# **Galleywood Infant School**

## Tuesday 27th February 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,



We hope everyone had a good half term break- we are looking forward to longer days and warmer ones as we move into the second part of the spring term. It was lovely to see most parents from Foxes and Badgers classes just before half term to talk about the progress their children have been making, as well as next step targets. Teachers in Year 1 and Year 2 are currently writing annual reports, which will be sent home on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March and be followed by parent consultations on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March.

You will find details of this half term's learning on our website: Spring HT 2 - Blue

A full spring newsletter with term dates will follow on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March.

#### **Beat the Street**

Yesterday we welcomed Lucy and Amy, Sports Science students from Writtle College, to our Monday assembly. They explained a new game being launched tomorrow, 28<sup>th</sup> February in Chelmsford and South Woodham Ferrers, which encourages children and families to get out of doors and be active. Today your child will bring home two Beat the Street leaflets, one is a map and one is a family pack including two game cards, one for you and one for your child. There is a QR code to get you started, or you can visit <a href="mailto:beatthestreet.me">beatthestreet.me</a> to find out more!

The aim is for families to have fun, explore the local area and further afield by walking, cycling, scooting or running! As you travel around use the map to find Beat Boxes, which will be attached to lamp posts. Once your cards are registered on <a href="beatthestreeet.me">beatthestreeet.me</a> you will join the Galleywood Infant School team and collect points both for yourself and for the school. The competition runs for 6 weeks, including most of the Easter holiday, so plenty of time to visit as many boxes in the Chelmsford area as you can collecting 10 points for each Beat Box. There is more information on the website and app, including information about where to get additional cards for older or younger siblings. There are many spot prizes and awards along the way. Have fun!

### **GIPA News**

Cushion Club is taking place on Friday  $1^{st}$  March between 5.30-7pm. If you would still like to come along, please speak to a member of the office team; entrance is priced at £3 per child, which includes pizza & pudding!

You will have also seen an e-mail yesterday with details about the forthcoming virtual balloon race — your child will be bringing home a letter this evening, along with a balloon for you to blow up at home! Thank you to GIPA for organising this — for safety reasons we are attaching this the balloon to the letter inside an envelope.

#### **Teacher-led clubs**

Just a reminder that for children in years 1 & 2, these will start after school on Thursday this week – an email will follow shortly informing you of your child's allocation and where to collect them from at 4pm.