



Galley Common Infant School

NEWSLETTER

Issue 2
September 2023

Dream, Believe, Achieve

SCHOOL NEWS

Phonics meeting - There will be a meeting for parents of children in reception on Wednesday 20th September at 9.00am. A letter was sent home earlier this week with more information.

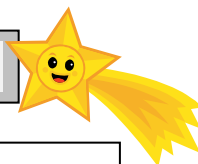
Nasal Flu Vaccinations - The school nursing team will be in school on Wednesday 20th September. If you have not already given your consent, you can contact the school nursing team on: 02476 321550 or Email: NORTHIMMS@covwarkpt.nhs.uk

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

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 has been sent home with more information.

STARS OF THE WEEK



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

Class 3 - Elsie and Hazel

Class 4 - Esme and Maks

Class 5 - Louie and Ember

Class 6 - Evelyn and Jack

DIARY DATES

September

Wed 20 th	Reading meeting for parents 9.00am
Wed 20 th	Flu Vaccinations
Thu 21 st	School Photographs
Fri 22 nd	Jeans for Genes
Tue 26 th	Governing Body Meeting
Thu 28 th	Open day for prospective parents 9.30am and 1.30pm
Fri 29 th	Macmillan coffee morning 9.00am

October

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

November

Mon 6 th	School opens
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Teacher training days

Friday 27th October
Monday 8th January
Friday 24th May

ATTENDANCE

Well done to Class 5 who have achieved 98.90% attendance this week.



Class 1 - 98.02%	Class 2 - 97.21%
Class 3 - 95.71%	Class 4 - 93.70%
Class 6 - 98.80%	

Our DfE target is 96%
Whole School Attendance this week is 97.02%

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.
- **Nail Polish** - Should not be worn for school. If your child comes to school wearing nail polish a message will be sent home asking you to remove it.
- **Earrings** - Only stud earrings should be worn at school, no hooped or drop earrings. **Earrings should also be removed on PE days.**

SAFEGUARDING

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

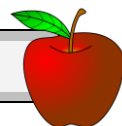
Child protection concerns - If you have any child protection concerns, or wish to raise any issues, please feel free to call into school and speak to Mrs Middleton, Mrs Newman, or Mrs Salmon. You can also email safeguarding2107@welearn365.com You can also speak to a member of the Social Care Emergency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



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.

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.

COVID 19 - We have had several cases of Covid 19 in school. Please follow the links below for new guidance regarding Covid 19.

Children should be kept away from school for 3 days after testing positive, and only if they are feeling well enough to return.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/covid-19/covid-19-symptoms-and-what-to-do/>

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/covid-19/how-to-avoid-catching-and-spreading-covid-19/>

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 12th September 2023

In this week's Family Information Service newsletter there is information about a uniform recycling shop in Leamington, fire safety advice, an Act on Energy event 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

THRIVE

RISE MHST
Mental Health in Schools Team (MHST)
Tips For Wellness:
RESILIENCE

Resilience is our ability to **bounce back** from difficulties and adapt to challenging experiences. There are times when things will not go how we planned, so being resilient will help us keep going and try again. Resilience is not something we have, or do not have, we can all develop our resilience!

Our tips for being more resilient:

1- Practise saying these phrases about your work:

- "I did better than I thought I would" instead of "I didn't do as well as I'd imagined"
- "I pushed myself and worked hard" instead of "I could have worked harder"
- "I took a chance and tried something new" instead of "I stuck to what I know"
- "I listened to others' feedback" instead of "I kept going using my own approach"
- "I asked for help when I needed it" instead of "I did not understand what I was supposed to be doing"

2- Ways you can be resilient:

- Take a positive perspective
- View challenges as learning opportunities
- Focus on the things you can control, instead of dwelling on the things you can't

#ThanksKids recognises the efforts and kindness of children and young people, and thanks them with personalised #NHSTars 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.

www.galleycommoninfo.school.co.uk

We need to be curious
about a child's
behaviour, not just
react to it. Behaviour
is communication not
manipulation

Tel: 02476 392219



OPEN DAY

At
GALLEY COMMON INFANT SCHOOL

Thursday 28th September

9.30am and 1.30pm

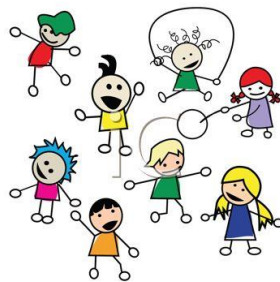
By appointment only.

Please contact the school for further details and to book a tour.

PROSPECTIVE PARENTS SEPTEMBER 2024

We are an outstanding school!

*"The children make **excellent progress** in the Early Years Foundation Stage so that a large majority reach levels that are above those expected by the time they enter Year 1. The children **settle quickly** to the **welcoming atmosphere** because personal development is very good, relationships are strong and the children are cared for very well. "* Galley Common Infant School Ofsted Report



**Please come along and find out more about our school.
Our contact details are below...**

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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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