

Galleywood Infant School

Tuesday 22nd January 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,



We had an amazing Science week! Thank you for coming to our science camps and supporting your children to investigate and make discoveries! We hope lots of families spent time flying paper aeroplanes, mixing water with cornflour, shining torches through different materials, making shadows, and much more!



We are very grateful to Miss Mildinhal, who put in such a lot of work behind the scenes gathering all the equipment and selecting a range of activities to really make children curious about science. We have lots more lovely pictures from all classes- see the screen in the entrance hall!

GIPA news

Our GIPA committee met on Monday morning to confirm the events already planned for this term:

Film nights on 25th January, 15th February and 1st March.

Quiz night on Friday 22nd March 7:30pm, tickets £5 per head. Details to follow.

World Book Day on Thursday 7th March, when GIPA will organise a book and toy sale after school.

Easter Raffle- tickets on sale before school Monday 1st April to Friday 5th April, with the winners being drawn on Friday 5th April.



Easter Disco with Mr Happy on Friday 5th April 3:30-5pm

Welcome and thank you to our new GIPA treasurer, Gemma Lever. Gemma has taken over the accounts from Gavin Burchell, who was treasurer of our GIPA charity account for more than three years.

Uniform sale

We have a quantity of donated and unclaimed, unnamed school uniform. Although we always need a small quantity of spare uniform for changes of clothes, new arrivals, etc, we have more than we need and would like parents to have the opportunity to restock wardrobes. On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday this week in the hall from 8:50-9:10. All items 50p- bring a carrier bag! All proceeds to GIPA.



Please note: every member of our staff team tries their best to reunite children with lost jumpers, coats, gloves, etc. However, if there is no name, there is very little we can do. Lost property is not usually transferred to the office for several weeks, giving parents the chance to have a really thorough look in classrooms once the coat pegs are clear, and to speak to the class team. Most iron on labels stick for several years, or alternatively use a biro or marker pen, checking after washing & renewing names as necessary. Thank you.

Curriculum & Coffee morning

This **Friday 25th January** will be the 3rd Curriculum and Coffee morning for parents of children in Foxes and Badgers. The focus will be on maths, with a chance to see the resources we use for daily maths teaching followed by a chance to try some number blocks activities with your child. Please come if you can!

Music

We are really pleased to welcome back Rachel Maddox, who teaches music to all classes on a Friday.

Our School Council January 2019



The School Council meet with Mrs Manning to talk about different aspects of school life and ideas they have for improving Galleywood Infant School. Together with the class teacher they lead Class Council meetings to discuss particular questions or ideas, making notes to bring back to the next meeting.

- This term the School Council have some plans for improving lunchtimes and have asked for some drawing and colouring activities for children who do not enjoy running and chasing every day. We will use their ideas before ordering the next box of playtime equipment.
- They would like a weekly timetable from Mrs Diebelius so that they know which day each class will be able to play on the tree house or spider climber.
- Last Thursday the school council met with Mrs Read, who flies to The Gambia later this week. Mrs Read showed them lots of pictures from Kerewan, where we have helped to stock a village library, contributed to the wages for a librarian and provided school uniform and equipment for 12 primary age children. Mrs Read explained how grateful the families are to receive outgrown shoes and welly boots- the School Council will be asking their classes for these. They are also planning some fun ways to raise money for this tiny village school and will be writing letters and drawing pictures to send with the next container load of shoes, boots, books and stationery.
- Closer to home we would like to reduce the amount of plastic used once and thrown away at school. With a new plastics bin and some school council members to remind us we can certainly recycle much more!

Other dates for this term:

- ❖ FS Parent Consultations 11th Feb, 4:30-7pm and 12th Feb 3:30-6pm
- ❖ Half term Monday 18th Feb to Friday 22nd Feb inclusive.
- ❖ Adult Education Maths Course Starts on Thursday 28th Feb, 9:15-11:15
- ❖ Teacher led clubs for Yr1 and Yr2 Thursdays 7th, 14th and 21st March 3:10-4pm
- ❖ Reports out Yr1 and Yr2 children Friday 8th March
- ❖ Owls Class assembly Friday 8th March at 2:30pm (note changed time)
- ❖ Hedgehogs Class assembly Friday 15th March 10:15am
- ❖ Parent Consultations Yr1 & Yr2 Monday 1st April 3:30-6pm, Tue 2nd April 4:30-7pm
- ❖ The Sultan's Bath Music Festival Presentation Friday 5th April at 10am.
Parents and families welcome.
- ❖ Easter Holiday Monday 8th April to Monday 22nd April, back to school Tuesday 23rd April