

## Galleywood Infant School

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,



new  
baby  
"boy"

We were thrilled to hear from Mrs Needham that baby Theo was born on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October, weighing 7lb 1oz. We send love and congratulations from us all to Chloe, Dan and big sister Isla.



A new school Council has been elected with two representatives from each class:

Rabbits: Ava Ba and Christian C

Squirrels: Abigail A and Toby

Owls: Scarlett and Alfie F

Hedgehogs: Eliza-Grace and Alfie C



The school council meet each week with me, with Mrs Fennell or with Mrs Needham to talk about a whole range of things from ideas for charity activities to improvements to our school environment. The representatives take some questions from the meeting back to their classes, where they lead a discussion and encourage everyone to contribute their views and ideas. To start the school year classes are discussing learning at our school, what they enjoy about it, their favourite places to learn and how different kinds of learning make them feel.



We are lucky to have wonderful school grounds at Galleywood Infant School and we use the outdoor environment in almost all areas of our curriculum. To help children build an understanding of seasonal changes, as well as begin to recognise the leaves, seeds, blossom, bark and general shape of different trees, each class has a class tree. Over the course of the year they will visit, photograph and observe the tree through the cycle of the seasons. Mrs Merry Bowley has made labels for the trees, some on our front lawn and others in the forest area.

We were delighted to welcome Mel Staines, a horticulturist, who came to talk to children in Year 1 and Year 2 about worms and their essential role in our gardens. Her talk was fascinating and she enjoyed the variety of questions the children asked. Each class has built wormeries to watch what happens, over a period of days, to layers of soil, sand and leaves.

Christy Willett from Parklands Farm has asked us to publicise a fund-raising activity on 6<sup>th</sup> November, when she and her family and friends will be out and about in Galleywood with trailer loads of farmyard manure for your gardens.



We are the Mucky Angels, a group of local friends who have been affected by breast cancer, keen to raise funds for Breast Cancer Now. We are coming soon with a trailer load of well-rotted, friable farmyard manure, which is perfect for your garden. We will wheel a barrow (or more) directly into your garden for just £10/wheelbarrow.

If you would like to book a delivery, please call or text Christy on 07775510740 to place an order.

### Cushion Club

This Friday is our first Cushion Club Film Night for this school year and we are looking forward to welcoming lots of families to watch Gnomeo and Juliet. Bring cushions or pillows, wear snuggly onesies or pyjamas if you want to, and enjoy some pizza as we watch! Parents can buy tickets online or via the school office. We need final numbers by the end of Thursday for catering please.



### Birthday cards



As many of you know, the birthday cards I write for children and staff are "recycled" and every so often my card box needs to be replenished! If your child has any cards they no longer wish to keep, I would be very pleased to receive and re-use them for our weekly celebration assemblies. Thank you.

### Bella Bee Stars of the week for 7<sup>th</sup> October:

Hedgehogs: Elspeth and Alex

Owls: Amelle and Esther

Rabbits: Millie and Stanley

Squirrels: Abigail W and Max



Working together, working co-operatively, working as part of a team

## Community Events for Families

We would like to notify you about two local events for families. If you know of an event we could publicise to school families via our newsletter, please speak to me on the playground.

Anglia Ruskin University are hosting their first ever Chelmsford Science Festival from 12<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> October, including a Family Science day on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October at the University from 10am-4pm. Tickets are free, but you need to apply online:

<https://aru.ac.uk/community-engagement/chelmsford-science-festival/aru-family-science-day>



I have attached a programme with this newsletter for information. There will be activities around the grounds of Chelmsford Cathedral, where there is an amazing art installation by UK artist Luke Jerram, allowing us to see the earth as astronauts have seen it, and to reflect on the vulnerability of our planet. This will be open in Half term- more details to follow, and also online.



Lathcoats Farm are holding their annual Apple Day on 22<sup>nd</sup> October, with many activities throughout the day for families. There is also a scarecrow making competition for families. The apple day is so popular that it is now a ticket only event:

<https://www.eapples.co.uk/events/apple-day>

have attached the poster for the event, giving details of all the planned activities.

