

Galleywood Infant
Friday 26th November School

Dear Parents and Carers,

Maternity Leave

Last Friday we gave Mrs Merry Bowley all our very best wishes for her maternity leave, and this week it was Mrs Sayers' turn. We shall miss them both a great deal and everyone is looking forward to meeting the little babies - will it be before Christmas, or just afterwards?

We hope they can both have at least a couple of weeks to enjoy some rest, peace and quiet. We promise to share any baby news as soon as we receive it!



Everyone Loves a Baby

You have received via Parent Pay an electronic form, enabling you to book two tickets for our performance, either for the Tuesday or Wednesday at 2pm or Thursday at 6pm. We allocate two tickets per family first on the date requested, and then spare tickets, usually for the Tuesday or Wednesday performances will be allocated if/when available. Please return any tickets you do not need - somebody will be very pleased to take them!

The children are doing a fabulous job of learning the songs and dances - staff have as always been working very hard behind the scenes. We are very grateful to Katie Wilson for her help to choreograph and teach the dances alongside our very energetic teachers!

We need your children to take part in **all 3 performances** and hope you have been able to make arrangements to bring your child back to school for 5:30 on Thursday 9th December. Please let us know now if this presents a problem, thank you.

We take photographs of groups of children in their costumes and will display these in our entrance hall from Monday 6th - Monday 13th December for you to order in time for Christmas.

Headband workshops!

Once again, I am asking for offers of help to make the headbands for our Christmas play.



I can offer a warm room, tea, coffee and biscuits, in exchange for an afternoon with scissors, paint and glitter, either next Monday 29th or Tuesday 30th November from 1:30-3pm. You are welcome to bring younger siblings. If you are able to help please tell me on the playground, or email sarahmanning@galleywood.essex.sch.uk Thank you for supporting us and helping to make the performance look spectacular!

From 2019:

Stars, snakes and
sheep!



GIPA Christmas Activity Week



The GIPA committee have as always been very busy behind the scenes getting ready for two brilliant events: **Elfridges week, beginning 6th December**, when you will be able to buy lots of little gifts and stocking fillers from our playground stalls each day after school, and the **Christmas Activity week**, beginning on 13th December, with different events happening every day. Please support us by bringing your £10 contribution to the school office, or logging in to Parent Pay.

I realise that new parents will not be familiar with our Christmas Jars, which has been a favourite here at Galleywood Infant School for many years. Ask each child to find a clean jar, ideally with a lid, and fill it with items such as little toys, gifts, lollies, stickers, pencils or wrapped sweets. It can be a mixture of items but please do not choose chocolate that contains nuts, as we have several children with allergies. You can make more than one jar if you wish! Have fun!

It is lovely to see the jars decorated with Christmas paper, stickers, ribbons or bows. We would like to receive the jars from Monday 13th December. Thank you.



Children in Need

Thank you for your generous support last Friday, we raised a total of almost £240 for the BBC Children in Need appeal.



Remembrance Day

Again, families supported the Royal British Legion appeal very generously. I do not remember a year when the collecting box was too heavy for the Year 2 children to carry! I know we all enjoyed having a selection of items this year in addition to the traditional poppies. We will share the total amount raised when we are notified by the British Legion.

Roofing project

The final scaffolding was removed last weekend and during this week the last few jobs have been completed and the container removed. We are delighted with the new roof, roof light windows, gutters and insulation. Mrs Dennis and the Governors are looking at additional measures and improvements to reduce the school's energy use.

Staff are now parking on the school premises, which I hope will ease parking along Barnard Road. Please can I remind you that the school car park is not for parent use unless you are a blue badge holder. Thank you