

# Galleywood Infant School

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October

Dear Parents and Carers,

## Harvest Collection

In recent years we have supported causes near to home with our annual harvest projects, including the Chelmsford homeless shelter and the local foodbank. Chelmsford Foodbank relies on donations from individuals as well as from supermarkets. I have used the current shopping lists on the foodbank website to suggest items families might be able to donate.



We welcome donations of items from the flier your child was given today, to be brought to the hall any day next week. Volunteers at the Foodbank unpacking our boxes often comment that the families and staff at our small school are very generous. Please support if you can. Thank you.

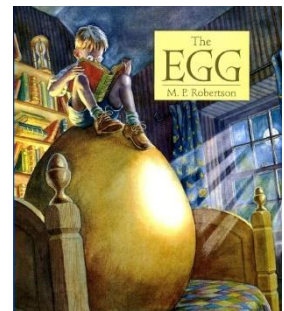


## What have we been learning about this week?



On Monday morning Mr Macadam alerted us to a strange discovery, and asked the children in Year 1 and 2 to help him solve the mystery. He had noticed a large golden egg in our vegetable garden - it had certainly not been there on Friday, and the only clues we could spot were some trampled plants, lots of feathers scattered around and a small heap of manure..... What is going on?

The children had lots of questions and lots of suggestions for Mr Macadam. By Tuesday there was no sign of the egg, but maybe a few pieces of egg shell?



The children in both year groups have continued to check around the school, as reading and writing this week has been based on The Egg by J P Robertson.

In Year 2 in maths the children have needed to think hard, using their number bonds to "bridge" the tens numbers in order to add and subtract mentally in the most efficient way. In art they have continued to explore the work of Andy Warhol and Pablo Picasso, making sketches and prints before choosing a style for their own paintings.



The children in Foxes and Badgers have also been talking about famous portraits, and after looking at the work of Giuseppe Arcimboldo they all used fruit and vegetables to create brilliant faces!



## **GIPA News**

A meeting of the GIPA committee took place on Thursday, where exciting plans were discussed for Elfridges and for our Christmas Fair on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December. We will need help and support from parents and staff in lots of different ways to ensure the success of these events, look out for a letter on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November following our next GIPA meeting. Meanwhile, if you empty any glass jars, jam, peanut butter, chocolate spread, etc, please wash and save the jars!



## **Help needed please!**

Your children are lucky to have a hard-working group of people who put in time behind the scenes planning the events we can all enjoy. Could you offer some time and expertise to shadow our current GIPA treasurer, Sarah Ditchburn, and then step into her shoes from next September 2025, when her children will move to Year 3? Some experience of book keeping or accounting would be useful but all the systems for recording transactions, checking bank statements, etc are in place and Faye Dennis, our finance officer is always on hand to help. Sarah would be very pleased to show somebody the role and would also appreciate help to count and bank proceeds at our main fundraising events in December and June. Speak to any of us if this is something you would consider- thank you.



A couple of weeks ago 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 and all proceeds will contribute to GIPA's fundraising. The winning class will be able to choose some new story books for their book box.

## **Happy School Bags**

Your child has received a collection bag for our Happy School Bag fundraiser. Please fill your bag with:

- Adults and children's clothing- clean, dry and in good condition
- Paired shoes, adult or child
- Fashion accessories, handbags and belts, hats and scarves

The collection date is Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November, when our bags will be checked, weighed and collected to raise funds for our school. Thank you.

## **School Photographs**

The proofs for your child's individual school photograph are available to view and order on the Carmel Jane site – if you registered before the photos were taken, you should have been alerted to log on and view them. If you did not register in advance, please contact the school office or Carmel Jane for assistance.

## **PE days for November and December**

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. From Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November:

**Foxes and Badgers** will continue to need active wear on a Tuesday and Wednesday please.

**Owls and Hedgehogs** have outdoor PE with Mrs Gowers on a **Monday** and dance with Mrs Wilson on **Thursday**.

**Rabbits and Squirrels** have gymnastics on a **Wednesday** and outdoor PE with Mrs Gowers on a **Friday**.

Just a reminder that we have **parent consultations** for all classes on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> and Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October. Please contact us if you need to confirm your time- we do our best to stick to these times.

Next week is **half term**, so school closes on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October at 3:15pm and reopens for the second part of the autumn term on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November at 8:40am**. We hope you have a lovely week.

