

Galleywood Infant School

Friday 20th May 2022



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to welcome Annabel Thomas to our office team. Annabel started on 3rd May, working on a Wednesday afternoon and all day on a Thursday and Friday. We hope that Annabel will enjoy her role and be very happy as part of our staff team.

It was lovely last week to welcome two small babies into school. Clara came with Mrs Merry-Bowley to visit Squirrels class, and James came with Mrs Sayers to visit Hedgehogs and to join us for our birthday and celebration assembly. I thought you would like to see how quickly James and Clara are growing up, Clara pictured with her big sister Ade.



GIPA news

The pirate ship is looking amazing and attracting lots of attention at the beginning and end of the school day. Although it looks nearly complete, it needs to have safety surface around it and this process needs a couple of dry days. We really hope it will be finished & ready to sail before half term!



I hope that everyone has saved the date for Galleyfest 22:

Saturday 2nd July from 11:30-3pm. The GIPA committee have amazing plans for lots of activities so that once you have bought a £5 wrist band, children can take part in all that is going on for more than 3 hours. This depends on offers of help so please give an hour if you can, or arrange with a friend to share childcare and offer half an hour each. Your help will be very much appreciated.



All proceeds will contribute towards our new project to benefit every child in the school: renewal of our pond and wild area during the summer and autumn.

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

There has been much in the news about preparations for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, with most national events scheduled during our half term week. We have been talking with the children about Queen Elizabeth, her roles and duties, her family and the many changes that have happened during her long lifetime.



We will be celebrating in school next week and would like each child to invite a visitor to join us for our tea party on Thursday 26th May from 2:30-3pm. We will have a special assembly at 2pm, which will be a school event, followed by cake outside on the grass if possible. Mrs Bond is making 6 big sponge cakes, so that each class will be able to ice and decorate their own celebration cake to share with you! As always,

younger brothers and sisters will be welcomed too. We look forward to seeing you.

The children will also be enjoying a Jubilee themed school dinner on Thursday 26th May too – a change of menu was sent home, please ask the school office for details if needed.



We would love this to be a red, white and blue day for children staff and visitors, and children are invited to make a crown to wear for the occasion. This is not a competition, but just for fun. They might be able to wear it for Jubilee events or a street party during half term too! Crowns can be plain or sparkly made with natural materials or shop bought, any colour or design. We hope you have fun.



Staff farewells

Next week both Miss Coldwell and Mrs Diebelius will be leaving us. Miss Coldwell will start her maternity leave on 6th June and we hope she will bring her baby to visit us before the end of term. Miss Laura Donath will be covering her maternity leave for 6 weeks and has spent time in Owls class meeting the children and the staff team.

Mrs Diebelius is moving from her roles as Learning Mentor, Senior Midday Assistant and Breakfast Club Co-ordinator to become a Wellbeing Coach with Barnardos, visiting schools in South Essex.



Children, parents and staff will miss them both very much. You are welcome to join us on Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 if you would like to share in our farewell assembly.