

Galleywood Infant School

Tuesday 16th March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Everyone loved looking at the story character spoons that your children made at home. Each class had some time to browse in the library and admire the wide range of characters before voting for their favourites. Despite shops being closed, families have been very resourceful and come up with some fantastic, creative ideas; the children loved taking on voices for different characters with their class mates, acting out stories and making up new ones. Thank you for supporting this World Book Day event.



Thank you to everyone who has brought Readathon money to the office or to the classroom- this morning we have a wonderful total of £1026.50 to spend on new books! If you still have reading sponsor money to bring in, we would love to receive it as soon as possible so that we can celebrate our final total and order some of the information and reference books on our wish lists. Thank you.



This Friday 19th March is Red Nose Day; I am sure you have seen the merchandise that has been available for several weeks. We hope to enter into the fun of the day and at the same time raise some money for the Red Nose Day charities, with apologies for short notice. We are inviting children to come in non-uniform, to wear something red and a red nose/ headband if they wish. We have some official Red Nose Day stickers to give children in exchange for a donation of £1 or £2. Please take donations to your classroom on Friday morning.



Can your child bring a favourite joke from home so that classes can have two or three "Giggle Friday" joke telling sessions throughout the day?

Due to the school closure this spring we were not able to hold our spring parent consultations and the annual reports we usually send to parents of children in Yr1 and Yr2 in March will now be written in the summer term. We have rescheduled the parent consultations and these will now take place for all classes on Monday 26th and Tuesday 27th April. We will be using an electronic method for parents to select a convenient time between 3-5:30pm and plan to offer parents a choice between face to face meeting, a phone or video call as we did in October.



Easter events

GIPA have planned an Easter Egg hunt to take place on the last 2 days of this term. The children will need to search for giant eggs and solve clues to find book titles. There will be some extra challenges for our Yr2 detectives!



Sadly, Covid restrictions will prevent families from completing the trail together but we have planned a timetable that will ensure children stay in class bubbles, solving clues in pairs or small groups. Each child will win and take home an Easter egg. We are asking for a donation of £3 for the Easter trail towards the cost of completing the library as soon as possible.

An Easter raffle will also take place next week, with the GIPA committee selling tickets before and after school on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Our new library feels very close now and we are thrilled that our Year 2 children will have almost a term to use it before they move on to Yr3. We do not underestimate the efforts and generosity of so many families in making this happen and look forward to a very special opening celebration in April.

