

## Galleywood Infant School

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2018



Dear Parents,

Following our amazing Science week organised by Miss Mildinhall, Mrs Bowley has been very busy planning an Arts week for the whole school, which starts on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> July. The children have already been involved in drawing pictures, which have been sent to our "Mosaic artist in residence" Ann Schweggman Fielding. Look out for a letter tomorrow with full details of the week's activities.

All the children were very enthusiastic to talk about their school visits to the coast, whatever the weather! Children in Yr1 and Yr2 visited Cudmore Grove Park on Mersea Island and took part in some ranger led activities including fossil hunting, collecting a "cabinet of curiosities", paddling in the sea and making sandcastles with flags. Cudmore Grove is a wonderful location and would make a fantastic day out in the summer holidays, with an exciting new play area and lots to explore.



Foxes and Badgers took part in beach activities led by their teachers and had lots of fun until the rain settled in. Thank you for supporting our trips- we know that first-hand experience makes for memorable learning, whatever the weather!

### Sun protection

We are enjoying the beautiful warm weather and hope it continues. Please remember to apply sunscreen to your child before coming to school and ensure they bring a water bottle and sun hat each day. Whilst sunglasses may look cool they do not protect children in the same way as high factor sunscreen and a hat or cap to cover their head. Please check that jumpers, cardigans and sun hats are named- we have a lot in lost property already. Thank you.



We have beautiful school grounds but our main play spaces lack shade. When it is really hot we take children onto the front lawn under the shade of the oak trees. Midday assistants patrol the fence to keep children safe, being alert and intervening if any member of the public speaks to pupils. It is not helpful if parents walking past along Barnard Road call children over to the fence- just a wave, please, and leave them to play.

## GIPA project

As many of you will be aware GIPA have begun fundraising for a mini Astro-turf pitch or Multi-use games area (MUGA). This is a really exciting venture and something which children will use all through the year at playtimes, lunchtimes and for PE sessions. The Pirate Challenge afternoon was a fantastic start to this! Thank you to the many of you who took your children round the various tasks and persuaded friends and family to sponsor your child. We owe a very big thank you to Abbey Wade, Monique Cable, Kim Lewis and Debbie Fawcett for organising the event, and to the team of people who help us set up and run the 8 different activities. See our screen in reception for more action pics!



Thank you for all the sponsor money received so far. If you have not done so yet, please hand your remaining money to the school office by this Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June so that we can announce a total and set up a fundraising wall to show progress towards our target!



This is an ambitious project and we would like our children to actively participate in raising the money. At some point this week (circumstances permitting) we plan on taking a whole school photograph. Our last one was way back in 2006 for the school's 40<sup>th</sup> birthday, and was taken on the grass mound between the pirate ship and tree house. We hope to create a similar photo on the mound before it is moved to make way for the astro pitch. Don't worry- the mound will be relocated, and we hope the new mound will have a tunnel through it!



The photograph will be available to buy with all proceeds to go towards the pitch. If you would like to see the photo from 2006 it is displayed near the office- you might recognise a few faces....

## Camp over

The Camp over this weekend was a great success, helped by wonderful warm weather. Again thanks to GIPA for their hard work and great organisation. Children and adults had a wonderful time playing and chatting, we are already looking forward to next year's event!



## **Diary dates this term**

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June 9:00am-10:30am:** Foundation Stage coffee morning for Foxes and Badgers parents and carers. The focus will be on transition from Foundation Stage to Yr1 and ways of maintaining learning throughout the summer holidays.

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> July 1:15pm:** Children's Challenge, an afternoon of sporting activities and races on the school field. Your child will take part in races with their class and have the chance to collect points for completing various challenges. We would love parents and families to join us and support the children. Yr6 pupils from St Michael's help us to set up and run the activities.

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July:** Foundation Stage children receive their reports, children in Yr1 and Yr2 receive a summary report and results of any National Assessments.

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July 3:30pm-5pm:** GIPA Moving on Disco for all classes with games and entertainment.

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> July 4.30pm – 6pm:** Open evening, this is an opportunity to visit your child's current class and see the progress they have been making since the spring term. Parents with children in Foundation Stage and Year 1 will be able to visit their child's new classroom and meet the teacher.

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> July 12pm -3pm:** Summer fair with the theme of Down on the Farm. This is a joint event with St Michael's Junior School. See the GIPA Facebook page and flyers for details of how to help and support us.

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July:** All children spend the afternoon in their new classrooms with their new teacher.

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July 9:15am:** Assembly to say goodbye to support staff who will be leaving us at the end of this term: Mrs Hornsby, Miss Edwards, Miss Maddocks and Miss Limbachia.

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July 10am:** Year 2 children will present their leaving assembly as a celebration of their time at Galleywood Infant School. At 3:10 pm school closes for the summer break.

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July:** Non pupil day- staff will be working in school.