



Galley Common Infant School NEWSLETTER

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Dream, Believe, Achieve

STARS OF THE WEEK

The following children were chosen as "Star of the Week"

Class 1 - Aurora and Tommy
Class 2 - Arthur and Hugo
Class 3 - Charlie and Tommy
Class 4 - Jaxon and Florence
Class 5 - Lylah and Ollie
Class 6 - Kal-El and Isabel

ATTENDANCE

Well done to Class 4 who have achieved 96.07% attendance this week.

Class 1 - 94.81%	Class 2 - 86.43%
Class 3 - 87.14%	Class 4 - 96.07%
Class 5 - 95.19%	Class 6 - 96.0%

Our DfE target is 96%
Whole School Attendance this week is 92.52%

SCHOOL NEWS

Staff News - On Monday 26th September we welcomed Miss Doherty to Galley Common Infant School. Miss Doherty has taken over from Mrs Arkinstall in the school office. Mrs Arkinstall taken on the role of Business Manager and will now be working part time. Please bear with us over the next few weeks whilst Miss Doherty becomes familiar with the school. Thank you.

Goodbye -

Today we said goodbye to Mrs Beardmore who has worked in the school in a variety of roles for 8 years. We wish her the very best for the future. On Monday 4th March, we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Peakall. Mrs Peakall has been with the school for just over a year, working in Class 6. We wish Mrs Peakall all the best for her future career.



www.galleycommoninfantschool.co.uk

DIARY DATES

March

Mon 4th	Mother's Day Assembly Year 1 - 9.00am
Tue 5th	Mother's Day Assembly - Reception - 9.00am
Wed 6th	Mother's Day Assembly - Year 2 - 9.00am
Thu 7th	World Book Day Please note the menu change
Fri 8th	Non-uniform (Easter Eggs)
Wed 13th	School Photographs
Thu 14th	Coffee Morning
Fri 15th	Class 3 assembly
Fri 15th	Red Nose Day
Fri 15th	Easter Bingo
Mon 18th	OAP Assembly
Tue 19th	Helper's Assembly
Wed 20th	Easter Assembly - St Peter's Church
Wed 20th	Easter Fun Day
Fri 22nd	Last day of term

April

Mon 8th School Opens for Summer Term

Teacher Training Dates

Friday 24th May

[Warwickshire School Term Dates 23/24](#)

Parent Interviews - Thank you to everyone who attended. We hope you found it useful.

Scholastic Book Fair - Thank you to everyone who visited. We hope you enjoy your new books.

Coffee Morning - Thank you to those who attended the coffee morning. We hope you found it informative.

Menu Changes - Please note there will be 1 menu change in March please see attached.

Tel: 02476 392219

We have a busy few weeks ahead of us at school, so please keep a look out for letters, and please take note of the diary dates.



SAFEGUARDING

Our School Rules

1. Listen Carefully

2. Take Care

3. Try your best



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, Miss Doherty 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.

The Parenting Together workshop is for parents (including expectant parents) of children 0-19 (25 with SEND) living together and those living apart. It is suitable for co-parents in separate homes, single parents supported by other adult carers, extended families, and blended 'step' families. The word "parents" is used to refer to anyone in a parenting role, including foster carers, grandparents, etc.

For more information please visit:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/warwickshire-parenting-support-71623337213>

"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.



The Highway Code / School Keep Clear Signs / Zig-Zags/ Double Yellow Lines:

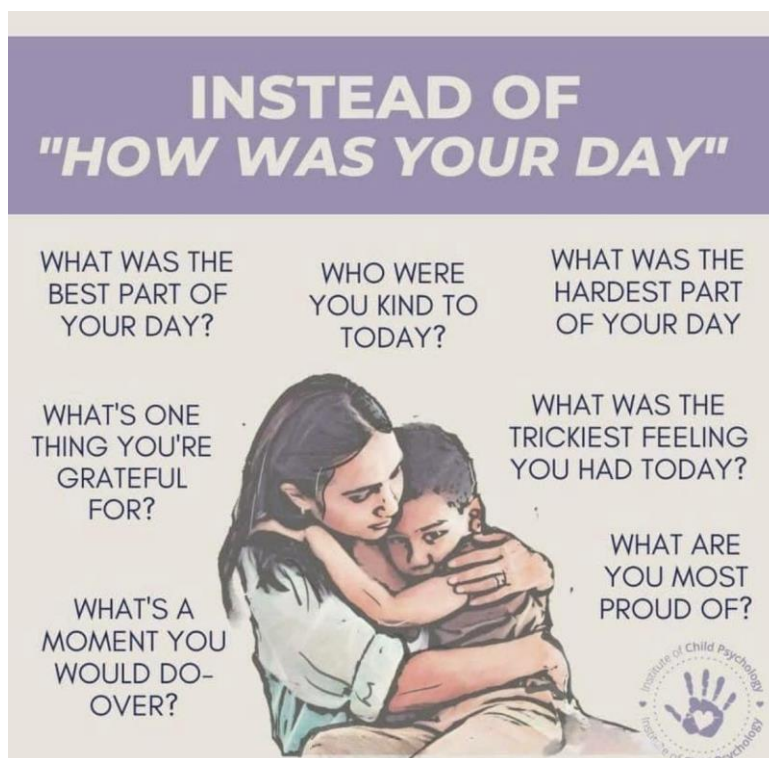
Warwickshire Road Safety Partnership would like to remind parents of The Highway Code. The Highway Code states: "You **MUST NOT** wait or park, or stop to set down and pick up passengers, on school entrance markings." (Highway Code rule 238, Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.)

School Keep Clear markings mean no stopping during the time and days specified on adjacent or nearby signs. The markings help prevent vehicles from parking near or in front of school entrances, to ensure safe access for children and parents.

Please park safely, legally and considerately and away from the school gates.



It's often difficult to find the right words when talking to your child about their day. Here are some great thought-provoking questions to help encourage your children to discuss and express their thoughts and feelings throughout their day. Ensuring your children feel heard, validated and connected 😊



[Family Information Newsletter](#)



Tuesday 27 February 2024

In this week's Family Information Service newsletter there is information about the Spring HAF programme, saving money on your Council Tax bill, new fire safety advice videos 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](#).

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, Mr John Price, please contact Mrs Arkinstall 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



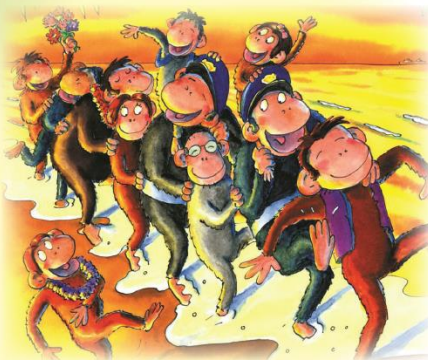
Leamington Music Family Concert

Sunday 10 March | 11.30am
Royal Spa Centre, Leamington

The Chimpanzees of HappyTown

The much-loved story of
Chutney the Chimp
is brought to life through
Paul Rissman's brilliant
live music performed by
Ensemble 360 and
narrated by **Lucy Drever**.

*Ideal for ages 3-7 but
great fun for everyone!*



Box Office:

Visitor Information Centre, Royal Pump Rooms, The Parade, Leamington
or Visit Warwick, The Court House, Warwick

www.leamingtonmusic.org

01926 334418



Registered Charity
No 1117723

funstar
Education Through Performing Arts

Easter holiday camp

“Wizard of Oz”

Age 5 - 11
8:45am - 3:30pm
25th March - 28th March 2024

£25 per day

HAF
Free holiday activity and food places

Chilvers Coton Community School
Fitton St, Nuneaton CV11 5RB

BOOK NOW!!
info@funstareducation.co.uk
www.funstareducation.co.uk

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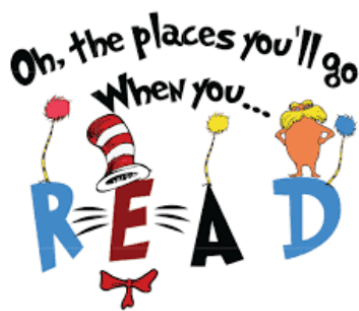
Play through performing arts

- Dancing, singing, acting
- Games
- Arts & crafts
- Bouncy castle
- Bubble disco
- Maypole dancing
- Fat Fluffs rabbits
- Mini performance

OVER THE WALL -

<https://www.otw.org.uk/> they offer residential Camps **for free** for children and young people with health challenges and disabilities.

The focus of this service is on children having fun. There are limited places and applications have to be made for individuals. The criteria for referrals is detailed via the website.



World Book Day 07/03/2024 – Menu Change

Red: pork meatballs with tomato sauce + spaghetti.

Green: Vegetable Korma + rice

Dessert: Orange Drizzle Cake

WORLD
**BOOK
DAY**

