

Galleywood Infant School

Friday 16th September

Dear Parents and Carers,

Just a very short newsletter with some reminders and a few new dates for your calendars!



Our welcome meetings take place on Thursday afternoon, 22nd September, either at 2:30pm or 5:30pm. There will be 3 different meetings, welcoming parents to Foundation Stage, to Year One or to Year Two. You will hear about the learning that has been mapped across the year for your child. Please come to whichever meeting is easier for you.

Staff training continues linked to Little Wandle for Letters and Sounds - this is a completely new phonic scheme for us with lots to learn! Our first meeting for parents will be for both Year One classes on Wednesday 21st September, 9-10am. We are aware that some parents find it difficult to attend events during the school day, and we want to make the session accessible to as many people as possible. Mrs Needham will present the same information in an online webinar for parents on Thursday 29th September at 5pm. We will send details next week so that parents can sign up for this via Microsoft Teams.



Videos and guides from Little Wandle will be added to our GIS website over the next few weeks as a resource to help families understand and support their child with reading and phonics.

There will be a meeting for Foundation Stage parents on 29th Sept from 9-10am and a webinar opportunity in early October, date and time to follow.



Galleywood Infant Parents Association GIPA, is a very important and valuable part of our school community. The parent group, supported by all of the staff team, plan, organise and run a range of events throughout the year so that children and families have fun, make new friends, and raise funds that are used to benefit all of our children. Sometimes the funds are directed towards ambitious large-scale projects such as the pirate ship, and sometimes to buy books, science equipment, new furnishings, or Forest Schools items to make everyday teaching and learning more exciting.

The first meeting for this school year will take place on Tuesday 27th September at 7:45pm at school. This will be an opportunity to celebrate the amazing work of the GIPA team last year and to welcome Kate Phillips, who is taking the role of chair. GIPA achieves so much through the ideas, hard work and commitment of lots of people. Please come along, share your ideas, meet some new people, offer to help with one or two events and hear about the projects we have in mind for the forthcoming year.

We know how full family calendars can get! Please add these dates, with more details to follow soon:

Tuesday 27 th September at 7:45pm	GIPA welcome and planning meeting
Friday 14 th October at 5:30-7pm	Family Film Night/ Cushion Club
Thursday 20 th October at 7:30pm	GIPA Bingo night
Friday 18 th November at 5:30-7pm	Family Film Night/Cushion Club
Friday 9 th December 4:30pm	Galleywood Infant School Christmas Fair

A GIPA newsletter with details of events will follow our first meeting on 27th - please come if you can.

As you know, Monday 19th September is a Bank Holiday to mark Queen Elizabeth II's state funeral.

School reopens at 8:50 on Tuesday 20th September.