

Galleywood Infant School

Friday 23rd February 2018

Dear Parents,



Black and White Day

Thank you for your very positive and generous response to the end our Frozen Planet theme. It was fabulous to see all the children, staff and even some parents dressed in black and white! Each class chose an endangered animal they would like to sponsor with children giving their opinions and reasons before taking part in a democratic vote. Two classes chose to sponsor a snow leopard and four classes chose penguins. Not to be left out the staff have chosen to adopt a polar bear. I am sure the children will keep you updated with animal facts when our newsletters from the World Wide Fund for Nature arrive.



Buckle Up!

Our new learning theme is about journeys using different kinds of transport. Our curriculum maps are always displayed on the school website; please ask the teachers if you would like more detail about coverage in any area.

Children, staff and parents from Foxes and Badgers spent a very cold but really interesting morning looking at some huge tractors and other machinery at Parklands Farm. Our thanks go once again to Christy Willett for giving her time so generously to Galleywood Infant School.



Book Week!

We are all very excited about our Book week starting on Monday. We hope many of you will be able to join your child for a Book Week breakfast in the library from 8:50-9:15. Hedgehogs on Monday 26th, Owls on Tuesday 27th, Badgers on Wednesday 28th, Rabbits and Squirrels on Thursday 1st March and Foxes on Friday 2nd March.

We are looking forward to seeing the story boxes or story bags children bring in to share next Friday, with toys, pictures or objects linked to a favourite story book.



Don't forget Dressing up day on Thursday 1st March- see how many story book characters you can spot in our playground!

Foundation Stage Coffee Morning

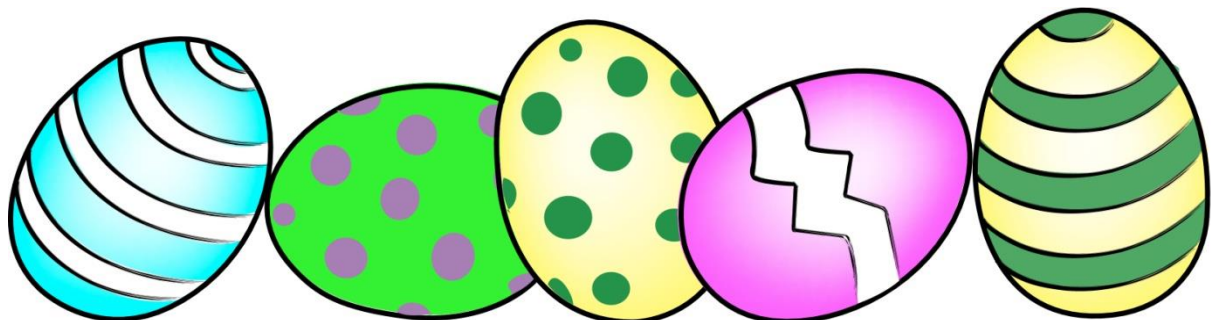
A reminder that this Thursday 1st March, as well as being our Dressing up day and World Book Day will be a Coffee Morning with a Maths theme. Laura Ray, our subject Leader for maths, will talk about how we develop children's early maths skills and how you can support this at home. We hope you can join us for coffee, a discussion and the chance to ask any questions. Parents, Grandparents, younger brothers and sisters welcome.



GIPA news

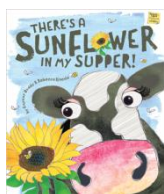
GIPA's famous Quiz night is rapidly approaching on Friday 16th March. This is always a really enjoyable evening with a great mixture of questions, photo rounds and music. The hall is set out in tables of no more than 8 people. Chris and Wendy Hibbert have been quiz masters here for at least 15 years and do an excellent job of making us think and laugh in equal measure. Bring your own drink and nibbles for the table and then midway through the evening we stop for food: fish and chips, sausage and chips, chicken and chips or vegetarian burger and chips. You can organise a table of 8 or buy individual tickets and join with others to form a team. Food orders need to be in by Monday 12th March. Book a babysitter and join us for a great evening!

The children's Easter disco takes place on Friday 23rd March- tickets on sale soon. Look out for details of our Easter Raffles soon!



Changing arrangements

We have trialed a new procedure for after school clubs which has been successful this week. Rather than changing in the school hall for after school sports clubs children will now undress and dress in the Hedgehogs classroom. We are grateful to Miss Usher for making her classroom available for this purpose. Parents and Grandparents can wait in the hall or Quiet Area to collect children and when they are ready must remember to sign them out with the sports coach. Thank you.



Music Festival

Children in Rabbits and Squirrels have started learning the songs for the operetta "There's a Sunflower in my Supper", which they will perform with several other schools on Thursday 15th March at Christ Church in Chelmsford.

Messy Church

The next Messy Church at St Michael's Church Galleywood is on Saturday March 3rd at 4pm.



'The Still Small Voice' is a Bible Story, telling us about Elijah's experience on a mountain top. Come along and make paper bonfires and fire-sticks. Paint and decorate a stone to take home.

Create a messy desert. The afternoon will finish with a light meal.

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