

Galleywood Infant School

Friday 26th April 2019

Dear Parents & Carers,

We hope that everyone had a wonderful Easter break. The Bank Holiday weather was a bonus!

There is a lot included in this newsletter- please take time to read it all.

Summer term learning



The Show Must Go On learning theme is well underway; the children and staff have enjoyed a wonderful first week. Your children have been a fantastic, attentive audience this week, enjoying a wide range of performances including circus skills, drumming, St Michael's Choir, live saxophone music and opera singing! A few parents have already offered to share particular talents and expertise with us, perhaps in an assembly or leading a workshop. This could be with the whole school, or just with your child's class. Please let us know if you or someone in your family is able to play an instrument, sing, dance, juggle or ride a unicycle.....



Every child took part in the circus and drumming workshops. We would be very grateful to receive any outstanding £4 contributions that enable us to fund our Arts week. Thank you.



We hope you found the parent consultations for children in Yr1 and Yr2 really helpful. I know many of you have been working hard with your children, following up the meetings and responding to the targets we have set. Please arrange a time with your child's teacher if you would like to have a follow up chat after school one day.

Assessment information meetings

Parents with children in Year 2 will receive a leaflet this week about the National Curriculum assessment tests (SATS) in reading, maths, spelling, grammar and punctuation. Mrs Manning and the Yr2 teachers would like to explain more about how we use and carry out the tests, show you test materials from previous years and offer you the opportunity to ask us any questions on **Tuesday 7th May at 2:30pm and at 6pm**. We hope all parents of Yr2 children will be able to attend one of these sessions.

Homework Survey

Thank you for so many responses to our homework survey. We have looked carefully at the range of views collected: the majority of Year 1 and 2 parents felt that the current homework system works well, with the right amount given to their child. We know that regular homework activities help children to build good learning habits in preparation for the next stage in their education; we want these activities to be as purposeful and engaging as possible!

Most parents felt that their child enjoyed research and creative tasks so we have decided to incorporate these on a more regular basis into our homework activities. At the beginning of each half term we will give the children a choice of activities to complete at any point during the topic. Some parents were concerned about the time it takes to complete homework and how it can be difficult to fit into your busy family schedules; we hope that allowing children to complete this over a number of weeks will allow families to access homework at a time that suits them.

Foundation Stage Coffee Mornings Summer term 2019

Coffee mornings for this term will be at 9am on **Friday 24th May** and **Friday 28th June**. Younger brothers and sisters welcome to attend - come and hear more about the end of Foundation Stage expectations and Early Learning Goals. In June Mrs Foster will talk about how we work towards the transition into Year 1 for Foxes and Badgers.



The Sultan's Bath

The spring term ended with a wonderful performance of The Sultan's Bath. It was lovely to see so many of you enjoying the singing, dancing and acting. We are grateful to all of the Year 2 team, who worked hard with the performers, costumes, dancers and colourful displays, and to our Year 1 choir. It was lovely to see so many parents, grandparents and friends.

Messy Church

The next Messy Church at St Michael's Church Galleywood is on Saturday 4th May at 4pm.

**Who put the colours in the Rainbow?
Light, Seeds, Fruit, Birds, Fish, Animals and People.
Come and join in the activities and stay for tea.**



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Lambing Live!

Thank you to everyone who supported the Lambing Day at Great Sir Hughes Farm on Saturday 16th March. £410.60 was raised for the Rare Breeds Survival Trust.

We are very grateful to Paul and Emma for bringing two ewes and 4 lambs to school just before the Easter break. Each class went out onto the school field to see the lambs.



Non Pupil Days for 2019-20

We like to give families as much notice as possible of term dates to help you plan family holidays. Our 5 staff training days for next year have been approved by our Governors and will be **Tue 3rd Sept, Wed 4th Sept** so that term starts for all children on Thursday 5th September; the 3 remaining days will be **25th October, 24th February and 22nd May**. Please see the term dates which can be printed from our school website and ask in the school office if a paper copy would be helpful.

Polling Station

Our demountable classrooms will be used as a Polling Station for the local elections on Thursday 2nd May and for the European Elections on 23rd May. Arrangements will be as on previous occasions: people coming to place their vote will use the playground gate. Temporary fencing will mark the route to the demountable classroom and whenever children are out in the playground we will have additional staff on duty to ensure children are safe. The YMCA wrap around club will use the school hall and library on these two dates.

Scarecrow Making!

You may have received details through your letter box about the 2019 Galleywood Festival from 2nd-9th June 2019. Each class will be making scarecrows for display during the festival week. We have a special assembly tomorrow afternoon 29th April to hear about the project and hope to recruit some helpers to come in and help with scarecrow making on 20th, 21st and 22nd May. Look out for more details this week.



Diary Dates for this half term

- Wednesday 1st May Class Photographs with Kittle Photographic
- Thursday 2nd May Polling Station for local elections
- Tuesday 7th May 2:30 and 6pm SATs information meeting for parents
- Monday 6th May Bank Holiday School Closed
- Wednesday 8th May, Monday 13th May and Tuesday 21st May Yr2 Parent lunches
- Thursday 9th May Yr2 classes walking to Galleywood Library
- Friday 10th May Badgers Class Assembly at 10:15am
- Friday 17th May Foxes Class Assembly at 10:15 am
- Monday 20th May Club letters out for Week 1, Thur 6th June
- Monday 20th May Scarecrow making workshops in school 1:15pm onwards
- Friday 24th May 9-10am Foundation Stage Coffee Morning
- Friday 24th May 3:10pm School closes for half term