

Galleywood Infant School

Monday 13th September

Dear Parents and Carers,

Meet the Teacher



Just a reminder about our Meet the Teacher sessions on Thursday 16th September for all classes. There will be two opportunities for you to join these meetings, 2:30pm before pick up time or at 5:30pm. If you have children in two different year groups you are of course welcome to attend both sessions if you can manage this. We look forward to seeing everyone for one of the sessions on Thursday.



Dates for 2021-2022

Our Galleywood Infant School key dates for 2021-2022 are attached and will be added to the calendar on our school website. There will be more details about each event as they approach and any new dates added will be notified well in advance.



Volunteer Helpers



There are lots of ways for parents, and indeed grandparents, to be involved in the life of our school. Last week we were thrilled to welcome parent helpers, supporting reading in the classroom, which has not been possible for the last 18 months!

If you or a member of your family would be able to commit to helping on a regular basis for a morning or afternoon once a week, then please speak to Mrs Manning on the playground or via the school office. We will arrange a short information session for helpers about our reading curriculum, carry out a DBS check in line with our safeguarding policy and welcome you to one of our classrooms as soon as possible.

Parent Governor Vacancy

Would you be willing to serve our school as a parent governor?

Our School Governing Body is a team of twelve people who undertake ongoing overview of the performance of Galleywood Infant School to secure the best outcomes for all our children, to support the staff and to help plan the way in which the school operates and moves forward. To achieve that, we require a range of skills and abilities which as well as knowledge of the school, include matters such as financial management, IT, premises, HR etc. Our Governing Body includes members of our local community, parents, staff and representatives from Essex local authority.

The term of office for a parent governor is 3 years although many governors continue after their children have moved on. Meetings of our Full Governing Body are held 6 times a year on Wednesday evenings between 7-9pm. If anyone feels they would like to know more about the parent governor vacancy, I would be happy to explain a little more about what is involved. Please speak to me on the playground, or via email sarahmanning@galleywood.essex.sch.uk Thank you



GIPA meeting

Another reminder- we would love you to join us at school tomorrow evening **Tuesday 14th September** at 7:45pm for our first GIPA meeting of the new school year. We welcome your support, ideas, enthusiasm and help with a whole range of events and activities. Help GIPA celebrate their achievements to date, and help make 2021-2022 another really memorable and successful year.

Nut allergies

We have several children in school who could have a severe reaction if they were to come into contact with nuts in any form. For some children this could simply be touching a surface that your child has touched after eating a food containing nuts. For the safety of these children, please do not include the following:

Peanut butter sandwiches

Most chocolate spreads

Some cereal bars or granola bars

Cakes or biscuits containing chopped nuts

This list is not exhaustive so please check packaging if you are unsure. Thank you.



Risk Assessment

We have rewritten our Covid19 risk assessment to take account of the relaxation of some Covid measures. This is now available on our website, and will be reviewed and adjusted if the situation changes locally and/or nationally.