



Galley Common Infant School NEWSLETTER

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Dream, Believe, Achieve

WELCOME BACK
TO SCHOOL

Dear Parents and Guardians

Welcome back to our new Year 1 and Year 2 children. We hope that you have all enjoyed the summer holidays and are all refreshed ready for our new academic year.

The children have settled in brilliantly and we have seen lots of smiling, happy faces throughout the school.

An email has been sent home with information about your child's PE days, homework, and spellings days, please keep a lookout for this information. On PE days, your child will need to come to school in their PE kit.

Mrs K Middleton
Head Teacher

SCHOOL NEWS

Welcome - We would like to welcome some new members of staff that have joined us this term.

Mrs Jenkins - Class 6 Teaching Assistant
Miss Healey - Class 2 Teaching Assistant
Mrs Chohan - Class 4 Student Teacher
Miss Clark - Class 1 Student Teacher

I am sure you will join us in wishing them well, and welcoming them to our school.



Nasal Flu Vaccinations - The school nursing team will be in school on Wednesday 20th September. Please ensure that you have given your consent for the vaccinations via the link that was sent home earlier this week.

School Name & URN: Galley Common 125539

Date of vaccination: 20/09/2023

Unique consent link:

<https://iv.covwarkpt.nhs.uk/form?identifier=0f63123c-d278-4cef-bb46-bad0ba3c7aae>



The consent link will close on 10th September.

DIARY DATES

September

Thu 14th	Parent Coffee morning 9.00am
Fri 15th	Friends of Galley Common Meeting - 2.00pm
Wed 20th	Reading meeting for parents 9.00am
Wed 20th	Flu Vaccinations
Thu 21st	School Photographs
Fri 22nd	Jeans for Genes
Tue 26th	Governing Body Meeting
Thu 28 th	Open day for prospective parents 9.30am and 1.30pm

October

Wed 11th	Parents Evening - 3.30pm - 6.00pm
Thu 12th	Parents Evening - 3.30pm - 6.00pm
Fri 13th	Non-uniform day for Harvest gifts
Wed 18th	OAP Harvest Assembly - 1.30pm
Wed 18th	Reception autumn disco
Thu 19th	KS1 autumn disco
Fri 20th	Class 5 assembly for parents
Thu 26th	Harvest Assembly at Church 9.15am
Fri 27th	Teacher Training Day (School closed)
Mon 30 th - Fri 3 rd Nov	Half Term holiday
November	
Mon 6th	School opens

Here are a few reminders for the start of the new year!

- **Medication in school** - If your child needs to have an inhaler in school please send it with your child in a named bag and ensure it is handed in to the class teacher. The school office will email a medication consent form that will need to be completed and returned to school.
- We will only be administering medication that has been prescribed by a Doctor.
- **Contact Details** - Please let the school office know if you have changed any of your contact details over the summer. Thank you.

- **Water Bottles** - Please ensure that children bring a water bottle to school for use during the school day.
- **Naming of clothes** - Please ensure that your child's clothing is clearly named. We have over 160 children in the school who are all wearing the same school uniform. This will help us to reunite lost uniform with their owners. Thank you.

Friends of Galley Common - The first meeting of the Friends of Galley Common is being held on Friday 15th September at 2.00pm in school.

Please give your details to Mrs Arkinstall in the school office, if you are interested in becoming a member. A letter with more information will be sent next week.

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, Mrs Newman, or Mrs Salmon. You can also email safeguarding2107@welearn365.com You can also speak to a member of the Social Care Emergency Duty Team on 01926 886922.



ATTENDANCE

Well done to Class 6 who have achieved 99.33% attendance this week.

Class 3 - 93.75% Class 4 - 95.37%
Class 5 - 96.90%



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

STARS OF THE WEEK

Well done to the following children, who have been chosen "Star of the Week"

Class 3 - Sienna and Freddie

Class 4 - Carter and Sophie

Class 5 - Emma and Eva

Class 6 - Damian and Junior



Jeans for Genes - Friday 22nd September

Children are able to come to school on Friday 22nd September wearing their jeans, for a small donation of £1.00, which will be given to the charity Jeans for Genes. Other trousers may be worn if children do not have jeans. Children should wear their school shirts, jumpers and school shoes. A letter will be sent home with more information.

School Photographs - The school photographer will be in school on Thursday 21st September. A letter with more information will be sent home next week.

VACANCY - We have a vacancy for a relief mid-day supervisor to cover for staff absences at short notice.

If you or someone you know may be interested in this role, please contact Mrs Arkinstall in the school office for an application form and more information about the role. Thank you.

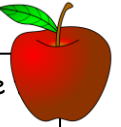
Coffee Morning - Please join us for our coffee morning on 14th September at 9.00am in the school hall with Mrs Salmon and the RISE team. We look forward to seeing you there.

Double Yellow Lines - Please do not park on the double yellow lines around the school.

Parking - Please do not obstruct local resident's driveways, please park with pedestrians and other road users in mind. Thank you.



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.

OUR SCHOOL RULES



1. Listen Carefully



2. Take Care

3. Try your best



LEARNING IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2023/2024

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 their age.
PRIORITY 3.	To embed the consistent approach to Learning Behaviours across the school
PRIORITY 4	Maximise the capacity of the teaching team so that progress and attainment of children is maximised



Tuesday 5th September 2023

In this week's Family Information Service newsletter there is information about parenting workshops, Connect for Health's September newsletter, open day at Polesworth Fire Station and much more!

The Family Information Service (FIS) supports families across Warwickshire with information and signposting. 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. Head over to our [Facebook](#) to see where you can find the FIS team across the county this week.

Please click the [LINK](#) to access the newsletter

LEAVE OF ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME UPDATED INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

The Supreme Court recently 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
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