to the GIPA team for the £6,000 raised to pay for this equipment. Please continue to support the excellent work they do for every child in the school.

### Calling All Angels

We enjoyed welcoming families to our Christmas presentations last week. As usual it has been a huge team effort, sharing responsibility for the dances, music, acting, costumes and art work. We are very grateful to the team of mums who helped to make nearly 120 headbands. Thank you for your generous donations as you left the hall. We will divide the proceeds between Chess, supporting the homeless across Chelmsford, and our link schools in The Gambia.

Thank you for your photo orders, which we were able to deliver in time for Christmas presents!

The Christmas Lunch was great fun with children and staff eating together, whilst other staff helped to serve or clear away. We take this opportunity for the whole school to say a special "thank you" to the kitchen staff, midday assistants and our admin team with gifts, and cards made by the children.

### New Learning Theme!

Our Learning Theme throughout the school this half term will be Frozen Planet. We will post the Curriculum plans on our new website this week.



### Term dates for 2018-19

Just in case you want to get ahead and plan your summer holiday we have published the start date for the autumn term 2018. We will take two non-pupil days in September to start the school year.

The first day of term for all children will be **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2018.**



We wish everyone a  
**very happy 2018.**

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2018 are non pupil days. On 3<sup>rd</sup> January our staff team will be working with St Michael's. The school and office will be open from 9am on Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan. We look forward to seeing the children on **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2018 at 8:50am.**