

Galleywood Infant School

Wednesday 7th October 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Farm Visit

Children in Year 1 and Year 2 had a fabulous visit to Parklands Farm on Wednesday. Mrs Willett has invited us back to see how the crops are growing in the winter, spring and summer so we hope there will be opportunities for parents and grandparents to come with us later in the year.

If you have been making the most of local walks during the lockdown time and over the summer you may well have spotted Mrs Willett's sheep and lambs grazing in different fields, or seen the big cloud of dust when the combine harvester was cutting the wheat.

We met Abbie, Mrs Willett's border collie, who gave us a brilliant demonstration of how she helps to round up and move the flock of sheep, responding to a series of whistles.

All the children had the opportunity to look closely at one of the large tractors, and to make a pencil drawing, to see at close hand the combine harvester and to ask questions about a range of farm machinery. The children behaved beautifully, listened attentively and asked great questions- we felt very proud of them all!



Parent Consultations

Our parent consultations are a very important event in our school calendar, when teachers share with you your child's most recent work and the targets we are focusing on this term. The meetings will have a different feel this year but we hope the discussions will continue to be really useful.

The parent consultations will take place on Monday 19th and Tuesday 20th October from 3:20-6:30pm. Class teachers will allocate a time for each appointment and will spend 10 minutes discussing your child's work with you. If you would prefer a phone call, either at the given time or at another agreed time, then that will be arranged by your class teacher as an alternative.

Consultations will take place in classrooms rather than in the hall as they have done previously.

Unfortunately, children will not be able to accompany you this time and only one adult can attend for the appointment; we hope to relax this a little for February and March consultations. Where families need a separate appointment for each parent, we will endeavour to accommodate this and will share the same information, whether face to face or by phone.

You will receive the letter with an allocated time tomorrow, Thursday 8th October. We hope we are giving enough notice for parents and carers to make child care arrangements around the time offered. Thank you for your support with this new situation.

Balloon Race

You have just a few more days to send in requests for balloons! We need all forms by this Friday 9th Oct so that the race can be launched on 15th Oct. Teachers will be using the link so that classes can check in on the virtual race via their Smart boards and see which balloons are in the lead!



Pirate Ship news

For the last 2 years we have been working on a project to raise money and build a mini astro-turf pitch, where children will be able to play a range of games at playtimes, lunchtimes and in their PE sessions. The planning application is in progress and will be displayed outside the school next week.

To enable the Multi Use Games area to occupy an area of flat ground accessible at all times of the year via a paved pathway, we are planning to use the site currently occupied by the pirate ship. The pirate ship, which has been a favourite with many hundreds of children since its installation in 2008, will be relocated next to the spider climber. We will install new plastic grass matting around the pirate ship as a safety surface, replace some rotten timber and give it a new coat of paint for the next generation of small pirates.

