

# Galleywood Infant School

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022



Dear Parents and Carers,



We hope that you enjoyed the glorious weather over the Easter bank holiday weekend. Welcome back to school for the summer term!

This half term our learning theme across the school is, "What do we do with an idea?" Children have been looking at gadgets and inventions that make daily lives easier and will be learning about the lives of some significant people who have become famous for their ideas and inventions.



It was so nice this morning to see huge quantities of card and junk modelling materials arriving, ready to be transformed into something new.

It was lovely last week to welcome some new members of staff: Mrs Knight, working to support learning in Owls classroom, and Mrs Proctor, working as a midday assistant with our Foundation Stage classes. Mr McAdam has been working in our school and St Michael's during the Easter break and popped into some classrooms to say hello to the children last week. We hope that Triin, Clare and Richard will all be very happy working at our school.



## Class Photographs

Just a reminder that tomorrow morning, 26<sup>th</sup> April, Kittle Photographic will be in school to take our annual class photographs. These may be outdoors, making the most of our beautiful school grounds, if the weather is helpful. We would love to see everyone in their very smartest school uniform- thank you.



## The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

We will be celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee as a school in the week before May half term with a range of activities including a red, white and blue day, tree planting with the children and cakes to decorate! Details to follow.



## Year 2 SATs information meetings

After two years without any statutory testing in primary schools, this year the Year 2 and Year 6 SATs are taking place once again. We are offering two information sessions for parents which we hope you will find helpful and reassuring: Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May at 2:30pm and at 5:30pm. These meetings will take place in the hall. You do not need to book onto the sessions, but come to the reception area and sign in please. We look forward to seeing you. Younger siblings are welcome and Yr2 children can accompany you to the later meeting if you wish.

## In memory of Mr Jonathan

As a staff we have talked about what we would like to have in our school grounds as a long term memory of Mr Jonathan. We have ordered a special tree, chosen and recommended by Peter Seabrook, which will be planted at the front of the school and decorated each Christmas with white lights.

You may remember that Mr Jonathan was well known for his passion and enthusiasm for cars, and especially racing cars. When he was younger Mr Jonathan had raced Formula 3 cars, and it seems a fitting tribute for our children to have a wooden play car that they can use at playtimes and lunchtimes. As part of our learning theme around inventions and ideas we will be asking the children to come up with some designs and hopefully, with the help of Mr McAdam, we can create a play car based on their designs. If any parent or family member has time, skills or materials that could contribute to this project, please let us know. Thank you.



## Living with Covid19

You will be aware that guidance around Covid19 changed from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022. Schools are no longer provided with test kits for staff and like most work places, we are no longer required to carry out routine tests twice a week. If you or your child tests positive for Covid19 on a lateral flow test, the recommendation is that adults isolate for 5 days and children for 3 days, as this is thought to be the time period when there is the greatest risk of infecting others. Guidance received today is as follows:

If pupils test positive, then the guidance is they should avoid contact with people for 3 days. Anyone with a high temperature should stay home and not attend school until their temperature is back to normal. A high temperature can be a sign that they are infectious. The infection may be COVID-19 but could equally be another infection that should be kept out of school.

We will not change our routines around handwashing and classroom ventilation, but other parts of our Covid19 risk assessment no longer apply.

## Diary Dates

Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	Class photographs
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Bank Holiday, school closed
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	SATs information sessions, 2:30 and 5:30 pm
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	Curriculum and Coffee for foundation stage parents, 9-10am
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Meeting for parents of children starting Sept 2022, 6:30pm
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	School closes for half term holiday at 3:10pm
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	Non-pupil day, staff training
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Non-pupil day, staff training
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	School re-opens at 8:50am