



Galley Common Infant School NEWSLETTER

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Dream, Believe, Achieve

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

Well done to Class 3 who have achieved 97.86% attendance this week.

Class 1 - 92.14 % Class 5 - 97.04%
Class 2 - 93.93% Class 6 - 87.50%
Class 4 - 82.86%



Our DfE target is 96%
Whole School Attendance this week is 91.96%

Christmas Raffle - Thank you to everyone that has bought a raffle ticket. We have raised £302.00. This will be used to pay towards the Christmas pantomime that will be visiting us on Wednesday.

If you have been lucky enough to win a prize you would have been notified by ParentMail today. Thank you.

Christmas Post Box - The Christmas post box will be open in school until Wednesday 20th December. Thank you.



Jam Jar Tombola - Thank you to everyone that has sent in their jam jars and £1.00 for the jam jar tombola. If you have not yet sent your jam jar or £1.00 in, please do so before Wednesday 20th December. Thank you

Christmas Dinner - We will be enjoying our school Christmas dinner on Tuesday 19th December. If your child is not having a Christmas dinner on this day, please provide them with sandwiches. Thank you.

Christmas Assembly - Please join us for our Christmas assembly at church on Friday 22nd December.

Class 1, 3 and 5 - 9.15am
Class 2, 4 and 6 - 10.30am



DIARY DATES

December

Mon 18th Reception Christmas Disco 3.15pm - 4.30pm
Tue 19th Helpers Assembly 9.00am
Tue 19th KS1 Christmas Disco 3.15pm - 4.30pm
Tue 19th School Christmas Dinner
Wed 20th Christmas Pantomime
Wed 20th Thrive afternoon - 2.00pm
Thu 21st Christmas buffet and party
Fri 22nd Christmas assembly at church

Teacher Training Dates

Monday 8th January 2024
Friday 24th May 2024



Christmas Disco's - If your child has purchased a ticket for the disco, they should be collected at 4.30pm from their normal home time door. If your child does not have a ticket they should be collected at their usual home time.

Children are able to bring party clothes to change into before the disco. Thank you.

Reception - Monday 18th December

KS1 - Tuesday 19th December



Christmas party day - Thursday 21st December
The children will be having their Christmas party day on Thursday. Children can wear party clothes or a Christmas jumper.

There will be **no hot meals** served on this day, it will be party food only. Thank you.





Sad news - At the end of term we will be saying goodbye to a few members of our staff.

Mrs Reynolds our dinner lady will be leaving us. Mrs Reynolds has been at the school for 20 years, cooking us lots of lovely school dinners. We are all going to miss her very much (and her dinners).

Miss Jones - Class 5 Teaching Assistant, will also be leaving us at Christmas to start a new job in the new year.

Mrs Chohan and Miss Clark our student teachers will be leaving us, but they will be returning in the Summer term.

Welcome - We will be welcoming Miss White to the school in January, Miss White is our new Teaching Assistant. We will also be welcoming 3 new student teachers, Mr Sohal (class 4), Miss Saul (class 1) and Mrs Jones (Class 5)

Vacancy - We have a vacancy in school for an apprentice Teaching Assistant with PE Specialism. Please follow the link below for more information. Thank you.

<https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeship/1000218285>

Community Governor Vacancy - If you or someone you know may be interested in joining our Governing body as a Community Governor, please contact Mrs Arkinstall in the school office for further details. Thank you.

“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.



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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.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

OUR SCHOOL RULES



1. Listen Carefully



2. Take Care

3. Try your best



WELCOME TO THE FAMILY INFORMATION SERVICE NEWSLETTER



Tuesday 12th December 2023

In this week's Family Information Service newsletter there is information about Christmas safety, tree planting in Warwickshire, a new digital grand piano at Rugby Library 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](tel:08004081558) 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.

If you would like to know more about FIS and where to find information and support on the FIS and SEND Local Offer webpages, book a place on an [online FIS discovery session](#).

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

Tel: 02476 392219

THRIVE

When our bodies are overwhelmed with emotion we need to bring calm and relaxation. The most important part of relaxation is to regulate your breathing. When we slow our breathing and keep it in rhythm, the body will follow. The trick is to make it fun! Four breathing exercises to support us all during this hectic time of year..

When teaching kids relaxation make it fun.

Try hot chocolate breathing. Pretend to smell the hot chocolate (breathe in through the nose) then blow to cool it (out through mouth)



Christmas Services and events 2023 at St Peter's Church, Galley Common

"Midnight Mass" ~ Sunday 24th Dec 11.30pm

A traditional Christmas Eve Communion service

NO 11am Service at Galley Common

Christmas Day and 5th Sunday Service (New Year's Eve)

NO 11am Service at Galley Common

All are welcome to our morning services

at Holy Trinity Hartshill at 9.30 am on these days

Free School Meals

Schools should provide meal options for all children attending school. Meals are available free of charge to:

- All infant pupils (reception, year 1 and year 2) - known as universal FSM
- Pupils who meet the free school meals [eligibility criteria](#) - known as benefits - related FSM

If your child is in reception, year 1 or year 2, they will automatically be entitled to universal infant free school meals. However, if you do meet the benefits - related free school meals eligibility criteria, then it is advised you apply to receive additional benefits:

- [Holiday activities and food \(HAF\)](#) programme is for children aged 4 to 16, in reception to year 11, in receipt of benefits-related free school meals. HAF offers eligible pupil's access to activities and at least one healthy meal is provided during each session. The activities take place during the Easter, summer, and Christmas school holidays.
- [Pupil premium](#) is extra funding paid directly to schools for each pupil who is eligible for free school meals. It can help to fund valuable teaching and learning support to improve pupil's education.

You can apply for benefits-related FSM at any time online by clicking the following link:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/education-learning/apply-free-school-meals>

If you have any questions or need support with applying, please contact the team by emailing freemeals@warwickshire.gov.uk or calling 01926 359189.



LEARNING IMPROVEMENT PRIORITIES 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

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 Arkininstall in the school office on 02476 392219 or Admin2107@welearn365.com



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