

## Galleywood Infant School

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

### Children in Need

This Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November is the annual BBC Children in Need appeal. We are inviting children to come in non-uniform on Friday and bring a donation for Children in Need. They can choose to wear spots, stripes or something yellow.

This year the Children in Need appeal is being supported by the Gladiators and some classes will join a Gladiators live link for Children in Need on Friday morning. The Gladiator Steel has set the children a challenge to see how many star jumps they can do in a minute- can you beat 35?



Pudsey Bear (in conjunction with White Rose Maths) has set some Children in Need maths problems, which we will try to solve in our classrooms. The School Council will enjoy counting the money so that we can announce a total in Friday's assembly.

### Meet our School Council for 2024-25!



Our Year 1 and Year 2 classes have held elections to find their School Council representatives for this year. We had our first meeting and introduced the children in assembly.

Our School Council meet every 1-2 weeks, where we discuss ways to make our school even better. This year our focus is on making the very best use of our school outdoor environment for learning, playing and as a habitat for wildlife.

### Remembrance

Thank you once again for supporting the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. The snap bands, wrist bands and clip on poppies have all been very popular. The merchandise and donation box were collected yesterday morning by a member of the British Legion, which is more prompt than usual. We apologise to the children who brought money yesterday and were disappointed- this is beyond our control.



The British Legion will notify us of the total from Galleywood Infant School.

### GIPA news



In September some collecting jars for small change appeared in every classroom and we have been asking children to bring small change, 1p, 2p, 5p and 10ps to fill their class jar.

Rabbits class collected £18.53 since September - amazing!

We have emptied jars and counted the coins, thank you so much. Please start again and we will have another count up in January!





Thank you to GIPA and to class teams for the huge effort involved in making, collecting and sending off the Christmas card designs- we think they look great!



Don't forget that **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November** is the cut-off date for online orders. This project generates important funds for the school and I am sure the items with your child's design will be treasured by family members.

We are preparing a Christmas Countdown letter for Friday, with details of all the Christmas activities in one place and lots of opportunities for you to help us prepare for a brilliant Christmas Fair.

#### Harvest Collection

A huge thank you to everyone for your kind and generous donations to the Foodbank. I took a car load of donations to the Foodbank HQ in Beehive Lane during half term. Staff at the foodbank asked us to pass on their very grateful thanks, which enables them to continue supporting families in crisis.



#### We have been notified of a website, which parents might find helpful: Family Lives

Being a parent has never been easy. There are no manuals for it, and previous generations may not be able to provide the insight you're looking for. The family unit is more dispersed than ever, with some families existing hundreds of miles from what may be called a 'core unit'. Parents may find themselves lost in a maelstrom of contradictory advice. For adults, time has never been more compacted. Family Lives has produced a series of online parenting courses, to make this challenge a little easier. If interested please follow the link below:

<https://www.familylives.org.uk/how-we-can-help/online-parenting-courses>

Family Lives offers a confidential and free\* helpline service for families in England and Wales (previously known as Parentline). They can be contacted on 0808 800 2222 for emotional support, information, advice and guidance on any aspect of parenting and family life. Their website is also a rich source of useful support and advice.