

## Galleywood Infant School Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2017

**Welcome** to the new school year! We hope that you all had a great summer. It was lovely to read so many postcards, which the children have enjoyed sharing with their new teachers and classmates. Come and read some in the library!



Monday was a training day for our staff. We worked as a staff team to focus on our school improvement priorities for 2017-18 - a summary of these will accompany next week's newsletter.

We offer a warm welcome to Mrs Alison Bowley, Squirrels class teacher, and Miss Lisa Bosley, Owls class teacher. We are thrilled to have them both working as part of our team and hope that they will be very happy at Galleywood.

Children have settled really well into their new classes and the school feels calm and purposeful. The children look very smart in new uniforms, which help them to feel part of our Galleywood Infant School community. Thank you for this!

### Summer improvements



During the summer break extensive work was undertaken to refurbish the toilets on the top corridor. Both boys' and girls' toilets have new flooring, wall-covering and paint as well as new fixtures and fittings. We hope they will stay sparkly and new for as long as possible!

Some students taking part in the National Citizenship Scheme volunteered to paint the benches, planters and outside sheds.

### PE kits

If you have any outgrown PE kit, including plimsolls we would be very grateful to receive it. Thank you.

### Meet the Teacher sessions

The teachers have been working hard before and during the summer to plan your children's learning for this term. Please come on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September at 2:30 or 6pm to our Meet the Teacher sessions to hear about "Down in the pumpkin patch..." our Key Stage 1 learning theme for this half term.



Homework will be explained, and you will have the chance to ask about any aspect of school life.

Mrs Foster and Miss Mildin hall will explain how we determine starting points for our new Foxes and Badgers. They will talk about how children are taught letters and sounds for reading, spelling and handwriting. All teachers will outline themes for the year and provide information about ways to support learning at home. We hope you can join us for the early or later session.

### Dates for the year

Attached to this letter is a list of key dates for the school year, providing as much notice as possible of special school occasions.

Year 2 children will not be presenting class assemblies as they work towards two significant events, The Infant Music Festival in March and their Leavers' Assembly in July, both of which are shared with families. Please note our **Open Mornings** for pre-school children and pass the dates/ times to any parents you know who may be applying for places for September 2018.

### Helpers needed please!

Last year we recruited a group of parents/ friends/ grandparents to support less confident readers. Our lovely team of helpers made a huge difference to



children in all year groups and we would like to continue this support. If you could spare an hour or two one day each week, morning or afternoon, we would be very grateful. Please speak to Mrs Manning so we can arrange a short information

session for helpers about the reading skills in the new curriculum.

All helpers are required to undertake a DBS check, which the school will arrange, and will be provided with a copy of the school's safeguarding process.