

Galleywood Infant School

Saturday 15th July 2023



Dear Parents and Carers,



It is very rare for us to have to reschedule our sports day, and this year we have needed to do it twice! I do apologise that families have had to change their plans- the term is running away fast, and we have made a final date of **Tuesday 18th July from 9:15-10:45.**

With diary commitments, this is our only possible date. You are welcome to wait in the playground after dropping your child to school and sign in, before going up onto the field for a 9:15 start.

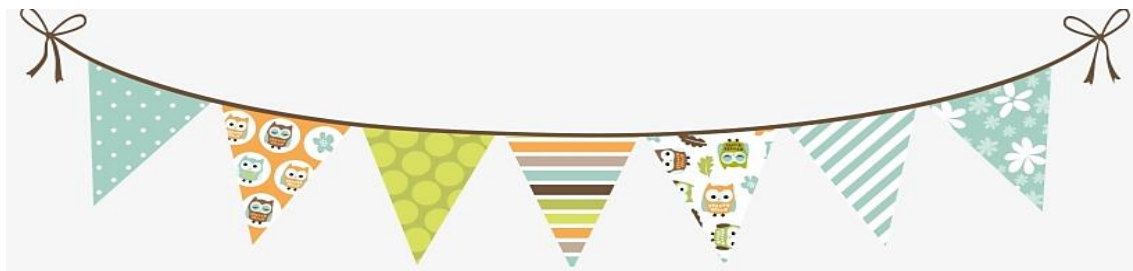
GIPA news

Galleyfest was amazing on Saturday! Brilliantly organised and prepared by the committee, fun to attend due to the wide range of activities run by parents, staff and friends, and generously supported by families. A huge thank you for an incredible effort, and a really fun afternoon! GIPA are delighted to announce that we raised £2,384 on Saturday, bringing the total for this year to a massive £10,927.



We presented certificates in assembly yesterday to thank everyone who contributed to the May sponsored event Galleywood Gets Fit, which now stands at more than £1,000- every penny for books! Thank you!

The children at Galleywood Infant School, both now and in the future, are so lucky to have GIPA's amazing support. We do not take this for granted and know the effort that goes into raising every £1. We say good bye and an extra thank you this week to some families who have given hours of time for the school over 4 or 5 years- you will be greatly missed. If any parents would like to join this team in September, we would welcome your help and ideas- keep an eye on GIPA's Facebook page for news of our September meeting.



Open Evening

It was lovely to see so many families in school on Thursday evening celebrating all that their children have achieved over this year, and for our Early Years and Year 1 children, popping in to see their new classrooms. Children all have one more visit to their new teachers with Yr2 children visiting St Michael's on Monday for the whole morning and FS and Yr1 children swapping classrooms again on Tuesday afternoon.

I especially loved hearing the children proudly giving members of their family guided tours around our model village! We appreciated having some parents to help with this on Monday- thank you. The children's creativity, the variety of ideas and the tiny details make the structures fascinating, and the children certainly learned a lot about fixing and joining different materials. Thank you to Miss Bosley for organising this, to everyone for cardboard donations and to the teachers for putting it all together- well done!



Where would you choose to live in our village?



Would you do some jobs at the allotments, go on the zip line and monkey bars at the park, or visit the farm?

With your child's report on 30th June you received a feedback sheet. Although a few have been returned, we would like many more. Please find a few minutes over the weekend to write some comments- you do not need to fill all the boxes if some are not applicable. This survey provides very important feedback for the staff and governors to support us in moving our school forward. If you think we are getting it right, please tell us; if there is something we can do better, we would always like to know that too! Thank you.

Nearly New Uniform

We have been so pleased to pass your donations of nearly new uniform to parents of children due to start school in September. Re-using outgrown items of uniform helps the environment as well as helping family budgets and we are grateful to Faye, Annabel and Maureen in our school office for sorting and organising this. I am told that so much has been "recycled" to new owners, that we are once again open for donations of clean uniform. Thank you.

Just a reminder ahead of September- our PE/active wear days are **not** non-uniform days, and children should be dressed according to our uniform policy and our school handbook:

- White tee shirt, with or without our school logo
- Navy or black joggers or leggings
- Navy or black sweatshirt or hoodie
- Trainers (any)

Thank you 😊



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For some summer ideas, visit Essex Wildlife Trust website, where you can find details of summer activities at the different Essex Wildlife Trust centres, day camps, ranger led days.

There is a coastal art competition running from this Sunday 16th July until 6th August, and also a project to involve families in spotting, identifying and recording the butterflies you see when you are out and about. This runs until 30th September.

<https://www.essexwt.org.uk/get-involved/campaign/butterfly-seekers>



You can be a scientist and record butterfly sightings to help prevent the decline in butterfly numbers. The trust say: *Your data will help us understand which butterflies are where across Essex and will enable us to target conservation actions to help them thrive and recover.*



The summer holiday reading scheme Ready, Set, Read! begins this weekend at Essex libraries, and Galleywood library is open from 9am-5pm today if you would like to sign up and get started by choosing your first books.

Have fun!

I know there have been a lot of messages- check your recent emails for details of Play in the Park sessions, which run for 2 hours at many venues across Chelmsford and are free to attend. Booking is needed via the website:

<https://www.chelmsford.gov.uk/leisure-centres/where/community-sport-and-wellbeing/play-in-the-park/>



Premier Sport are once again running their day camps at our school through the summer holiday period. You can book for a week, or just for days here and there:

<https://www.premier-education.com/holiday-camps/>

We are looking forward to welcoming visitors on Thursday morning at 11am for our Year 2 Leavers' presentation Eddie the Penguin Saves the World.

Thursday 20th July is the final day of this term. School will be closed for children on Friday 21st July as it is a non-pupil day. I shall write a final newsletter to close the school year at the end of next week.

