

Galleywood Infant School,

Monday 1st April



Dear Parents,

With a week to go until the Easter break school feels very hectic! There is lots going on and we would like to share as much as possible with families and friends.

Easter Service

We are looking forward to a special Easter Service at St Michael's Church on Wednesday **3rd April from 10-10:30**. Rev David Cattle visited to lead our whole school assembly last Thursday and will be welcoming us to the church to hear the story of Palm Sunday and Easter week through songs, readings and prayers.



We will be leaving school at approx **9:30am** and walking to the church. We need offers of support to accompany the children and ensure everyone is safe - please let your child's teacher know by Tuesday morning if you are able to help us. Thank you.

The Sultan's Bath



On **Friday 5th April at 10am** our Year 2 children will perform The Sultan's Bath, a traditional story with acting, dancing and singing. Mrs Lacey and the Year 2 teachers have been very busy helping children to learn words for speaking parts, as well as some very tricky songs and orchestra parts. We welcome friends and families from all classes to join us on Friday morning, no tickets will be needed but please arrive in time to sign in and be seated before 10am. Younger brothers and sisters are welcome.

Homework

Once again we are looking at the homework we provide for children across the school. We know that for some families life is so hectic and full that homework becomes an added stress, and that does not help children or parents. We also know there are lots of families that enjoy home learning. We want to hear a range of views, to ensure that the online learning opportunities we pay for deliver value for money and to try to get the balance right. There will be a short survey on the tables during the Yr1 and Yr2 parent consultations with some questions and the opportunity to share further thoughts. You are also very welcome to do this via email to admin@galleywood.essex.sch.uk for the attention of Sarah Manning or Chloe Williams. Thank you.

Cycle, scoot or walk!



We are delighted that so many children have arrived on bikes and scooters as part of the Cycle to school scheme. Although it is very tempting to ride bikes and scooters on the playground we have already had a couple of small accidents and want to avoid anyone getting really hurt. However well supervised, the playground is just too busy at the beginning or end of the school day for this to be safe. Please help your child to park their bicycle or scooter in the racks and walk to the classroom. Thank you.

The Show Must Go On!

Teachers at our school spend many hours planning unique and engaging learning themes for your children. Visits and visitors can help to make learning come alive. We try to avoid frequent requests for money and when we need to make a charge to support activities we keep costs as low as possible. To launch our new learning theme after Easter "The Show Must Go On!" we have a circus workshop, a visiting opera singer and an African drumming day. We are asking a contribution of £4 per child to cover the cost of these experiences. Please see the letter in your child's book bag for the return slip and send £4 in a named envelope to the school office by Friday 26th April. Thank you for your support.



GIPA News



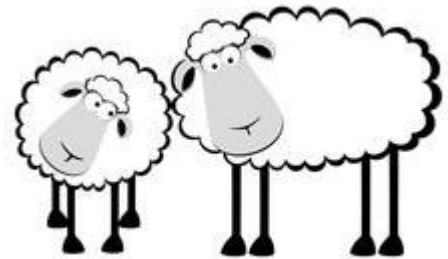
This week GIPA are holding an Easter raffle with prizes donated by the staff team. A huge thank you to the staff for this!

Tickets are still on sale for the GIPA Easter Party on Friday 5th April 3:30-5pm.

We have a GIPA planning meeting tomorrow 2nd April 9-10am in the staffroom. Please come and help us plan for the summer term, with events including the Camp-over, Summer fair, sponsored event and End of Year party. Ideas, suggestion and offers of help very welcome, coffee provided!

Lambs in school

Lots of children have told me that they went to visit the lambs at Great Sir Hughes on 16th March. Paul and Emma have once again offered to bring a ewe and some lambs to school for the children to see. We have arranged this for Thursday 4th April, hoping for a warmer and drier day than last year! We are very grateful to them both for giving up an afternoon to transport the lambs and to answer lots of questions.



Welcome to the Mayor of Chelmsford

We are looking forward to a visit from Councillor Yvonne Spence, The Mayor of Chelmsford, on Wednesday 3rd April in the afternoon. She will speak to children in Yr1 and Yr2, talking about her duties, showing her ceremonial robes and answering the questions they prepare for her.

Litter!

Thank you to the families who took part in the litter pick in Galleywood on Saturday. Both schools are grateful for the time given by community members to keep the school grounds looking tidy and litter free. The school council and Mr Tee will try to finish the "spring clean" this week.

Lots of photographs will be taken this week of the events in and out of school; we will aim to share these via the website and via an Easter Newsletter on Friday.