



Galleywood Infant School

Friday 15th March 2019

Dear Parents / Carers,

We have enjoyed lovely class assemblies led by children in Year 1. Last Friday children in Owls Class used storytelling, poetry and dance to share the work they have been doing linked to *Where the Wild Things Are!* Today children in Hedgehogs class retold the story *Wild*, and entertained us all by reading their work, singing songs and telling some jokes. It is always lovely to welcome lots of visitors- thank you for your support.

The Railway Children

We are looking forward to a brilliant performance of *The Railway Children* next Tuesday. M&M Productions are a highly professional company, visiting schools across the country with live theatre. We asked for a donation of £15 from children in Yr1 and Yr2 to cover the Lego workshop, the West End dance day on 28th February and the *Railway Children* production. Foundation Stage children were asked for £10 as the Lego workshop was not suitable for our youngest classes. Unfortunately at the present time, despite email reminders, we have not received enough to cover the cost of the activities. Our 2019-20 budget is tighter than anyone can remember and will barely cover essentials so unless fabulous enrichment experiences such as these can be funded through donations we can no longer provide them and will not be able to book a theatre experience for spring 2020.

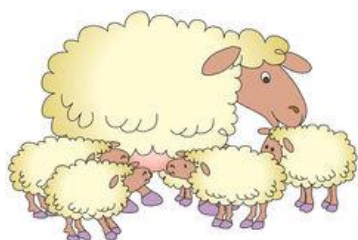
Birthday Cards



Every so often my stock of birthday cards runs low- if you have birthday cards for children or adults that you no longer need we would be very grateful to have them "recycled" for Friday assemblies. Thank you.

What's on this weekend:

Come and see the lambs!



10am-3pm on Saturday 16th March at Great Sir Hughes Farm, Great Baddow. Lambing started on 1st March. You are invited to see the ewes and lambs in the barn. Some may only be a few hours old! Donations are being collected for The Rare Breeds Survival Trust.

Messy Church at St Michael and All Angels

Saturday 16th March at 4pm.

'Martha and Mary'

Listening activity, Making Little Books of Prayer
Action Song and Bible Story, Martha's special pasta for tea
Everyone welcome from babies to grandparents.
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Maths Challenges

Year 1 children are very enthusiastic about starting their maths challenges! Thank you to Laura Ray for organising an information workshop for Yr1 parents and then a Maths Challenge morning to get every child started last week. We want to maintain the children's enthusiasm and recognise the work they have put into learning key facts and urgently need a couple of parents or grandparents who would be willing to check maths challenges each week. If you have an hour or two to spare on a regular morning or afternoon, Alison Griffiths, who has managed our Year 2 maths challenges for several years, will be happy to help you get started. Please speak to any of the teachers. Thank you.



Red Nose Day

We have been collecting and counting donations and so far have £190 for Comic Relief. Thank you!

Pupil Premium

Many of you will know that if families are in receipt of certain benefits the school can claim additional funds from the Government to support your child's learning, to pay for school trips and experiences and to pay for an after school club. If you think your circumstances have changed and we may be able to claim this for your child, please pop into the office- all we need to confirm this is your National Insurance Number. Mrs Dennis or Mrs Brailsford will be pleased to help. Thank you.

We have received the following message from the **Schools Crossing Patrol Service**:

There is a School Crossing Patrol Officer patrols outside St Michaels School 08:25-09:05 and outside Galleywood Infants from 14:55-15:20 & outside St Michaels School from 15:20-15:35. The following is a guide to ensure pedestrian safety-

Motorists

Drivers should **not** allow children to disembark from their vehicles near to the crossing site. This practice is dangerous and puts pedestrians and the patrol at risk when cars overtake these stationary vehicles.

Drivers should **not stop or park** on the zag -zag areas. For the safety of all pupils, please drive carefully near our school and park sensibly.

Pedestrians

Please do not allow children to run on ahead of you near the crossing site as this is confusing for both the patrol and motorists. Parents/Carers accompanying children should arrive at the crossing site together ready to cross the road. Parents should hold the hands of younger children.

It is important to remain on the kerb until the patrol is in the middle of the road and instructs you that it is safe to cross.

Always cross in front of the patrol so that you can be seen by the patrol.

Please do not cross the road diagonally, as straight across is the shortest and safest route.

Patrols are trained to gather pedestrians into groups when possible to maintain traffic flow.

Cycles/Scooters

Would cyclists/scooter riders please dismount and walk their cycles/scooters across the road for the safety of other road users. Thank you.

If you have any concerns please email **School.crossingpatrol@essex.gov.uk** or telephone Sharon Wallace on 07921397016 (School Crossing Patrol Coordinator) for Chelmsford. Thank you.