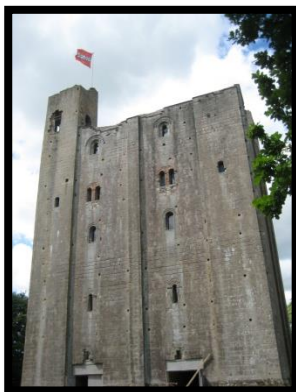


## Galleywood Infant School

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2019

Dear Parents / Carers,

We had a wonderful day at Hedingham Castle last Tuesday with all the children in Year 1 and Year 2. We had the whole castle to ourselves, with activities led by the teachers. I think the parents who accompanied us will agree that it was a tiring but excellent day! We hope you heard a lot about it - there will be lots of fabulous work for you to see on our Open evening on 11<sup>th</sup> July.



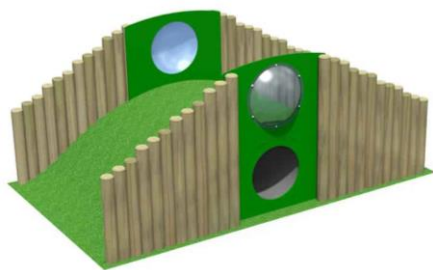
On Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July we are holding a Banquet Day, with activities all day linked to our castle theme. Children will try their hand at making shields, making butter, improving their target skills and perhaps some medieval dancing! Offers of help for the morning or afternoon will be welcomed- speak to your child's teacher. Thank you.

### Dragon and Castle Challenge

Thank you to everyone who helped to devise, make and run the activities for our annual sponsored event. We had very positive comments from children and families, who enjoyed the variety of activities. Lots of sponsor money has been received- if we do not have yours yet please pop it into the office by **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July** so that we can announce our total. Thank you.

As many of you know last year we were raising money for a mini astro-turf pitch. This is currently with the planning department and we are hopeful that it will be installed in summer or early autumn.

We have two really brilliant projects for 2019-2020! The hill will need to be removed in order to install the astro pitch, and we would love to create new play features with this soil:



We would also like to completely overhaul our pond and wildlife area with a new pond liner and decking area, planting and pathways. Our wild area and pond was created 11 years ago with the support of lots of

families and staff. It has been enjoyed by hundreds of children during that time and now needs renewing for future generations of pupils at Galleywood and St Michael's.

### **GIPA Campover**

The Campover once again had beautiful weather! Thank you to Monique for organising the food and drinks for the event, and to all the families for entering into the spirit and having fun!



### **SMASH circus**

This weekend is St Michael's Summer fair and Circus. See the posters on the windows for details of tickets, or speak to St Michael's school office: 01245 472682.

### **Children's Challenge**

Next Thursday is our Children's Challenge event. We are looking forward to an afternoon of sport and fun on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July. The field will be set out with over 30 different activities for children to try. Helpers from St Michael's Junior School will explain what children need to do to gain a point at each base, and offer a challenge for 2 pts if they are successful. The afternoon enables children to try new sports, demonstrate their fitness and stamina, improve on their personal best and have fun! We hope you will be able to come and support your child- activities commence at 1.15pm with races from about 2.30pm. Please ensure that your child has a water bottle- we hope the weather will be warm and sunny and that your child will also needs a sun hat and some sun screen!



### **GIPA Galleyfest**

Plans are well underway for a fantastic day on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July. GIPA are holding a "festival" event, with lots of different activities and games for children to enjoy. Wristbands will be available to buy from the school office from Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July at the cost of £4 per child, which enables children to take part in more than 15 different activities. Wrist bands will be available on the day at a cost of £5 per child.

There will be a barbecue, beer and Pimms tent and other refreshments to buy, as well as a raffle.

In order to have a brilliant day we are asking for offers of help to run activities for half an hour, cakes for the refreshment stall and some donations for the raffle and for our craft zone. Please see separate letter, or see GIPA facebook page. Thank you for your support.

### **Little Musketeers Day**

Today the children have had a brilliant time working with James and Jake from Little Musketeers.



### **Piano lessons**

A piano teacher comes to our school each Wednesday morning and now has vacancies for a few more pupils. A 15 minute lesson each Wednesday morning would cost approx £28 a term, a fee which is subsidised by Essex Music Services in order to encourage children to learn to play a musical instrument. Please speak to us if this would be of interest to your child.

### **Diary Dates**

New Foxes and Badgers visiting: 25<sup>th</sup> June, 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 9<sup>th</sup> July and 16<sup>th</sup> July.

Year 1 parent lunches: Wed 26<sup>th</sup> June, Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July and Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June Little Musketeers Day

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June Foundation Stage Coffee Morning 9-10:30am

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July Yr3 teachers visiting Yr2 classrooms

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July Children's Challenge event 1:15-3:10pm

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July Reports out to all classes

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July GIPA moving on party 3:30-5pm

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> July All children visit their new classrooms for the afternoon

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July Banquet Day - offers of help am or pm very welcome

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July Open Evening 4:30-6pm. Visit your child's classroom and celebrate their work. For children in Foundation Stage and Year One visit their new classroom too!

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July Galleyfest 11:30am -3:30pm Offers of help for this event please!

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 10am Leavers' Assembly for Year 2 classes

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 3:10pm School closes for the summer break.

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup>, Tue 23<sup>rd</sup> and Wed 24<sup>th</sup> the school is closed for staff training and reorganisation.