



Galley Common Infant School NEWSLETTER

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Dream, Believe, Achieve

ATTENDANCE

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

Class 1 - 86.61% Class 2 - 89.81%
Class 3 - 95.54% Class 4 - 89.35%
Class 6 - 93.10%

Our DfE target is 96%
Whole School Attendance this week is 92.09%

SCHOOL NEWS

Goodbye - We would like to say goodbye and good luck to Mr Baker, who has been our school Caretaker for 7 years.

We held a special farewell assembly this afternoon for Mr Baker and gave him some lovely gifts. Mr Baker will be missed by the children and all the staff. Enjoy your retirement Mr Baker!



Welcome - We would like to welcome Mr Holley to Galley Common Infant School as our new Caretaker. I am sure everyone will join us in welcoming Mr Holley to our school.



Half Term - We hope that everyone has an enjoyable and safe half term break. School will open on Monday 5th June.

DIARY DATES

May	
Fri 26th	Teacher Training Day - School Closed.
June	
Tue 6th	New Parent Meeting - 6.00pm
Wed 7th	PSHE Workshop for parents - 2.30pm
Mon 12th	Year 1 Phonics Screen Check week Year 2 Phonics re-take
Thu 15th	New to Year 1 parents meeting - 5.00pm
Thu 15th	New to Year 2 parents meeting - 5.45pm
Fri 16th	Rose Queen - St Peter's Church - 2.30pm
Fri 30th	Non Uniform for Sausage Sizzle
Fri 30th	Class 1 assembly - 2.30pm
July	
Mon 3rd	Induction Day
Tue 4th	Induction Day
Wed 5th	Induction Day
Fri 7th	School Reports sent home
Fri 7th	Sausage Sizzle 4.30pm - 6.30pm
Mon 10th	Sports Day - PM
Wed 12th	Class 5 Leavers show - 5.30pm
Thu 13th	Class 6 Leavers show - 5.30pm
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	

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.

Sun Safe - At last! the finer weather has arrived. Could we please ask that on sunny days, your child has sun cream applied **before** they come to school. If your child needs to have sun cream applied during the day, please send it to school with **their name** clearly marked on it. It can then remain in the classroom for when they need it.

Please ensure that your child has a water bottle in school, and during hot weather, they bring a sun hat that has their name clearly marked inside.

If children need to wear sunglasses, could you please make sure that they have **plastic lenses and frames**.

Summer Uniform - During the summer term, boys are able to wear grey shorts, and girls can wear a blue and white checked summer dress. Black or white sandals can be worn, but children must wear socks with them. 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.

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.



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County Council

WELCOME TO THE FAMILY INFORMATION SERVICE NEWSLETTER

Tuesday 16th May 2023

In this week's Family Information Service newsletter there is information about free child car seat and vehicle safety check events, an anger awareness course, Walk to School Week, Mental Health Awareness Week 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.

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

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





Mental Health in Schools Team (MHST)

Tips For Wellness:

EMPATHY

Empathy is the ability to share someone else's feelings or experiences by imagining what it would be like to be in that person's situation. Try to imagine you are putting yourself in someone else's shoes!

Empathy helps us to build good relationships and connections with others, understand what others are thinking and feeling, and respond appropriately, and also learn to manage our own emotions and understand ourselves better.

Developing empathy can be really difficult...it takes patience, listening and understanding, and it is about putting someone else's feelings before our own!

Our tips for developing empathy:

1- With another person, take it in turns to use Play-Doh to create an emotion and then guess what that person was feeling! You could also give an example of when someone might feel that way.

2- Empathy motivates us to act in situations, and these are often **acts of kindness**.

Try to help a peer at school this week who might need some support. Why not try an act of kindness at home too? You could even write a message of kindness down and give it to someone who might need cheering up.

Follow the QR code to some more activities and circle time ideas to promote empathy and kindness, e.g., Kindness Bingo!



#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.



School Holiday Sports Clubs

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#SMASH23 AGES 5-12

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30th May 7:30pm

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Illusionists

A Magical Fun Packed evening for all the family

Magic & Ventriloquism

Illusions

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ticket source

Adults £10

Concessions £7

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
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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.