

Galleywood Infant School

7th January 2019

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year!



We hope that you all enjoyed a lovely time at Christmas.
Best wishes to all our families for 2019!

School Photos on Wednesday!

On Wednesday 9th January, Kittle Photographic will be in school taking individual photos. In previous years we have done individual and class photographs on the same day in the summer term. This year we are trying a different approach to help parents spread the expense.

We are able to offer family group photos at 8:30 am on request for older siblings; please let the office know if you would like to bring older siblings for a photograph - we will do our best to ensure they are in school on time!

Science Week!



Miss Mildin hall launched our 2019 Science Week with an assembly about inventors. The children have visited three different classrooms this morning exploring light and shadows, finding out what happens when cornflour is mixed with water and creating their own aeroplanes. A very exciting week has been planned - we hope you hear lots about it!

We have organised Science Camps again, so that parents/ carers or another family member can come and share some science fun. If you have not yet replied, we would like to remind you that the session times are:

Thursday 10th January

Hedgehogs 9:30-10:15am
Owls 10:45-11:30am
Squirrels 2:15-3pm

Friday 11th January

Badgers 9:30-10:15am
Foxes 10:45-11:30am
Rabbits 2:15-3pm

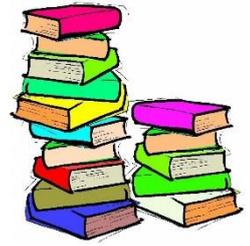
GIPA News

The Christmas Fayre on Friday 7th December was a wonderful event, supported very well 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 donations; we had an amazing collection of decorated jars, lots of toys, delicious refreshments and some lovely raffle prizes! We are awaiting a final total and will let you know as soon as possible.

As you know we are raising money for a mini Astroturf pitch, called a Multi Use Games Area or MUGA. We have had two quotes and await a third; we are hoping to have the work completed before the summer.

Galleywood Library

On Friday our Yr2 children wrote letters to Essex County Council and Galleywood Parish Council giving their views about our library and explaining why a closure would have a big impact on the village community. The online petition is still open if you have not yet responded.



Chelmsford SOLE (Save Our Libraries Essex), one of the campaign groups set up in opposition to the plans, has announced they will be hosting a protest by marching to Essex County Council HQ on Saturday 9th February ahead of the consultation's closing date.

The Great Escape

We enjoyed welcoming families to our three Christmas presentations- your children did an amazing job and, like you, we felt extremely proud of them! As always the production was a huge team effort, with the whole staff team sharing responsibility for the dances, music, acting, costumes and art work. Thank you for your generous donations as you left the hall. Sandra McSweeney has asked me to pass on the following message:



The family and I would like to say thank you to you all for your kind donations to the Aplastic Anaemia Trust at the Christmas presentation performances. This is not a well-known charity and the condition is quite rare. The research they are doing is so important and the support they give to patients and families is invaluable, as we ourselves have found during my grandson's illness. Thank you all once again.

New Learning Theme!

Our Learning Theme throughout the school this half term will be Cracking Contraptions - for more details see the topic map on our school website.