

Galleywood Infant School

Wednesday 6th January 2022



Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you had an enjoyable Christmas and New Year break - the two weeks always seem to whizz past very quickly. I know that quite a few families including some staff had to change Christmas plans due to positive Covid tests. We are continuing to wear face coverings in school, both in communal areas and when we are in close proximity to children, for example hearing children read. Essex have not notified us of any additional measures, although frequent hand washing, good ventilation in all rooms and twice weekly lateral flow tests remain part of our risk assessment.

Baby News!



We want to share the very exciting news about two gorgeous babies!

Our congratulations to Lizzie and Paul Sayers on the safe arrival of James on 18th December



And congratulations to Ali Merry Bowley and her family on the safe arrival of Clara on 19th December!



We are all looking forward to meeting James and Clara, and introducing these gorgeous babies to the children in Hedgehogs and Squirrels classes.



Tomorrow at 10am we will hold a special assembly for children in Year 1 and Year 2 who knew Mr Jonathan well. Members of the staff team will share memories of Jon, remembering all that he did to keep everyone in our school community safe and to maintain our school site. Rev David Cattle, vicar at St Michael's Church, will lead the prayers and at the end of the assembly every child will plant a tulip or narcissus bulb to create a bright and colourful spring display in our Quiet area.



We have some special condolence books with blank pages and the children will be invited to write or draw their own memory of Jon to include in the book. If you and your child would like to write a message to be shared with Jon's family then please drop a card to the office or to your child's teacher. The books of condolence from our school community will remain open for all of January.



Families and staff members wanting to contribute towards a collection in Jon's memory are asked to make a donation to **Raysin Hope**, which is a local charity established in 2009 when Ray Dellow died from a brain tumour and his family had very little support. Fundraising over the 13 years has been used to help families, to establish a support group who meet regularly, to furnish a special room in Queens hospital to provide a private space for families to receive and process news, and sometimes to fund treatment for brain tumour patients which families are not able to afford. Jon's family have received support themselves and know that every penny is well spent with nothing wasted in administration.

We will set up a link on Parent Pay tomorrow, or for private donations details are as follows:

Raysin Hope

Nat West sort code: 60-01-38

A/c No: 53176847

Please include Jon Tee in the message to identify the donations.

Thank you for all your enquiries about this - Jon's family are very touched to have so much support.

