



## Galleywood Infant School

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May

Dear Parents,

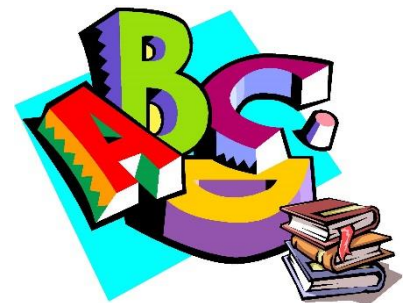
### Farewell

We said Goodbye on Friday to Mrs Sheila Kaye, who has worked at our school for an amazing 24 years as a Learning Support Assistant. Mrs Kaye has helped hundreds of children to settle in to school in the Foundation Stage, to build sight vocabulary and phonics skills, to begin to read and feel confident with maths. Mrs Kaye has used her artistic talents to create wonderful role play areas and displays as well as headbands, costumes and props for many Christmas plays. We wish Mrs Kaye lots of happiness in her new role working with nursery and pre-school children, and hope that she will visit Galleywood often.



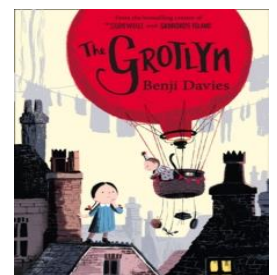
### Keeping up with the children in English

Do you want to support your child to do really well in English? We are pleased to be working with Chelmsford Adult Community Learning running a 4 week course starting this Thursday. Parents often comment that phonics is a bit of a mystery and that they were not taught to read in this way when they were at school! Many parents are surprised at the tricky spelling, punctuation and grammar that children are expected to know by the end of Yr2. You may have questions about what children will be learning in Yr3 in order to support with homework. If you would like to help your child read, write and spell with confidence please come along to this short 4 week course, which will be held in our demountable classroom each Thursday. Stay after drop off and have a coffee, or drop younger children to pre-school and be ready to start at 9:15. The course tutor, Mary Huntington, will ask at the first session if there are particular aspects parents would like to cover in more depth. Please let me know if you would really like to come to this course and have a younger sibling- we may be able to organise a crèche if there is a demand.



### Author visit

We are looking forward to welcoming Benji Davies to our school next Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May to talk about his work and show us his new book *The Grotlyn*. We know it will be fascinating to meet an author, hear him talk about the characters in his books and learn how he plans, writes and illustrates his books for young children. Benji will sign books on the day. Please complete the order form sent home in your child's book bag so that we can ensure that we have enough books! Thank you.



## Lost property

In addition to the usual water bottles and children's jumpers we would like to find the owners of the following:

- A bunch of keys dropped near the school just before Easter
- A pair of Gucci prescription glasses in a purple case
- A stainless steel Nomination bracelet with a heart and an initial

Please ask friends and family so that we can return these items. Thank you.

## Lunchboxes

Can you please check your child's lunchbox to ensure that they are clearly labelled on the outside, this will enable us to return any uncollected lunchboxes at the end of the school day. Thank you.



## Locking the gates

For your children's safety Mr Tee aims to have the school gates securely locked by 9:05am. If you are speaking with a member of staff, or with friends after drop off time please leave via the front door so that the double gates (Coop entrance) and the side gate (by the staffroom) can be locked promptly. Thank you.

## Yr2 SATs meeting

If you were not able to attend the meetings last week about assessment in Yr2 you might find the following link from the Standards and Testing Agency helpful <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/information-for-parents-2018-key-stage-1-and-2-assessments>. A lot of parents borrowed booklets or past papers so they could have a better understanding of the activities Yr2 children will be doing in the next few weeks- please return these to the office this week. Thank you.

## GIPA diary for this term

Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Tuck shop starts, sweets, drinks and ice pops on sale from the waiting shelter after school.
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	Cushion Club 5-6:30 in the library – tickets on sale from the office from Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> May.
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Red White & Blue non-uniform day to celebrate the Royal Wedding, contributions of £1.00 to GIPA via children's class. Please make us a few decorated cakes for our cake sale after school! Tuck shop will also be running.
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Quiz night with a "film" theme, tickets £5 (details to follow)
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Sponsored Event from 2:30pm with a pirate theme! Details to follow
Saturday 23/24 June	Camp over weekend
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Moving on Disco
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer Fete, jointly with St Michael's Junior School