



Galley Common Infant School NEWSLETTER

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Dream, Believe, Achieve

STARS OF THE WEEK

DIARY DATES

Well done to the following "Stars of the Week"

- Class 1 - Thomas and Jacob
- Class 2 - Teddy and Nancy
- Class 3 - (none due to trip)
- Class 4 - Elijah and Carlton
- Class 5 - Arianna and Connie
- Class 6 - Iylah-Leigh and Oliver

Congratulations to the following children who were presented with a medal during assembly today. The medals have been awarded by North Warwickshire Active Sports. The children in Year 2 have been taking part in sport activities each week competing against the following schools:

- Shustoke Primary School
- Whitestone Infants
- Lower Farm Academy
- Race Leys Infants
- All Saints Nuneaton



Well done to all the children for taking part.

Gold - Timothy, Maya, Qasid, Austin, Jenson, Frankie, Aurelia, India, Kylah, Rhia

Silver - Max, Leo, Danny, Dameon, Charlie, Betty, Sydney, Lexi, Ella-Rose, Ariana

Spelling Bee Winners - We announced, a couple of weeks ago that 3 of our children took part in the spelling bee competition which was held at Michael Drayton Junior School. India, Gwen and Mustafa all won in their year group against children from, Nathaniel Newton Infant School and St Anne's Catholic Primary School. Today they were presented with a small prize. Well done!



May	
Wed 17 th	KS1 Summer Disco
Thu 18 th	Reception Summer Disco
Fri 19 th	Class 2 Assembly - 2.30pm
Fri 26th	Teacher Training Day - School Closed.
June	
Tue 6 th	New Parent Meeting - 6.00pm
Mon 12 th	Year 1 Phonics Screen Check week Year 2 Phonics re-take
Thu 15 th	New to Year 1 parents meeting - 5.00pm - 5.45pm
Thu 15 th	New to Year 2 parents meeting - 6.00pm - 6.45pm
Sat 17 th	Rose Queen -St Peter's Church
Fri 30 th	Non Uniform for Sausage Sizzle
Training Day Friday 26th May Training Days - September 2023 Friday 1 st September Monday 4 th September Friday 27 th October Monday 8 th January Friday 24 th May Warwickshire Term Dates 22/23 Warwickshire Term Dates 23/24	

ATTENDANCE

Well done to **Class 5** this week, who have achieved 97.50%

- Class 1 - 96.88%
- Class 2 - 95.83%
- Class 3 - 94.64%
- Class 4 - 94.44%
- Class 6 - 93.97%

Our DfE target is 96%
Whole School Attendance this week is 95.56%

School Photographs - REMINDER -. Could we please ask that orders are placed before **15th May 2023**. Thank you.

SCHOOL NEWS

Year 1 visit to Nuneaton Heritage Centre - The children in Class 3 and 4 had a great time learning about Victorian classrooms at the Nuneaton Heritage Centre this week. Thank you to the parents that came along to help on the trip.

Class 2 assembly - Class 2 would like to invite their parents along to their class assembly next **Friday 19th May at 2.30pm**. We do hope that you will be able to come along.

School Disco - The summer disco's will be held next week and all tickets should now have been purchased. **No tickets will be available next week.**

Year 1 and 2 - Wednesday 17th May - 3.15pm - 4.30pm
Reception - Thursday 18th May - 3.15pm - 4.30pm

There will be no after school clubs next Wednesday or Thursday. Refunds will be given. Thank you.

School Induction Days - Once again this year, we will be having 3 induction days in July. This is when the children will visit their new school or their new class. The dates will be Monday 3rd, Tuesday 4th and Wednesday 5th July. A letter with more information will be sent home nearer the time.

Walk to School Week - A letter was sent home earlier this week about parents and children taking part in the Walk to School Week - 15th - 19th May. We do hope that you will encourage your child to take part. Thank you.



Please [CLICK](#) here to view the Family Information Newsletter

SAFEGUARDING

"The safety of the child is the first and paramount consideration"

Child protection concerns - If you have any child protection concerns, or wish to raise any issues, please feel free to call into school and speak to Mrs Middleton or Mrs Newman. You can also email safeguarding2107@welearn365.com You can also speak to a member of the Social Care Emergency Duty Team on 01926 886922.



HEALTHY SCHOOLS

ILLNESS - If your child is ill and not able to come to school, please telephone the school office by **10.00am** to give a reason for their absence. If we do not hear from you by **10.00am**, Mrs Arkinstall will be ringing you to find out why your child is absent.

If your child is sick or has had diarrhoea, they should not come back into school, until they have been clear for 48 hours.

Please **send a note** with your child when they return to school, explaining their absence. Thank you.



Tuesday 9th May 2023

In this week's Family Information Service newsletter there is information about the Pathway to Employment open morning, new digital Hubelets for e-reading, free child car seat and vehicle safety check events and much more!

The Family Information Service (FIS) supports families across Warwickshire with advice and information. You can get in touch with the team by emailing fis@warwickshire.gov.uk, calling 0800 408 1558 or finding support on www.warwickshire.gov.uk/childrenandfamilies.

Car Parking

This is a polite request to ask all parents who need to drive to school to remember to park considerately and safely at school drop off and collection. Please park with care and help make the area near and around our school a safer place for our children. Parking away from school will also help keep congestion to a minimum and maintain a good relationship with our neighbours.

We all want to help keep our children safe - please take some time to read and remember Warwickshire County Councils road safety code for parents:

- Park away from school gates
- Always hold hands with young children
- Remember - your child will copy you
- Every road means STOP LOOK LISTEN
- Never get children out of a car roadside
- Think safer places to cross the road
- Secure your child's car seat correctly

Let's all work together to keep all our children safe outside school.



LEARNING IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2022/2023

KEY PRIORITIES	PRIORITY
PRIORITY 1.	Continue to meet the social and emotional wellbeing needs of the school community
PRIORITY 2.	Improve the writing practice and progress so that most children meet or exceed the expected standard for the age.
PRIORITY 3.	To have a consistent approach to Learning Behaviours across the school

OUR SCHOOL RULES



1. Listen Carefully
2. Take Care
3. Try your best




RISE MHST

Mental Health in Schools Team (MHST)

15th May - Mental Health Awareness Week

Tips For Wellness:

GET OUTDOORS

Have you ever felt low and been told "you should try going for a walk, you will feel better"? Sometimes when we are feeling down or having an 'off day', the thought of going for a walk and getting outside can seem overwhelming. However, evidence suggests that going for a walk is one of the best ways to reduce stress levels, balance our mood and help us to feel happier. Connecting with nature also exposes our body to more Vitamin D, which benefits our immune system too!

Our tips for getting outdoors:

- 1- Instead of travelling by car, why not try to get outside on your journey to school this week? You might choose to cycle, walk or even travel by scooter!
- 2- Dog walks are a great way to encourage us to get outside...if you don't have a dog of your own, you could ask a friend or family member to join their dog walk!
- 3- Meet up with friends for an outdoor activity, such as play in the park, a bike ride, playing football, or making a den in the woods! (Remember to ask an adult to help you arrange this).
- 4- Help an adult grow plants, flowers and vegetables in the garden!
- 5- Try mindfulness outside to clear your mind. Sit or lie down in the garden/ local park and start by observing the clouds for 2-3 minutes. Take notice of your breath in and out. Pay attention to what you can see, hear, and the sensations in your body. Be mindful of your thoughts.

More benefits of getting outdoors

Learn more about nature and mental health

#ThanksKids recognises the efforts and kindness of children and young people, and thanks them with personalised #NHSStars certificates. If you know a child or young person that deserves recognition for going above and beyond, don't wait, nominate!

thankskids@covwarkpt.nhs.uk

MHST are available to support you and your school throughout the school year including term time and school holidays. Please contact your school's Mental Health Lead for information and advice.




VISION FOOTBALL ACADEMY

WHITSUN WEEK

FOOTBALL AND MULTI-SPORTS CLUB

Tuesday 30th May – Friday 2nd June
9.00am – 3.30pm
At NWSLC College, Nuneaton, CV11 6BH




PLEASE BOOK TO SECURE YOUR PLACE!

£15 PER DAY £50 FOR THE FULL WEEK

07736540400
WWW.VISION-FOOTBALL-ACADEMY.COM
INFO@VISION-FOOTBALL-ACADEMY.COM



Next Event
10th & 11th June
23rd & 24th Sept

**CHILD TICKET £20
ADULT £5**
CHARITY AND TEAM DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE

ArMUDgeddon is a kids mud Run for all the family.
100% of the profits of the event go to local Scout Groups.

BRITISH
HERITAGE SPORTS
Licences by the British Obstacle Sports the governing body for Mud Runs

VENUE
ONLEY GROUNDS EQUESTRIAN COMPLEX.
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LEAVE OF ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME UPDATED INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

The Supreme Court reached a decision in the case of Platt v Isle of Wight Council which has clarified the law on unauthorised leave, including holidays, during term time. The parents of children of compulsory school age are required to ensure that they attend school on a regular basis. The Supreme Court has made clear that attending school 'regularly' means that the children must attend school on every day that they are required to do so. As such, the parents of any child who is absent from school without authorisation for any length of time are likely to be considered as committing an offence under s444 of the Education Act 1996.

Head Teachers retain the ability to authorise leave in accordance with the Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2006. When considering such requests for a leave of absence, the school are obliged to act within the law. Head Teachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances relating to the application. If the leave is granted, head teachers are able to determine the number of school days a child can be absent for.

It is for the Head Teacher to decide what is 'exceptional' and it is at their discretion if the circumstances warrant the leave to be granted. The school can only consider Leave of Absence requests which are made by the 'resident' parent.

Each application for a leave of absence will be considered on a case by case basis and on its own merits.

Where applications for leave of absence are made in advance and refused, the child will be required to be in school on the dates set out in the application. If the child is absent during that period, it will be recorded as an unauthorised absence.

Failure to make an application for leave in advance will result in the absence being recorded as an unauthorised absence.

Your child's progress academically as well as socially is our shared priority



GOVERNORS

Please meet our Governors – If you need to contact the Chair of Governors, Mrs Christine Paremain, please contact Mrs Arkinstall in the school office on 02476 392219 or Admin2107@welearn365.com



Mrs C Paremain - Chair of Governors
Mrs K Middleton - Head Teacher
Mrs Gordon - Staff Governor
Mr J Price - Co-opted Governor
Vacancy - Co-opted Governor
Vacancy - Co-opted Governor
Mr R Scott - Parent Governor
Mr C Joyce - Parent Governor
Vacancy - Co-opted Governor

Governor Vacancies – We have vacancies for Community Governors to join our Governing body.

If you or someone you know, would be interested in applying as a Community Governor, please email Mrs Arkinstall on Admin2107@welearn365.com for more information.