

## Galleywood Infant School

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2023



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have enjoyed a brilliant half term of learning linked to One World Many Colours, and it was fun to round off the first half of the autumn term with art sessions in every classroom using natural materials.

Thank you to all of the adults who came to help. The children were very proud of the pictures and patterns they made- a selection of these will be uploaded onto our school website next week for everyone to see.



### New PE days

The PE days always change at half terms for children in Year 1 and Year 2 so that all children experience a range of physical activity across the term.

- **Foxes and Badgers** will continue to need active wear on a Monday and Wednesday please
- **Owls and Hedgehogs** have outdoor PE with Mrs Gowers on a **Tuesday** and dance with Mrs Wilson on **Thursday**
- **Rabbits and Squirrels** have gymnastics on a **Wednesday** and outdoor PE with Mrs Gowers on a **Friday**

### Harvest Collection

A huge thank you to everyone for your kind and generous donations to the Chelmsford Foodbank. Whenever I take the bags of donations from Galleywood staff at the Foodbank comment that our small school have incredibly generous families and staff. We will receive an official thank you, but I could see how hard everyone was working at the Beehive Lane depot to sort and allocate food parcels for families. Thank you so much.



### GIPA news



You will not be surprised to hear that plans are in progress for our Christmas Fair on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December. Please make a note of the date- more details to follow.

A couple of weeks before half term some collecting jars for small change appeared in every classroom- if you have coins at home that could help to boost the total for your child's class, we would love to receive them. At the end of this term classes will count their total so far!

Don't forget the next two GIPA fundraising events: our quiz night on 10<sup>th</sup> November, £5 per ticket, and the next cushion club on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November 5:30-7pm. Tickets for the quiz will be available from Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October.

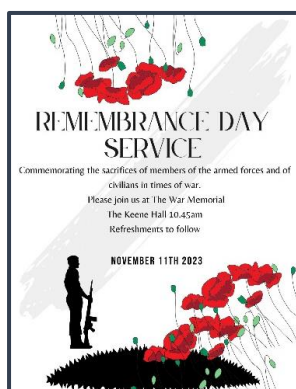


## Autumn update from the Governors

The Governors would like to thank all the staff for their continued commitment. This is always a challenging time of year for the teachers and the children as they settle into their new surroundings. We have seen so many of the staff working hard and going above and beyond. As governors we are regular visitors to the school and have seen some fantastic learning and wonderful success stories that we would like the staff to feel truly proud of.

An overview of some of the recent actions undertaken:-

- Following a discussion around the cost of our branded school uniform the school have been completing a detailed review. This has included considering the other options available from our current provider and collating the approach taken by other local schools. We discovered that in comparison to other suppliers of branded school uniform, our current supplier was very competitive and, in some cases, cheaper. We have taken the decision to continue with 'One Stop' for the time being. We would like to emphasize that there is no necessity for parents and carers to buy branded school uniform at all. Items without the Galleywood school logo can be purchased at most large supermarkets.
- A schedule of Governor school visits has been drawn up to ensure we deliver on our duties, this will include regular reviews of Health & Safety, Safeguarding and the implementation of the Curriculum against the Schools Strategic Plan.



### Galleywood Parish Council

Galleywood Parish Council would like to notify families of two events in November:

- Their annual Remembrance Day Service, which this year will be held on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November at 10:45am at the Keene Hall, Galleywood.
- A planting day on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November when families can join TEG and others to make Galleywood a greener place to live and work. See the attached Parish Council newsletter.

Please note that the Royal British Legion have once again brought poppies and related merchandise which children and families can buy, with all proceeds to help ex service personnel and their families.



Just a reminder to everyone that **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October** is a non-pupil day for staff training. All staff will be in school and if you have any questions you are welcome to email [admin@galleywood.essex.sch.uk](mailto:admin@galleywood.essex.sch.uk) or call the office team after 12noon, when our whole staff training will be completed. Thank you.