

Galleywood Infant School

Monday 11th July 2022



Dear Parents and Carers,

Heatwave!

As the hot, sunny weather looks set to continue at least for this week, and possibly to the end of term, we ask parents to continue to ensure children have a sun hat and water bottle, and to apply sun screen to your child's face, neck, arms and legs before they come to school. We are using the shaded areas to the front and side of the school for playtimes. The metal slide on the pirate ship has been getting very hot in the full afternoon sun; please check before letting your child use the slide after school.



Sports day



We had the perfect mix of warm weather, clouds and a little breeze for our sports day. Parents who have attended our Children's Challenge in previous years enjoyed the changed format - thank you for your comments. We are already working on ways to include more competitive activities next year, both individually and as teams.

We hope you found your children's annual reports and report summaries useful. Please do find and complete the feedback forms - we read and value these greatly. We know there are many different viewpoints within our parent group; it is always lovely to receive praise for the things we do well, and also to hear constructive ideas for things we could improve or consider for the future.



Open evening

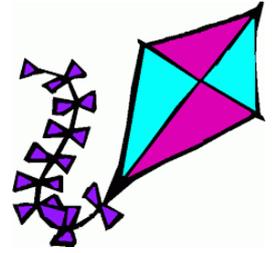
This Thursday 14th July you are invited to come back to school with your child to see and celebrate their most recent work. The school and classrooms will be open between 4-6pm and you can arrive at any time via the front entrance. Your children will enjoy showing you how much progress they have made! This is a chance for you to talk to your child's teacher about something mentioned in the report, and for children in Foundation Stage and Year One to visit their new classroom.

Mrs Ety, Mrs Wood and Mrs Merry Bowley are not able to be with us on Thursday evening, but if your child is moving to Owls, Squirrels or Hedgehogs you can pop and say hello after school tomorrow, 12th July or after school next Tuesday 19th July, when children will be enjoying an afternoon with their new teacher.

Class teachers are preparing a welcome letter for children to take home next week with photos of their teachers and the class team, so that families can become familiar with names and faces ahead of the new term.

Kite making

What a wonderful morning we had last Thursday with 180 children making and flying kites - there was even just the right amount of breeze! It was lovely to see visitors helping their own and other children to fold paper, stick and decorate their kites. A few children were so excited to watch their kite fly that they ran along looking behind them - oops! Sorry Mrs Dennis, a few head bumps on Thursday, but lots and lots of very happy, successful kite fliers! Thank you to everyone who was able to support this event, and to Miss Bosley for organising the resources as well as making test runs to find the best design for us all!



I heard that Year 6 from St Michael's were doing the daily mile walk around their track and stopped when they saw the kite flying to sing, "Let's go fly a kite!", from their production of Mary Poppins!

Thank you, Year 6! 😊



Galleyfest!

What a wonderful event, lots of fun for children and families, everything we hoped it would be! A huge thank you to everyone who helped with the planning, preparation, shopping, set up, running an activity, and clearing away. We could not have done this without the brilliant GIPA committee, who have been working behind the scenes for weeks. I thought the range of activities was perfect, I loved seeing children really engrossed in making bracelets and musical instruments, whilst others created castles and space rockets or made lots of noise in a police car!



We are just waiting to announce a final total from the event in next Thursday's newsletter to finish the school year. Well done and thank you to everyone involved, to everyone who attended and to everyone who donated items for the raffle. It was an amazing day.

Just a reminder that next Thursday 21st July is our last day this term; school closes for the summer break at 3:10pm. We have a leavers' assembly for parents, friends and families of children in Year 2 at 11am on Thursday 21st July. Younger brothers and sisters very welcome.