

## Galleywood Infant School

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> August



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have enjoyed the first week of the summer break, no heatwaves but plenty of opportunities to be outside at the park, at Galleywood Common, walking some of the local footpaths.

Just a very short message to say a massive well done and thank you to our Squirrels and Rabbits for their brilliant performance of Eddie and the Penguins Save the World. It was the perfect way to finish our year, when the whole curriculum has been themed around the question, "Do we look after the world, or does the world look after us?"



Whilst celebrating a very successful year at our school, inevitably the end of the summer term brings some sad thoughts and feelings. We shall miss our wonderful Yr2 classes with their daily kindnesses towards one another, their excellent work ethic and their lovely sense of humour. We wish them well in their new schools, the great majority of children moving to St Michael's but some further afield. We shall think of you all often!

It is also sad to say goodbye to families we have known for 3 years, often longer through older brothers and sisters, when the child in Year 2 is their youngest. As a staff team we treasure the many friendships we have with families; it is a privilege to teach young children and share with families the joy of seeing them grow into more self-assured and confident young people. Please stay in touch!

As a school we were sad to say farewell to our lovely Mrs Brown at the end of the summer term. Alison has worked at Galleywood for 10 years as a midday assistant and teaching assistant, and this year working with Mrs Field to lead the MDA team. Alison's sons all came to this school and whilst Ben is still at high school, her older sons are working and continuing their education. Alison no longer needs to be tied to school hours and is looking for a new role in the autumn. We shall miss her gentle, cheerful ways in the classroom, playground and dinner hall. Best wishes from us all for whatever you do next, Alison!



Some of you know that we have been recruiting to fill learning assistant roles and also our Higher-Level Teaching Assistant post, after Mrs Lacey retired at the end of April. I shall write to parents at the beginning of the autumn term with details of the new members of staff we have appointed.

The first day of the autumn term will be Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September, when the classroom doors will be open at 8:40am and the class registers will be taken at 8:45am. Remember from September our school day will end for all children at **3:15pm**.

We will be in and out of school over the holiday, catching up with tasks, clearing and organising ready for September. If you need to contact us, the best address, monitored by the office team and by me is [admin@galleywood.essex.sch.uk](mailto:admin@galleywood.essex.sch.uk).

All of the staff team will be in school on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September for our annual safeguarding training and to meet as year group teams ready to welcome new classes.



We wish everyone a very happy summer break- have fun and stay safe